



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Saturday, February 6, 2016

### **Statement from WinSport President and CEO Barry Heck**

Today is the most tragic day in WinSport's history.

I want to start by offering my thoughts and prayers to the families of the two young men who have passed away as well as the families of the six others who suffered injuries this morning.

This tragedy has deeply affected all of us at WinSport and I'd like to offer my sincere condolences to all of the families and friends of everyone involved.

Safety is paramount to all of us at WinSport. As a world-class organization where not only Olympic athletes train from around world, but people of all ages are introduced to sport, safety is a focus in every aspect of our organization.

At this time, we are continuing our internal investigation so we can better understand what happened. As a father, first and foremost, my heart goes out to the families tonight.

We have set up two memorial sites for those looking to pay their respects. These sites can only be accessed during business hours and are located:

- At the top of the hill at the start of the bobsleigh and luge house deck
- At the 88 Olympic plaque at the top of the stairs leading from the Frank King Day Lodge parking lot to the bobsleigh track.

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#### **About WinSport**

*The Winter Sport Institute provides world-class sport facilities where Canadian athletes can discover, develop and excel. WinSport owns and operates Canada Olympic Park in Calgary, Alta., the Bill Warren Training Centre located at the Canmore Nordic Centre and the Beckie Scott High Performance Training Centre on Haig Glacier, Alta. A not-for-profit organization, WinSport supports national sport organizations, encourages educational opportunities and subsidizes the operation of unique training and recreational facilities used by the nation's top athletes and the general public. For more information on WinSport please visit [www.winsport.ca](http://www.winsport.ca).*

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