

## Words from the Chairman

Welcome to the summer edition of *NewsFlash*, the Canada Games quarterly e-newsletter.

This edition of the Canada Games newsletter is a little bittersweet. Summer is officially here, and we are all looking forward to spending a good part of August in beautiful Summerside and Charlottetown Prince Edward Island, but it will also be my last edition as Chairman of the Canada Games Council. All our support and good thoughts go to the amazing staff and volunteers of the 2009 Canada Games Host Society as they push towards the finish line.

The Council continues to be as busy as ever. While 2009 does occupy the majority of our time these days, the Canada Council Board and staff are once again focused on the development of four distinct Canada Games in very different stages of planning. The 2009 Canada Summer Games are in the stressful and exciting final stages. The 2011 Winter Games in Halifax, whose staff is growing in numbers, are sinking their teeth into some great plans and promotions. The 2013 Games in Sherbrook Quebec, while still celebrating their victory, this new Host Society has started to pull together their volunteers and staff and are recruiting a President and a General Manager. And finally, the 2015 Canada Winter Games official bid process was launched in British Columbia in mid June and it looks like a very competitive process.

In addition to receiving updates on the Games, in this edition of *NewFlash* we are happy to turn attentions to the 2009 Games, we are happy to run a story submitted by a Manitoba school that recently ran a fantastic Canada Games Day, and you will also learn about our partnership with the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada and how that will affect future Canada Games.

In closing, I also want to say a major congratulations to Piers MacDonald the 2007 Canada Games President and a Canada Games Council Board member for receiving the Order of Canada recently at a reception at Rideau Hall. A remarkable accomplishment! Piers.

I wish all of you and your families a happy and safe summer, see you in PEI.

Larry Smith