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**Canada Games Council Chairman Tom Quinn Earns Sports Quebec's
Jacques-Beauchamp Award**

(December 20, 2011) Ottawa – The Canada Games Council is proud to announce that its Chairman Tom Quinn will be awarded with the Jacques-Beauchamp Award this evening.

“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 award pays tribute to the impact that he has made across Canada.”

The Jacques-Beauchamp Award recipient is supported by the Journal de Montréal and is awarded by Sports Quebec to an individual who has experienced outstanding achievements in Canadian sport. Citing his involvement with the Canada Games Council, his accomplishments as an elite badminton player, support to Special Olympics Quebec and alpine skiing in Quebec, Tom is an exemplary leader.

As a competitive elite athlete in badminton competing for over 17 years representing Canada in Canadian Open and various international events, Tom continued to serve the sport as the Vice President of marketing for five years and Chaired the Canadian Open Championships three times. In 2009 he was inducted into the Quebec Badminton Hall of Fame.

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.

Sports Quebec will hold their 39th annual Gala of Excellence this evening and will hand out eighteen awards, acknowledging the 2011 accomplishments of athletes, officials, events, coaches, and partners, sport federations.

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.

The 2013 Canada Summer Games will take place in August of 2013 in Sherbrooke, Quebec while Prince George, British Columbia will host the Canada Winter Games in February 2015.

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