Winter Games of 1990 to be hosted by Melville

Mayor Dick Spencer is not surprised Melville was the winner in bidding for the 1990 Saskatchewan Winter Games.

After hearing about the decision from the provincial government on Tuesday, Spencer said he was not surprised because Melville has never had the games and had applied three times before.

"It's their turn," said the mayor.

Prince Albert, Nipawin and Kindersley had also submitted bids for the 1990 games. The selection committee from SaskSport

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evaluated the bids and said all were excellent but that Melville impressed them the most with community spirit and the number of volunteers already committed to organizing and hosting the event.

Spencer said he will take a suggestion to city council on July 11 that the city apply to host the 1992 Saskatchewan Summer Games as soon as bids open.

"It might be very exciting to get the Summer Games here," he said.

In the past, Prince Albert has hosted the 1982 Saskatchewan Winter Games, the Centennial Cup and Purolator Cup hockey championships, the national midget boys softball championship, Pepsi Junior Men's and Women's curling championship and the national mixed curling championship. Most recen-

tly, the city also played host to the 1988 Saskatchewan Special Olympics.

The 1990 Winter Games will be held in Melville from Feb. 19-24 and more than 1,900 athletes, coaches and officials from across the province are expected to take part. Athletes will compete in 17 winter sports. These are badminton, women's basketball, bowling, curling, figure skating, hockey, judo, karate, ringette, team handball, women's volleyball, gymnastics, short track speed skating, boxing, weightlifting and cross-country skiing.

The Saskatchewan Games are held every second year with summer and winter games alternating. Melfort is the host city of the Summer Games this year from July 31 to Aug. 7.