



**Alberta Health
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**CROSS-CANADA
RENAL FITNESS CHALLENGE**
Places & Faces

Calgary, Alberta

The Calgary area has been inhabited for at least 11,000 years, but the first settlement, Fort Brisebois, was built in 1875. One year later it was renamed to Fort Calgary, named after an island in Scotland. The word "Calgary" originally comes from Norse words that mean "cold garden".

After the railway arrived in 1883, Calgary became an important agricultural and ranching centre. The Calgary Stampede started in 1912, and has been running annually ever since.

Oil was discovered in Alberta in 1902, but wasn't developed until 1947. At that point Calgary became the provincial hub for the oil business. Since 1970, Calgary's population has almost tripled!

Calgary was the first Canadian city to host a Winter Olympics, in 1988.

Famous people from Calgary include the Hart wrestling family, Olympic gold medalists Jamie Salé and Kyle Shewfelt, NHL players Mike Vernon and Dany Heatley, singers Paul Brandt and Leslie Feist, actors Elisha Cuthbert and Paul Gross, comic creator Todd McFarlane, and Dr. James Gosling, who created the Java computer programming language.



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