

Trail-Rossland 2026 BC Winter Games Host Hotel Request for Proposals

Requests for proposals are now being received for the host hotel for the Trail-Rossland 2026 BC Winter Games.

Proposals are to be submitted by **March 17, 2025**. Questions about the requirements and proposals can be directed to the Games at <u>protocol@bcwintergames.ca.</u>

Background and Games Information

Trail-Rossland will host the 2026 BC Winter Games from February 25th to March 1st, 2026. The Games will be the 33rd installment of the BC Winter Games and the 4th Games to be held in the area. The Games will include as many as 1200 athletes and 600 coaches in 15 sports from across BC.

The President, Brian Stefani, and Vice President, Barb Stanley, will lead the Board of Directors in the planning and staging of the Games. Directors working in 14 Directorate areas coordinate the work of approximately 70 volunteer Chairs, each of whom has a committee of volunteers responsible for the different aspects of the Games planning and operation. An estimated 1500 volunteers will be involved.

Support for the Games is already in place from the Funding Partners: The Province of BC, City of Trail, City of Rossland, School District 20, Black Press Media, and Global BC. Many local businesses have also committed to the Games through cash and in-kind contributions – and many more will join them.

The expected economic impact of the Games could reach 1.5 million dollars collectively for the Cities of Trail and Rossland and surrounding area. We will have trained and enhanced skill development of community volunteers and facility upgrades, as well as investment in sport and community programs.

We encourage you to submit your bid to be the Host Hotel for the Trail-Rossland 2026 BC Winter Games.

Host Hotel for the Games

Outlined below are the requirements for the Host Hotel:

- Rooms for out-of-town Games guests:
 - o 35-50 rooms at one property
 - February 25th to March 1st, 2026
 - Some guests will require accommodation February 21st March 2nd, 2026
 - Wheelchair accessible rooms may be required
 - A competitive, special rate for BC Games guests
 - Opportunity for complimentary room upgrades
 - Block booking to be held until 7 business days prior to the Games
- A meeting room or highly visible space for guest accreditation (February 25th 28th)
- A meeting room or designed area to provide hospitality for guests over the Games weekend
- Food/beverage service for guest hospitality and/or ability for the Games to bring in donated food/beverages
- A meeting room to serve as the headquarters for Games Hosts and the Protocol Directorate.
- Parking for volunteers while working and for Games courtesy cars

The following criteria will be used for the selection of the Host Hotel:

- Ability to provide all rooms and functions noted above
- Suitability for Games guests
- Room rate being offered
- Location in the community in relation to main Games events
- Flexibility on release of block booking

The Host Hotel will receive the following from the Trail-Rossland 2026 BC Winter Games Society:

- Bookings for BC Games staff and guests travelling to Trail-Rossland for meetings and events pre-Games.
- Recognition as the Official Host Hotel on the Trail-Rossland 2026 BC Winter Games website and a link to the hotel website.
- Opportunity for the hotel to produce signage, at their cost, to be placed at the hotel (and no other places).
- Opportunity to use the Games logo and promote itself as the Host Hotel in its programs, ads, posters, schedule cards, web, in-house circuit TV, and other promotional avenues available. Copy to be approved by the Trail-Rossland 2026 BC Winter Games.
- Information on the Trail-Rossland 2026 BC Winter Games website encouraging families of athletes requiring accommodation to stay at the Host Hotel.
- Information about the Host Hotel will be provided to all Provincial Sport Organizations for consideration when booking accommodation for their officials and other delegates.
- The Host Hotel will also receive recognition as a Friend of the Games, commensurate with the contribution of cash or in-kind sponsorship offered in the proposal.

Additional Games Functions

Outlined below are additional functions and events that will take place in conjunction with the BC Winter Games. Quotes for the below functions will be requested at a later date and will be reviewed separately from the Host Hotel Bid.

- Host Community Sport Meeting
 - May 23 and 24, 2025
 - Accommodation for 20-25 sport leaders from across the province
- Key Volunteer Rally
 - May 23, 2025
 - Stand-up reception for up to 120 people
- Reception Room for the Torchlighting Reception
 - Stand-up reception for up to 120-150
 - November 2025 9:30-11:00 pm
- Reception Room for the Provincial Government Reception
 - Stand-up reception for up to 200
 - o Thursday, February 26th, 2026, 8:00-11:30 pm
- Reception Room for Civic Luncheon
 - Seated luncheon menu for 125-200
 - Friday, February 27th, 2026 approximately 11:30 am-2:00 pm