



Canada Games Council Welcomes New Director of Games and Sport

After an extensive and detailed process the Canada Games Council is excited to be welcoming Kelly Dearborn to the team, in the position of Director of Games and Sport.

"The individual who sits in this Director position not only plays a major role in helping to shape the sport program for the Canada Games property, historically the person in this role has acted as a major opinion leader and helps shape sport for the country overall, says Sue Hylland, President and CEO, Canada Games Council. "Kelly's past experience, reputation, personality and vision make him the right person for the role, ideally suited to the challenges we face and an ideal member of the Canada Games Council team."

Kelly brings with him over 15 years experience with the Canadian Sport Community. Most recently he was Senior Program Officer at Sport Canada where he was responsible for overall management of the Government of Canada's missions to major international Games including the Olympic and Commonwealth Games (Torino, Beijing). Kelly was also a mission team member to the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics and the 2004 Athens Olympic Games and from 1990 – 1993 Kelly was Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Amateur Wrestling Association.

Although his first official day at the Council was January 5th Kelly is not new to the Canada Games. In his role at Sport Canada he acted as liaison with the Canada Games Host Societies to ensure policy, financing and structure of the event is conducted in an appropriate manner within Treasury Board guidelines. He has also acted as National Sport Organization Representative on the Canada Games Council Board of Directors (1997–2003) while employed as Technical Director for the Canadian Amateur Wrestling Association. Kelly was also a Canada Games Sport Committee Member over the same time period.

The Director, Sport and Games position has been vacant since Andre Gallant vacated it after 18 years with the Council. The role includes providing strategic leadership in the preparation and delivery of Games, as well as organizational and technical matters associated with all sports on the Canada Games program. The Director has the lead role in the planning and implementation of the Council's enhanced Transfer of Knowledge initiative with Host Societies and Provincial/Territorial teams and in National, Provincial/Territorial sport technical relations.

Originally from Saskatchewan, Kelly resides in Ottawa with his wife and five year old daughter.

Where is Andre Gallant?

In case you were looking for Andre Gallant, he is now the CEO of the YMCA of Cape Breton. His current focus is renewed and expanded programming for youth, with an initial focus on youth at risk. "Great as the Canada Games were to me and for me for over 20 years, I now belong at the Y" says Andre "I work with a strong volunteer board and an even stronger staff and it continues to be a fun place to work."

The YMCA of Cape Breton has been charity since 1886. In addition to traditional fitness, aquatics and recreation programs in two facilities, they run two major employment centres, a preschool, an after-school program, an entrepreneur program and a summer camp. They have a new building under construction at the Sydney location,



which will expand their ability to serve the community. For more information check out their website at www.cbymca.com or better yet drop in an say hi to Andre in person.