

Words from the Chairman

Welcome to the summer 2010 edition of the Canada Games e-newsletter.

The 2011 Canada Winter Games are fast approaching and the Canada Games Council staff continues to add value to their on-going work with Host Societies. The team has received some help in the last month with some new arrivals to the organization.

Aaron Bruce, André Cormier and Kim Russell all join the Canada Games Council in permanent roles, and in time for the stretch run prior to the 2011 Canada Winter Games. Aaron takes on the Sport and Games Coordinator position, André steps in as the new Communications Coordinator and Kim joins the Council as the new Administrative and Information Coordinator. All three bring enthusiasm and experience in their respective positions. Welcome aboard!

As well, we would like to congratulate our former Chairman of the Board, Larry Smith who was bestowed the very prestigious *Ordre national du Québec*, receiving the *Chevalier de l'Ordre* which was presented to him by the Premier of Quebec Jean Charest on June 3rd. *L'Ordre* is the highest distinction given by the Government of Quebec. Larry joins fellow alumnus Gaetan Boucher (1971, Saskatoon) as a member of *l'ordre*.

With the 2011 Canada Winter Games near and the 2013 Canada Summer Games in its organizational infancy, the final stages of the bid process of the 2015 Canada Winter Games are nearly complete. The bid books from all three British Columbia municipalities vying to host have been submitted, while site visits to Kelowna, Prince George and Kamloops are set for the coming weeks with the announcement of who will host the 2015 Canada Winter Games planned for September 17 in Vancouver.

As in previous editions of our e-newsletter, we will be sharing with you the news and notes of our partners as well as the progress being made in preparation of the 2011 Canada Winter Games in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Be sure to put some lotion on if you are having some fun in the sun as I hope you all have a warm and sunny summer.

Tom Quinn
Chairman, Canada Games Council