

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the Lethbridge Hurricanes' bid to host the 2026 Memorial Cup. The sport of hockey holds a special place in the hearts of our community, not only as a beloved pastime but as a powerful force for unity and inspiration. Hosting the Memorial Cup in Lethbridge would be a celebration of our rich sporting heritage and a testament to our unwavering community support for hockey and youth development.

Lethbridge has a storied history of sporting excellence, with a legacy that spans decades. Our community has consistently demonstrated its passion and dedication to sports, producing athletes who have excelled on national and international stages. The Hurricanes, as a cornerstone of our local sports culture, have inspired generations of young athletes and fans alike. The team's commitment to excellence, sportsmanship, and community engagement embodies the very spirit of the Memorial Cup.

Furthermore, the collaborative spirit of Lethbridge is one of our greatest strengths. Our community, businesses, and local government work hand in hand to support and promote events that bring us together. Hosting the Memorial Cup would not only highlight our city's capabilities but also provide an opportunity for all of us to come together and showcase our hospitality, pride, and enthusiasm for hockey.

We are confident that with the collective effort and support of our community, the 2026 Memorial Cup in Lethbridge would be an unforgettable experience for players, fans, and visitors alike.

Thank you for considering Lethbridge for this prestigious event. We look forward to the possibility of welcoming the hockey world to our city and creating lasting memories for all involved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Donaldson", with a long, sweeping underline.

**Brad Donaldson EdD** (he/him)  
President and CEO