

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – **ONE YEAR KICKOFF FOR THE 2010 ONTARIO SUMMER GAMES**

Greater Sudbury will host the 2010 Ontario Summer Games from August 10 to 13 at a number of venues located in and around the community. The Games Organizing Committee will host an official logo unveiling and website launch as part of the One Year Kickoff. It will be held at Minnow Lake Place, Tuesday, August 25th, just less than one year from the opening ceremonies.

The Ontario Summer Games are the largest multi-sport event in the province, involving over 3,500 participants competing in 32 different sports. Approximately 40 venues will be used across the city including the newly renovated Laurentian Community Track, the improved mountain biking facilities in Naughton and the new BMX track at Rotary Park.

“It is with great pleasure that our City plays host to the 2010 Ontario Summer Games,” states Greater Sudbury Mayor, John Rodriguez. “It is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our dynamic city and the exceptional volunteerism. I encourage everyone to get involved and experience this great event.”

The 2010 Ontario Summer Games are conducted with the financial support of the Ministry of Health Promotion and delivered on the Ministry’s behalf by the Sport Alliance of Ontario.

“The Ontario Summer Games are a chance for our athletes to compete to the best of their abilities, and demonstrate their passion and dedication to sport. We are proud to have Sudbury as a partner in these Games as we celebrate Ontario’s talent and watch our athletes hone their skills so they can advance to national and international competitions” Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion.

More than 1,000 volunteers will be recruited in order to make the Games a success. Positions such as registration, security, transportation, officials and first aid are just some of the areas needing volunteers.

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ABOUT ONTARIO SUMMER GAMES

The Ontario Summer Games began in 1970 as a showcase for amateur sport; it has now become the province’s largest multi-sport event, including both team and individual sports. Provincial level athletes from the ages 11 to 22 qualify through a regional selection process conducted by the Provincial Sport Organizations (PSOs). The Ontario Summer Games take place every two years and are awarded by the Sport Alliance of Ontario through a bidding process.

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