

# Countdown to '99 Games begins

## City gears to host Western Canada event

By **DEREK HOLTOM**  
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The countdown has begun for the 1999 Western Canada Summer Games in Prince Albert.

The host committee opened its office and introduced the Games logo at a news conference Thursday at the Gateway Mall.

Howard Gange, chairman of the Prince Albert host committee, said the time was right to officially set the

wheels in motion.

"It's been a busy time in Prince Albert, with the Saskatchewan Indian Winter Games recently finishing and the Saskatchewan Summer Special Olympics next month. We felt now was the time to kick things off," said Gange.

Jackie Melin, public-relations director for the Western Canada Games, was on hand to unveil the logo to the public.

"A lot of time went into this logo," she said. "We wanted it to incorporate what we feel are the three main elements of these Games, the competition, Prince Albert and the athletes themselves."

Gange also introduced the organizing committee's board of directors.

Besides Gange and Melin, the board includes vice-chairpersons Erin Yeo and Blair Hoffman; advisers Ajay Krishan, Lorne Lasuita and Ross Lynd; office manager Wendy Mitchell; secretary Diane Wallace; and sub-committee heads Cathy Mills (ceremonies), Gail Syverson and Dianne Gamracy (cultural activities), Ken Enion (finance), Dale Smith and Jim Bristowe (sponsorship), Lisa Martsinkiw (hospitality); Keith Bird (revenue services),



**HOWARD GANGE**

Dovona West, Wayne Roznowsky and Don Laing (sports), Ed Glynn (technical services) and Pat Leson (Games village services).

The position of volunteer co-ordinator has recently been vacated, but Gange said it will be filled soon.

The 1999 Western Canada Summer Games will run from July 10-18 at various venues in and around Prince Albert.

The sports competitions will include athletics, badminton, baseball, basketball, canoeing, cycling, field hockey, gymnastics, judo, rowing, sailing, soccer, softball, synchronized swimming, table tennis, volleyball and wrestling.

Another sport could be added before.

The immediate focus will be canvassing local business seeking sponsorship. The Games will operate on a budget of approximately \$2.5 million.

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