

Calgary gears up for the 1988 Olympic Winter Games

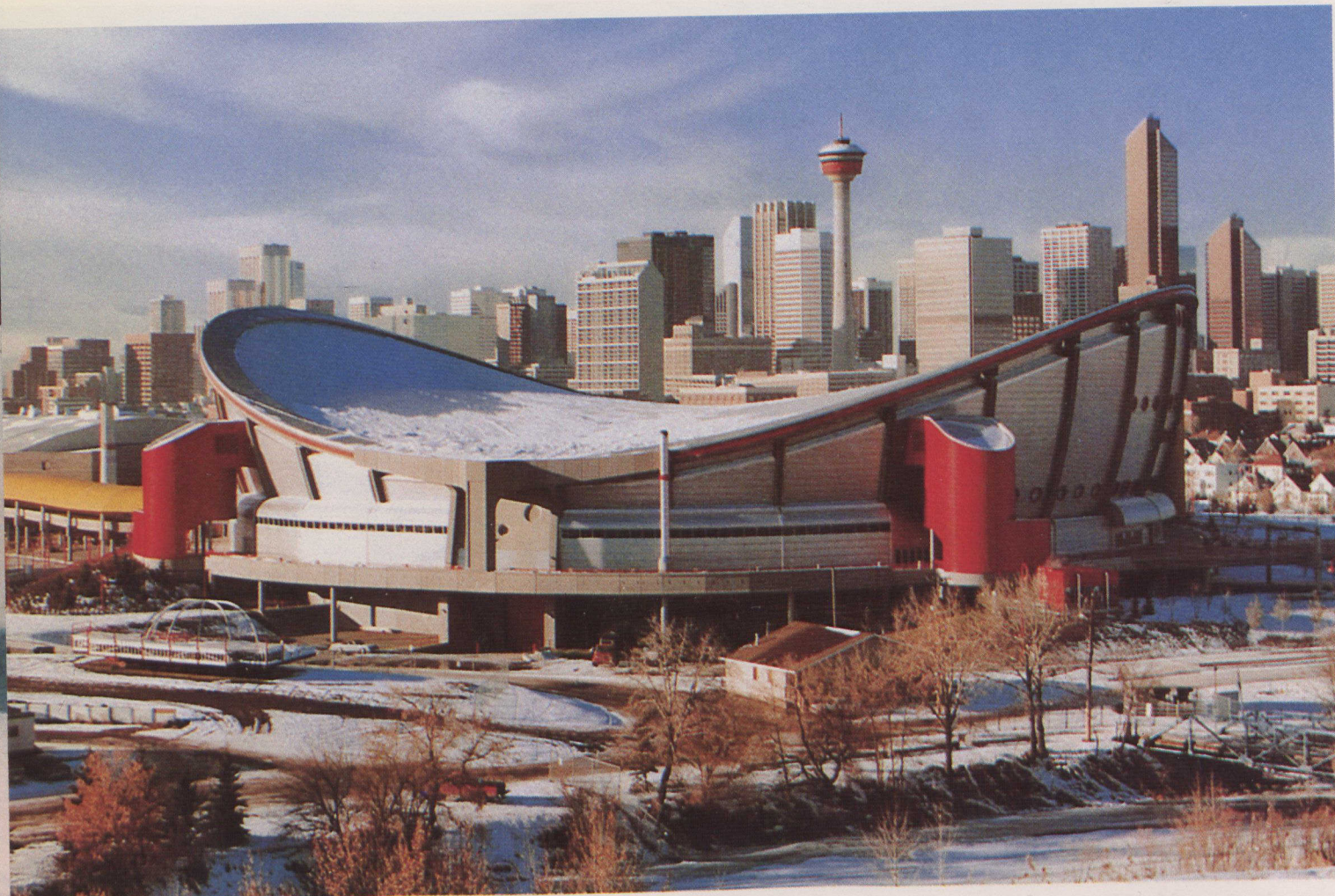


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Calgary's Olympic Saddledome, where hockey and figure skating will be held.

Encouraging international excellence and friendship will also be stressed at the XV Olympic Winter Games scheduled for Calgary for February 13 to 28, 1988. In fact, some of the North American and Soviet hockey players competing at Rendez-Vous 87 might face each other again at these Olympics.

A dynamic western city of some 625 000 population, Calgary, Alberta, like Quebec City, is noted for its hospitality. The annual Calgary Exhibition and Stampede, a ten-day "wild-west" extravaganza, celebrates the city's roots with a world-famous rodeo, championship chuckwagon racing, art exhibits and entertainment. It attracts more than

one million visitors from around the world every year.

All the facilities, services and entertainment of a large metropolis are found in Calgary. It also houses the newest and one of the most spectacular performing arts complexes in Canada, while its unique museums and parks display everything from a re-creation of the Mesozoic era with life-size dinosaur sculptures to the evolution of natural gas from a heating and lighting fuel to its present-day range of 26 000 uses.

Situated near the base of the Rocky Mountains, about an hour and a half drive from Banff National Park and Lake Louise, Calgary

allows easy access to a scenic wonderland of emerald and turquoise lakes, snowy mountain peaks, canyons, waterfalls and rich, thick forests.

Construction countdown

The sites and venues for the 1988 Winter Olympic Games will be found at a number of locations, both in the city of Calgary and its environs. Most of the buildings and facilities are ready or nearing completion. Pre-Olympic events are already putting the facilities to the test.

Under construction, a short distance from the centre of Calgary, is