



## CGC Facts Flash – Spring 2009

### Key Milestones/Activities

#### Human Resources

Twenty-nine (29) staff (including two co-op placements) were hired up to and including May 31, 2009.

#### Announcements

**Canada Games Centre** An announcement was made on Monday, May 5th regarding naming of Mainland Common Centre to be officially named the Canada Games Centre.

**ACOA funding** An announcement was made on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> regarding an investment of \$2,000,000 by the Government of Canada through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency. ACOA's investment will assist with promotion, marketing, and volunteer recruitment and training for the event. The project will also allow for the acquisition of sporting equipment including artistic gymnastic apparatus, a boxing ring and canvas, competition hockey goals, and judo fighting surfaces.

#### Capital Construction

Upgrades to existing HRM venues will commence this spring. Over \$3 million will be invested into four (4) HRM owned venues.

**Ski Sites** – A pre-qualification tender was released in early March that identified large pieces of the snowmaking equipment that will be procured. Dexter Construction was awarded a \$6.4 million contract for construction (snow making and trail upgrades) at Ski Martock and Ski Wentworth. Work on the ski sport venues began on June 1 and is projected to be completed by December 2009.

The contract for construction at St. Margaret's Centre has been awarded to Lindsay Construction at a value of \$864,300. Work has begun and includes the expansion of the rink and seating area, new boards and glass, and lighting upgrades.

As previously announced, Saint Mary's University will receive up to \$215,000 for upgrades to host squash and judo events at the Games. Gaudet Building Contractors Ltd. (GBCL) has been

selected as the successful bidder to upgrade The Tower's squash courts and viewing areas. Two courts at a time will be renovated, allowing The Tower to continue to offer courts to members throughout the upgrade. Work will begin in June.

Upgrades to the Halifax Forum, Dartmouth Sportsplex, Cole Harbour Place, and the Mayflower Curling Club will also be made over the summer.

The Host Society continues to work with HRM to evaluate the feasibility of installing a refrigerated ice surface for a Long Track oval for the Games. It is anticipated that a decision will be made in the summer of 2009 regarding any investment into a refrigerated system. This will then be incorporated into the capital plans for the Host Society.

## Sponsorship

Significant progress has been made on the sponsorship files. The \$8.0 million overall goal remains on track. Several deals have been signed with pending announcements.

## Communications

JP Deveau, Chairman, Halifax 2011 Canada Games, was a guest on Mayor Kelly's Kaleidoscope program.

Stories are being collected for our Tell Us Your Games Story campaign which will be featured on our website from this summer until Games time. The campaign encourages former athletes, coaches, officials, and fans to share their most memorable Games experiences through written submissions, photos, and videos.

An e-newsletter is set to launch in early June with subscriptions available to anyone who signs-up through the 2011 Games website.

## Venue Signs

Venue signs have been erected at sport venues around the city. The signs were completed by HRM's sign shop and installed by HRM's Municipal Operations Staff.

## Upcoming

Over the coming months, the Host Society is getting geared up to lay out a legacy plan framework, start planning a torch relay route, create the Games mascot, and start selling 2011 merchandise.

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