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Brampton to host 2012 Ontario Senior Games Actifest

BRAMPTON, ON: The City of Brampton has been named to host the 2012 Ontario Senior Games Actifest. Brampton was selected as the event host by the Sport Alliance of Ontario and the Ontario Senior Games Association.

“I am confident that Brampton will make these games a successful and memorable event for all participants, says Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion. “With our Open Ontario Plan, the McGuinty government is committed to increasing sport participation for Ontarians of all ages. Actifest participants are an inspiration to all Ontarians to lead healthy, active lifestyles.”

The Ontario Games Program is delivered by the SAO on behalf of the Government of Ontario. The Province is the primary funder of the Games.

The City of Brampton, the Ontario Senior Games Association, the Sport Alliance of Ontario, the Ministry of Health Promotion and the Brampton Senior Citizens Council have partnered to organize the 2012 event.

“Brampton is honoured to be hosting the 2012 Ontario Senior Games Actifest,” says Mayor Susan Fennell. “We have an active senior community here, and we will be ready to welcome seniors from across the province to enjoy our world-class facilities.”

The Games in Brampton are set to take place August 14-16, 2012, and will see over 1200 athletes, coaches and officials participating in a variety of events. Athletes will compete at community centres and recreational sites including the Flower City Community Centre and at historic Chinguacousy Park, one of the City’s signature recreation facilities.

Brampton has an active and diverse population of seniors. The Flower City Seniors’ Centre is a new state-of-the-art facility dedicated to offering activities, classes and social events for the City’s seniors. In 2009, more than 52 thousand seniors participated in programs at the Centre. There are 31 additional recreation and community centres, and more than 6,000 acres of parkland across Brampton.

About the Games

The 2012 Senior Games Actifest is an initiative of the Government of Ontario. The two-day event will be held in August 2012, and Brampton will welcome over 1200 participants, including athletes, coaches and officials. Ontario residents 55 years of age or older will compete in 18 different sports including: golf, lawn bowling, slo-pitch, swimming, tennis, euchre, bocce, darts and five-pin bowling.

About Brampton: The 11th largest city in Canada, Brampton has a successful, well-diversified economy and is home to more than 8,000 businesses. The City continues to retain a Triple 'A' credit rating by Standard & Poor's, reflecting its successful economy and debt-free position. Brampton celebrates its diverse population that represents people from more than 175 distinct ethnic backgrounds who speak more than 70 different languages. Offering more than 6,000 acres of parkland, Brampton takes pride in being known as the Flower City of Canada. Brampton has been designated as an International Safe Community by the World Health Organization. For more information visit www.brampton.ca

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