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Trail-Rossland 2026 BC Winter Games Secures Major Backing from Kootenay Savings

TRAIL, BC, December 11, 2025 – The Kootenay Savings Community Foundation (KSCF) and Kootenay Savings Credit Union (KSCU) are proud to announce a landmark partnership with the Trail-Rossland 2026 BC Winter Games. This significant commitment, valued at \$25,000, designates KSCU as the Official Financial Institution of the Games and establishes KSCF as a key Community Partner sponsor.

This partnership represents one of the largest single commitments made by the Foundation in recent years, underscoring a deep dedication to community impact and the success of this provincial event. "The BC Winter Games is more than a sporting event; it is a catalyst for community pride and economic vitality," said Mike Konkin, Chair of both the Kootenay Savings Community Foundation and Kootenay Savings Credit Union. "We are thrilled to mobilize our resources—both financial and human—to ensure Trail and Rossland deliver a world-class experience for athletes and visitors alike."

The Trail-Rossland 2026 BC Winter Games will welcome an expected 1,200 of British Columbia's top young athletes, coaches, and officials to the region in February 2026.

History of the Games

The BC Winter Games are held every two years, and this year marks the 33rd Games – and the third time they've been hosted in the Trail/Rossland area. The theme, *From metals to medals: forging community in sport*, celebrates the region's rich history and resilient spirit. Trail and Rossland have proudly hosted the 1982 and 2006 BC Winter Games, the 1996 BC Summer Games, and the 2011 BC Senior Games.

The 2026 games will gather over 1500 volunteers who will assist in various roles, including supporting the 15 featured sports, preparing more than 25,000 meals, presenting medals, and more.

About Kootenay Savings Credit Union: Founded in 1969, Kootenay Savings Credit Union serves 35,000 members through its network of branches across the East and West Kootenays. With a strong focus on financial wellness and community investment, Kootenay Savings manages over \$1.7 billion in assets. www.kscu.com.