

Past Host Cities Jump on Board

From Halifax to Burnaby, previous host cities are celebrating the 2009 Canada Games. Communities can participate in the celebration of this prestigious sporting event by flying the Canada Games flag at city hall during the dates of the Games, hosting a Canada Games Day, or by mounting a plaque in a prominent facility used by a past Canada Games.

Across the country, Canadians will be able to see the Canada Games flag flying high above their city hall during the two weeks of the Games. Some cities are going above and beyond by planning events dedicated to recognizing the success of their athletes. The city of Lethbridge has declared their support by planning a "Passing the Torch" legacy event which will take place prior the start of the Games.

To this point, Saskatoon, Cape Breton, Saguenay, and Whitehorse have all declared a Canada Games Week which will take part between August 15-29, 2009, where they will fly their flags, and take part in celebrating their athletes going to Prince Edward Island, as well as the successes of those who have gone in years past.

"The city of Whitehorse is happy to support the celebration of the 42nd anniversary of the Games," said Bev Buckway, Mayor of Whitehorse. "Our community has fond memories of our hosting experience in 2007 and we are still realizing the benefits of our efforts."

Whether the event is big or small, cities across Canada are finding ways to get involved as every Province and Territory will have played a part in hosting this national event. Other cities interested in showing their support are encouraged to contact the council for ways to get involved.