



All British Columbia Communities Bidding to Host the 2015 Canada Winter Games Invited to Advance

The Canada Games Council (CGC) Board of Directors have approved the CGC 2015 Technical Review Committee's report that all three communities bidding to host the 2015 Canada Winter Games advance to Phase II.

"The communities of Prince George, Kamloops, and Kelowna have all been informed of their scoring in the technical assessment phase of the 2015 Canada Winter Games Bid Process and have been invited to submit a Comprehensive Host Community Bid Proposal," says Piers McDonald, Vice-Chairman of the Canada Games Council and Chairman of the 2015 Bid Evaluation Committee. "We hope all three communities continue in this very competitive bid process."

In November all three communities met with the CGC 2015 Technical Review Committee to provide specific venue details, showcase proposed locations and answer technical questions. Their successful completion of Phase I, the technical phase, indicates that it has been determined that these communities have the quality and capacity of venues necessary to meet the standards established for the Games village and the sport and non-sport venues that are central to the successful delivery of a Canada Games.

After the board approval, the report was provided to each community outlining their results to date. Through these results, the communities have now been formally invited to develop and submit a Comprehensive Host Community Bid Proposal representing Phase II of the Host Community Selection Process. The deadline for the proposal is May 28, 2010.

"Congratulations to all three communities for successfully making it to the next phase in their bid to host the 2015 Canada Winter Games," said B.C. Minister of Healthy Living and Sport Ida Chong. "Kamloops, Kelowna and Prince George all have a history of hosting successful sporting events and have shown they have the facilities and venues, expertise and volunteer base to support an event the magnitude of the 2015 Games."

After the May 28, 2010 deadline, the CGC 2015 Bid Evaluation Committee will assess the Comprehensive Host Community Bid Proposals, conduct site visits for Phase II and then provide a final ranking and report to the CGC Board of Directors. The final recommendation from the CGC Board of Directors will be delivered to the Province of British Columbia and then announced publicly by the CGC and Province of British Columbia in October 2010, thus ending a 15-month process to select the host of the 2015 Canada Games.

British Columbia hosted the Canada Summer Games in New Westminster/ Burnaby in 1973 which was only the second Canada Summer Games hosted in Canadian History. British Columbia also hosted the 1993 Canada Summer Games in Kamloops. The 2015 Canada Games will be the first time the Province will host a Canada Winter Games.