



## CALGARY HITMEN AND SIKSIKA HEALTH SERVICES UNITE AGAIN FOR PRE-SEASON OPENER HOCKEY GAME

Thursday, September 7, 2023

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Siksika Nation will host the Calgary Hitmen's pre-season opening game at the Siksika Deerfoot Sportsplex on Sept. 8, 2023. The event builds on a growing partnership between the Calgary Hitmen and Siksika Health Services, and this year will feature a rematch of two teams previously hosted on Siksika Nation: Calgary Hitmen vs. Red Deer Rebels.

The Calgary Hitmen and Siksika Health Services signed a first-of-its-kind Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in August 2021. Through the signing of the MOU, the partners committed, and have continued building on the vision and engagement of their "Every Child Matters" initiatives: to inspire all youth, with a focus on Indigenous youth, to participate in sports, and to understand that we can heal collectively through *reconcili-action*. The aim of the partnership is to create the new normal for the promotion of cultural awareness in sporting events, with the hope of expanding the power and reach that events like this can have on communities.

Together, the partners are working to address stereotypes and racism by advancing inclusion in our communities through the promotion of Indigenous culture, language and history, and promote healthy lifestyles for all youth by highlighting the benefits of participation in sport.

### **Pre-season Hockey Game:**

**Who:** Calgary Hitmen Hockey Club  
Red Deer Rebels Hockey Club  
Ouray Crowfoot, Chief of Siksika Nation  
Tyler White, Corporate Executive Officer, Siksika Health Services  
Mike Moore, Vice President, Calgary Hitmen

**What:** Pre-season exhibition between the Calgary Hitmen and Red Deer Rebels

**When:** Saturday, Sept. 8, 2023 @ 7:00pm; a family-friendly tailgate party will precede the game, starting at 4:00pm at the same location

**Where:** Siksika Deerfoot Sportsplex main rink

**Address:** Hwy-901 & Hwy-547, Siksika, AB T0J 3W0, Canada  
GPS Location: 50.84331665393199, -113.05784287137496

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