



2009 Canada Games Hard Work – and Fun!

With less than a year to go the 2009 Canada Games are in great shape; planning is underway throughout the divisions – each person contributing to a larger project that affects the whole. It really is amazing the number of talented people the Games has managed to recruit from across the province – and from across Canada.

The construction and upgrade of Games facilities and the Athletes' Village is progressing well. The athletes will certainly find our beautiful and well-equipped facilities a proper showcase for their considerable talents.

The 'look' of the Games has been established. Abbie and Eddie debuted August 8 at Credit Union Place in Summerside to enthusiastic response. Ten days later, after a province-wide competition, our Games medal design was unveiled. The winner was a talented artist from Charlottetown, Laura O'Brien. Our medal is certainly a fitting reward for the dedication and challenge of the competitors!

Recently, Chefs de Mission from every province and territory arrived for the Mission 1 Conference at Slemon Park and our staff surpassed themselves in providing a level of hospitality the visitors won't soon forget. Delegates had a first-hand look at Eastern and Western Games venues and attended several helpful sessions to learn what they and their team may expect down the road, and ask questions of the experts in each division.

Day by day, as the Games are getting closer, the obvious enthusiasm shown by staff and volunteers breaks out in new and exciting ways. It seems as if everyone is suiting up for 'Gameswear Fridays' and for special events; staff have come together to participate in fun group activities and volunteers have already come on board to animate our popular mascots.

Every day more volunteers are applying to work with the Games and our already knowledgeable, hardworking staff is expanding to include many talented individuals - each one a specialist in his or her own area. With the contribution of our exceptional new team members we are confident the 2009 Canada Games will be a great success Islanders can be proud of!