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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Board of Directors in place for Abbotsford 2016 BC Summer Games

**ABBOTSFORD April 13, 2015** – The City of Abbotsford is pleased to announce that 2016 Abbotsford BC Summer Games Board of Directors is now in place. The team will lead the planning and organization for the Games and includes President Steve Carlton and Vice-President: Stan Petersen, as well as 14 additional community leaders who have stepped up to take on various areas of responsibility.

A nominating committee led the selection of the Board of Directors for the Games and made recommendations to Abbotsford City Council who approved the membership at this afternoon's Council meeting. The Board will be supported through the planning process by the BC Games Society.

The City of Abbotsford will welcome as many as 3667 participants (2754 athletes, 535 coaches, and 378 officials) in 18 sports. The Games will kick off with an Opening Ceremony on Thursday, July 21, 2016; include three exciting days of competition between July 22 & 24; and conclude with a Closing Ceremony on July 24. Venues for sport competitions and special events will be announced as details are finalized. The Sport Package for the Games can be found on the BC Games Society website [www.bcgames.org](http://www.bcgames.org).

The BC Summer Games feature the best young developing athletes in the province supported by certified coaches and officials. Over 3000 volunteers will be needed to stage the Games and will infuse as much as \$2 million dollars into the local economy.

Backgrounder attached with complete list of the Board of Directors

### Quotes:

"Abbotsford is very proud to be the Host City of the 2016 BC Summer Games," said Abbotsford Mayor Henry Braun. "The Games will be a great opportunity for us to showcase our community's commitment to sport and our world-class facilities as we welcome thousands of athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers. We have a strong Board of Directors, with excellent community participation, and I know that this will be a resounding success story for our City."

"The Games will provide a vital stepping stone in the sport development of the best young athletes in our province," said Board President Steve Carlton. "I know our community will rally behind the event and ensure it's a resounding success!"

"Abbotsford's history of hosting is well established in BC," said BC Games Society President and CEO, Kelly Mann. "Our athletes and coaches will be well served by the community's experienced volunteers, while competing on and in some incredible sport facilities. BC's sport community looks forward to July 2016."

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# Backgrounder

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## List of Board of Directors in place for Abbotsford 2016 BC Summer Games

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| President:            | Steve Carlton   |
| Vice-President:       | Stan Petersen   |
| Accommodation:        | Kelly Plastow   |
| Administration:       | Hank Kroeker    |
| Ceremonies:           | Mary Boonstra   |
| Communications:       | Kevin Harman    |
| Food Services:        | Mike Dicks      |
| Friends of the Games: | Janet Barrie    |
| Medical Services:     | Todd Marshall   |
| Promotions:           | Andrew Franklin |
| Protocol:             | Tanya Curtis    |
| Registration/Results: | Sylvia Peary    |
| Security:             | Jules Tessarolo |
| Special Events:       | Tim Barrett     |
| Sport:                | Bev Viger       |
| Transportation:       | Ron Gregoire    |