



## Media Release

### **Canada's speed skating Olympians hosting a lunch hour skate with Calgarians**

*Canada's speed skating Olympians thanking Calgarians for their support with a lunch hour skate at Olympic Plaza*

**Feb. 23, 2017 – Calgary** – To commemorate the year-long countdown to the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games, Canada's speed skating community is hosting a lunch hour skating party to thank Calgarians for their support and give back to the city where many of our current and future Olympians live and train.

"Most of the speed skaters that represent Canada have come from all across the country to live and train here in Calgary at the Olympic Oval, on the fastest ice in the world," says Denny Morrison, a four-time Olympic Medalist. "This is our adopted home and skating with Calgarians at Olympic Plaza is our way of saying thanks to everyone for the support, the cheers and the love."

The Skating with Canada's Olympians event is in advance of the 2017 ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championship, hosted by the Organizing Committee Calgary, taking place at Calgary's Olympic Oval, February 25-26 and is part of the Olympic qualifying process for PyeongChang 2018.

"The Organizing Committee Calgary is incredibly proud of the 30 years that we have been welcoming the best speed skaters in the world to our city," says Alice Humeny, Chair of the Organizing Committee Calgary. "As a volunteer-driven organization with over 250 active members, we're a living legacy of Calgary 1988 and it's great to give back to the city and the fans that have supported us for so many years."

"As strong supporters of events that attract positive attention, people and memorable experiences to our city, Tourism Calgary was proud to partner in supporting this event," says Cindy Ady, CEO Tourism Calgary. "We're cheering for all of Canada's athletes on their journey to PyeongChang."

The City of Calgary and Speed Skating Canada were also important partners and supporters of the Skate with Canada's Olympians event. To learn more about 2017 ISU World Sprint Speed Skating Championship and for tickets, visit [www.speedsk8.ca](http://www.speedsk8.ca).

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