

# Games' 10 Sustainability Points

Alberta 55 Plus Summer Games - Strathmore 2015

## Sustainability Committee

**Our mission is to make the 2015 Alberta 55 Plus Summer Games the Greenest Games ever!!!**

We will do this by providing strategic leadership in regards to sustainability, applying sustainable practices to the Games, educating and engaging, communicating and finally, providing a legacy.

The committee has been subdivided into smaller committees to concentrate on;

- **Sustainability (Recycling and minimizing the foot print of the games)**
- **Education & Awareness**
- **Creating Legacy**

The committee has decided to focus effort on 10 projects to achieve its goal.

- 1) Reusable Water Bottles - the goal is to provide 2000 reusable water bottles to reduce the use of plastic water bottles
- 2) Water Dispensing Station - to provide a portable refillable water station to encourage use of reusable water bottles
- 3) Recycle Bins - to provide a minimum of 12 sets of recycle bins for the games (and as a lasting legacy)
- 4) Food-related issues – Nine separated food-related projects...
  - a) Refrain from any use of Styrofoam products
  - b) Composting of Kitchen scraps
  - c) Priority on Buying Local
  - d) Use of biodegradable (plant-based) plates, utensils, cups and glasses
  - e) Refrain from the use of individual coffee creamers and other individually wrapped items
  - f) Use of post-consumer recycled products (i.e. napkins) and to utilize only singles dispensing napkin holders
  - g) Use of reusable lunch bags
  - h) Use of biodegradable garbage bags
  - i) Recycling of all tin, cardboard, glass and plastics
- 5) Use of two Electric Vehicles - to reduce the carbon emission footprint of the games and educate the public on the environmental value of these vehicles
- 6) Pedi Cabs (man-powered transportation for athletes/visitors) - to reduce the carbon emission footprint of the games
- 7) Pulverized Glass for the horseshoe pits - making use of a new recyclable option for the town to meet the needs of one of the events
- 8) Greening of the Games – using perennial plants (as opposed to cut flowers) to green the games, which will then be used to leave a lasting legacy for years to come
- 9) To create an Education & Awareness Program (prior, during and after the games) for the participants and their families, spectators, volunteers and citizens of Strathmore.
- 10) Sustainability Committee to remain active after the games