

## An Update from Team Quebec

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Historically, Team Quebec's chef de mission position has been filled by a sport consultant from the province's Department of Sport and Physical Activity. France Vigneault has brilliantly fulfilled this role since the 2001 Canada Games in London.

Last summer, France invited me at the last minute to replace the swimming technical delegate for the second week of the Canada Games in PEI. This was my first time at the Games and I seized the moment. The 2009 Games will have been a transition between my former life as a swimming coach and that which I am leading since

November, as Team Quebec's chef de mission.

To me, the Canada Games are above all two things: first, an unforgettable experience through which athletes have the opportunity to represent their province and second, the product of government support for provincial sport development combined with the concerted efforts of provincial sport organizations. The event allows provinces to evaluate the progress of their Canada Games programs and compare themselves with the rest of the Canadian sport community. The Games are often the first opportunity for athletes to experience a major multi-sport event. They are also an opportunity to align and optimize efforts within the provincial sport system towards a common goal.

In the fall of 2009, France Vigneault accepted a management position in the Sport and Recreation Secretariat and I was appointed as her replacement. My first contribution to the Canada Games newsletter would not be complete without the words of those that brought me here:

*After having lived, since 1973, wonderful experiences with three chefs de mission, Gaétan Ste-Marie, the unforgettable Claude Hardy and, until just recently, France Vigneault, it is with great pleasure that I thank France for all the good times we shared over the last ten years and wish her all the best in her new duties and future endeavours.*

*Louis McNulty*

*When I accepted my new position within the department, I immediately thought of Martin to take over as chef de mission. Few people have the opportunity to serve as Team Quebec's chef de mission at the Canada Games and it's an opportunity which positively affected my professional career. It's now Martin's turn to grow within the Canada Games family.*

*When considering a replacement, I was inspired by what Claude Hardy did for me: he put his faith in me and I gave it my all.*

*Martin is a leader with a good heart and a passion for sports and I am certain he will make an outstanding chef de mission. In any case, Louis McNulty will be there to watch over him just as he did for me for almost 10 years.*

*Allow me to take this opportunity, dear friends, to bid you farewell.*

*France Vigneault*



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The 2011 Games in Halifax will be my first as chef de mission. I am looking forward to being in Halifax, surrounded by members of the Quebec delegation, and to see all the efforts put forth to make these Games a great event come to fruition.