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## **Brandon Confirms Intent to Bid for 2017 Canada Summer Games**

**(March 16, 2012) Ottawa** - The Canada Games Council (CGC) has received a letter of Intent to Bid from the City of Brandon wishing to host the 2017 Canada Summer Games.

After the official launch of the 2017 Bid Process in January 2012, interested communities from Manitoba had until March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to deliver their intent to bid.

“The Canada Games Council is excited that the City of Brandon has expressed interest in hosting the 2017 Canada Summer Games,” says Tom Quinn, Chairman of the Canada Games Council. “We are looking forward to 2017, when Canada celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Canada Games celebrates 50 years of paving the way to developing young athletes as Canada’s next generation national, international and Olympic champions.”

Originally, the bid process would now enter into a Technical Review Phase where information must have been provided by communities expressing an interest to bid by May 31, 2012. After the technical phase, communities would then have been given until January 15, 2013 to submit their Bid Proposal to the Canada Games Bid Evaluation Committee who would have reviewed and scored each communities based on the bid material and a site visit to that community.

Upon receipt of only one community expressing the Intent to Bid, the process is now subject to review, where the CGC will work to determine how the original process may be altered to reflect a non-competitive bid process. The CGC and the Province of Manitoba will share with the City of Brandon any adjustments made in the coming weeks.

“The Province of Manitoba is delighted to see the City of Brandon once again step forward to eagerly declare its intentions to formally enter the bid process to host the 2017 Canada Summer Games,” says Manitoba’s Minister responsible for Sport, Eric Robinson. “As a previous host city in 1979 and 1997 it seems only fitting that Brandon will have an opportunity to further enhance the historical significance of the 2017 Games as the first City to host the Games three times. On behalf of Premier Selinger and my colleagues with the Manitoba Legislature we extend our best wishes to the City of Brandon and the Canada Games Council as they embark on the next stage of the bid evaluation process.

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The Canada Games Council's Bid Evaluation Committee is responsible for a detailed review of bidding communities and making a recommendation on the award of the Games to the Council's Board of Directors. For the 2017 bid process, the Committee will be chaired by Vice-President of the 2009 Canada Games Host Society and current Canada Games Council Board Member, Wayne Carew.

"After initial information sessions and receiving the bid procedure guide, Brandon already understands the work it will take to deliver a memorable Canada Games," says Wayne Carew, Bid Evaluation Committee Chairman. "We look forward to working with representatives in Brandon in shaping the next steps of the 2017 bid process."

Having hosted two previous Games in Brandon, the 1979 Canada Winter Games and the 1997 Canada Summer Games, the 2017 Canada Summer Games will mark the third time the Games are hosted in the province of Manitoba.

In February 1967 for the first time in Canada's history, 1,800 athletes from 10 provinces and two territories gathered to compete in 15 sports at the Canada Winter Games in Quebec City. As the country celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> milestone birthday in 2017, the Canada Games will commemorate 50 years of celebrating bringing together young athletes from coast to coast to coast representing their communities, provinces, and territories with pride.

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### **About the Canada Games**

*Held once every two years, alternating between winter and summer, the Canada Games represent the highest level of national competition for up and coming Canadian athletes. The Games have been hosted in every province at least once since their inception in Quebec City during Canada's Centennial in 1967. The Games are proud of their contribution to Canada's sport development system in addition to their lasting legacy of sport facilities, community pride, volunteerism and national unity.*

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