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Her Worship Mayor Pamela Goldsmith-Jones and Councillors
750 17th Street
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Dear Mayor Goldsmith-Jones and Councillors:

As Minister responsible for Healthy Living and Sport, it is my pleasure to invite your community to attend an information meeting to outline the process through which we will determine the British Columbia community to host the **2015 Canada Winter Games**.

I am regularly reminded of the tremendous economic, community and sport development benefits that British Columbia communities gain from hosting sporting events. The successful 2015 bid community will have an opportunity to host approximately 2,800 athletes, 39 young artists, 500 coaches and managers, as well as their friends, families, spectators and special guests from across Canada.

Past hosts confirm that the Games generated significant economic benefits, provided memorable experiences for their citizens, built a strong core of capable volunteers and established a shared sense of community pride. From a provincial government perspective, the Games are also a vehicle to invest in sport development and provide an opportunity for our athletes to test themselves against the rest of Canada.

The attached agenda provides information on this meeting that will be co-hosted by the Canada Games Council and the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport. Please RSVP your attendance at the information meeting to Mr. Chris Graham, Sport Consultant, Sport and Recreation Branch, at [250] 387-4386 or by email at chris.graham@gov.bc.ca.

British Columbia has an exceptional track record of hosting major sporting events and I look forward to receiving bids from communities across the Province

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Polak".

Mary Polak
Minister

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Agenda

2015 Canada Winter Games Bid Process Information Session

Sport BC
3820 Cessna Drive, Richmond BC
Room 160
January 08, 2009
1 – 4:00 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Video
3. Canada Games Council Background and History
4. Canada Games Overview
5. 2015 Timelines, Process and Resources
6. Key Focus Areas for self-evaluation
7. Ground Rules
8. Questions/Answers