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GREATER SUDBURY TO HOST 2010 ONTARIO SUMMER GAMES

The City of Greater Sudbury has been chosen as the host of the 2010 Ontario Summer Games by the Sport Alliance of Ontario. More than 25 venues within the Greater Sudbury region, including Laurentian University, Coniston Arena, Centennial Community Centre and Whitewater Lake Park, will host events during the second week of August, 2010.

"Hosting the Ontario Summer Games is an exciting opportunity for Greater Sudbury," said Greater Sudbury Mayor John Rodriguez. "This event will allow us to showcase our community and strengthens our commitment to the development of athletes at the local level. I would like to congratulate the members of our local organizing committee who showed the dedication and initiative required to successfully bring these games to our community."

"The City of Greater Sudbury submitted a very thorough and comprehensive bid," said Blair McIntosh, Director of Games for the Sport Alliance of Ontario and Site Selection Chair for the 2010 Ontario Summer Games - Youth. "The bid had a strong athlete centred focus which was enhanced during our site evaluation and provided the Site Review Committee with a great deal of confidence in the abilities to Host this prestigious event. It solidified for us that the care and comfort of the participants will be a priority and we look forward to working with the Organizing Committee on hosting a very successful 2010 Ontario Summer Games."

"As a proud Sudburian I am very excited to hear that the Sport Alliance of Ontario has awarded the 2010 games to our city," said Sudbury MPP Rick Bartolucci. "Hosting the largest multi-sport event in Ontario will provide us with yet another way of showcasing our community and athletes to the rest of the province."

The Ontario Games are the largest multi-sport event in the province, with over 3,500 athletes competing in a number of sports. The Games provide athletes under 22 with development and competitive opportunities that will prepare them for national and international competition.

"The McGuinty government is committed to the development of our amateur athletes because they are role models who inspire all Ontarians to lead active, healthy lives," said Minister of Health Promotion, Margaret Best. "I am confident that Sudbury is going to make the 2010 Ontario Summer Games an excellent and memorable event for all participants."

The 2010 Ontario Summer Games will be funded by the Ministry of Health Promotion through the Sport Alliance of Ontario, the City of Greater Sudbury and various other funding sources. Greater Sudbury Council approved up to \$250,000 during its regular meeting of March 26, 2008, for the 2010 Ontario Summer Games.

For more information about the Ontario Games or the Sport Alliance of Ontario, please visit www.sportalliance.com.

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