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Canada Games Council Chairman Tom Quinn to Receive Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal

(February 3, 2012) Ottawa – The Canada Games Council is proud to announce that its Chairman Tom Quinn will be awarded one of the first Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals at a ceremony next week.

“We congratulate Tom for this most recent achievement”, says Canada Games Council President and CEO Sue Hylland. “Tom has played a huge role in the Canadian Sport system as an athlete, volunteer, coach, participant, and administrator, and this medal pays tribute to the impact that he has made across Canada.”

This commemorative medal was created to mark the 2012 celebrations of the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II’s accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada. The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal honours significant contributions and achievements by Canadians.

During the year of celebrations, 60,000 deserving Canadians will be recognized. The inaugural presentation ceremony to the first 60 recipients of the Diamond Jubilee Medal will take place on February 6th at Rideau Hall in Ottawa.

Prior to being elected Chairman of the Canada Games Board of Directors in 2009, Tom served as the Federal Appointed board member from 2006. He has also been the Governor of ski Quebec (2000-2009), Board Member of the Quebec Special Olympics (2000-2005), Governor of the Quebec Sports Celebrities Festival (1990-2011), Co-president of the Fondation des Jeux du Quebec (2001-2002), Vice president of the Forzani Foundation (2004-2011), and since 2010 serves on the Board as a governor of Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.

Tom was recently named the 2011 Leadership in Sport award recipient by the Canadian Sport Awards and the True Sport Foundation. In December, Tom was awarded the Jacques-Beauchamp Award for his outstanding achievements in Canadian sport by Sports Quebec.

Media interested in covering this event must be accredited with the Parliamentary Press Gallery and confirm their attendance in advance with the Rideau Hall Press Office (marie-pierre.belanger@gg.ca). Media must arrive at the Princess Anne Entrance no later than 9:40 a.m. on the day of the ceremony.

CEREMONY SCHEDULE

Members of the media are asked to observe the following schedule:

9:00 a.m.:	Media start to arrive at Rideau Hall
10:00 a.m.:	Ceremony begins
	The Governor General speaks
	The Prime Minister speaks
	The Governor General presents the medals
11:20 a.m.:	Interviews with recipients

About the Canada Games

The Canada Games are Canada's largest multi-sport Games with 36 sports represented. Held once every two years, alternating between winter and summer Games, the Canada Games represent the highest level of national competition for up and coming Provincial and Territorial 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 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.

The 2013 Canada Summer Games will take place between August 2nd and August 17th in Sherbrooke, Quebec while Prince George, British Columbia will host the Canada Winter Games between February 12th and March 1st, 2015.

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