



Words from the Chairman – Winter 2008

A new year has come. I don't know about you, but at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve my thoughts and focus turned to the 2009 Canada Games in Prince Edward Island. In seven short months, the Canada Games spotlight will shine bright on Canada's smallest province.

While the 2009 Games will certainly become a priority in terms of Council top of mind, as of late, four Canada Games are currently in different stages of their development.

- The 2009 Canada Summer Games are in the final stretch with mission conferences, broadcaster site visits and sponsorship summits on the horizon for this spring.
- The 2011 Games, according to their facebook page, are currently recruiting committed, organized people who know how to get results, and working on their two year-out celebrations.
- The 2013 Canada Games bid process is in full swing with bid books in the hands of the Bid Committee members, site visits are planned and the final decision will be announced publicly in April of 2009.
- The 2015 Canada Games bid process is also on the horizon, while the official launch of the process isn't until June of 2009, an information session was held in Richmond BC on January 8th, where the Canada Games Council and the Province of British Columbia were able to set the stage and answer the questions from the 14 that were already interested in receiving information.

As you enjoy this edition of the e-newsletter, take a moment to appreciate the thousands of volunteers, staff and partners who are currently focused on their individual Games, but together, breathe the life into this thing we call the Canada Games Movement.

All the best for 2009,

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