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Bid Process Launched for 2017 Canada Summer Games

(January 30, 2012) Winnipeg, MB - The Canada Games Council (CGC) has officially launched the bid process to select the Manitoba community to host the 2017 Canada Summer Games.

At a session today in Winnipeg hosted by the Canada Games Council and the Province of Manitoba to launch the official 2017 bid process, the potential bid communities were presented with an opportunity to clarify any issues, questions, or comments on the bid process. The Manitoba communities represented at the official launch included Winnipeg and Brandon.

“We are extremely excited to launch the 2017 Canada Summer Games bid process in Manitoba,” says Sue Hylland, President and CEO, Canada Games Council. “One of the interested communities from Manitoba will have the privilege to host this prestigious event and the entire country in 2017. We thank the cities of Winnipeg and Brandon for the interest and excitement that they have already shown for the Canada Games Movement.”

With the official launch of the 2017 Bid Process, the Canada Games Council will embark on a 15-month process to select the host of the 2017 Canada Summer Games. Interested communities will have until March 16, 2012 to submit their letter of Intent to Bid followed by technical review information then being provided by the communities by May 31, 2012.

“The Province eagerly awaits the Canada Summer Games coming to Manitoba as the event will not only help promote awareness of the benefits of sport but will be an economic boost for Manitoba,” said Eric Robinson, Minister responsible for Sport Manitoba. “Good luck to the bid cities and we look forward to the 2017 Canada Summer Games.”

After the technical phase, bid communities will then be given until January 15, 2013 to submit their Bid Proposal to the Canada Games Bid Evaluation Committee who will review and score based on the bid material and a site visit in each community.

The Canada Games Council’s Bid Evaluation Committee will be responsible for a detailed review of bidding communities and making a recommendation on the award of the Games to the Council’s Board of Directors. For the 2017 bid process, the Committee will be chaired by Vice-President of the 2009 Canada Games Host Society and current

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Canada Games Council Board Member, Wayne Carew.

Having hosted two previous Games in Brandon, the 1979 Canada Winter Games and the 1997 Canada Summer Games, the 2017 Canada Summer Games will mark the third time the Games are hosted in the province of Manitoba.

In 2017, the Canada Games celebrates 50 years of paving the way to developing young athletes as Canada's next generation national, international and Olympic champions. In February 1967 for the first time in Canada's history, 1,800 athletes from 10 provinces and two territories gathered to compete in 15 sports at the Canada Winter Games in Quebec City. 2017 also marks Canada's 150th anniversary. As the country celebrates Canada's milestone birthday, the Canada Games will commemorate the unifying message of unity and patriotism bringing together young athletes from coast to coast to coast representing their communities, provinces, and territories with pride.

The final recommendation from the Canada Games Board of Directors will be delivered to the Province of Manitoba and then announced publicly by the Council and the Province in April 2013.

Interview and on-site photo opportunities are available with Bid Evaluation Committee Chairman, Wayne Carew and select community representatives following the briefing. To coordinate, please call (613) 295-7160.

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About the Canada Games

Held once every two years, alternating between winter and summer, the Canada Games represent the highest level of national competition for up and coming Canadian athletes. The Games have been hosted in every province at least once since their inception in Quebec City during Canada's Centennial in 1967. The Games are proud of their contribution to Canada's sport development system in addition to their lasting legacy of sport facilities, community pride, volunteerism and national unity.

The organization of the Canada Games is made possible thanks to the contribution and support of the Government of Canada, provincial/territory governments, the Host Societies, host municipalities and the Canada Games Council.