

BC Games Society

MANDATE

The purpose of the BC Games Society is to provide an opportunity for the development of athletes, coaches and officials in preparation for higher levels of competition in a multi-sport event that promotes interest and participation in sport and sporting activities, individual achievement and community development.

Established in 1977 by the B.C. government under the Societies Act, the BC Games Society's original purpose was to provide an opportunity for all British Columbians to compete in an organized sports festival that promoted physical fitness, individual achievement and community pride.

As an evolving entity, the Society moved its focus from sport participation to athlete, coach and officials' development at the request of the province's sport minister in 1994.

The Society's success is based on the strength of its written and technological resources. Our Transfer of Knowledge program provides community volunteers with guidelines, templates and timelines for planning and delivering BC Games. Staff resources are focused on providing guidance and expertise to the key volunteers of the Host Societies, overseeing the hosting bid processes and managing the travel logistics for BC Winter and BC Summer Games athletes, coaches and technical officials.

April 1, 2013, saw the Team BC program transfer from the B.C. government's responsibility to that of the BC Games Society. Team BC is a select group of athletes, coaches and team leaders who represent the province at Canada's premiere multi-sport events — the Canada Winter Games and Canada Summer Games. The Canada Games are a national multi-sport competition with participation from every province and territory in the country and take place on an alternating summer/winter cycle every four years. B.C. also assembles a team of athletes, coaches and team leaders to represent

the province at the Western Canada Summer Games. The Western Canada Summer Games bisect the Canada Summer Games and provide an opportunity for B.C.'s top age-class athletes to test their athletic talent against the best in the West.

Executive Commitment to Multiculturalism

The BC Games Society continues to help others to lead with our stated vision and values as its guide. Recruiting all volunteers based on the fabric of the community is critical. Integrity, trust and respect are the core of our game plan.



EMBRACING MULTICULTURALISM IN THE WORKPLACE

- » Society staff have communications skills in French, Slovak, Czech, Polish, Russian and German, and cultural backgrounds of staff include Slovak, Austrian and Italian, providing for some sharing of culture and food at staff functions and holiday traditions, which then allows for a greater understanding of each other.
- » Host community mayors and committees recruit their boards of directors and general volunteers to reflect the fabric of the community.
- » Host communities take great pride in highlighting the cultural diversity of their region by way of inclusion in opening and closing ceremonies, games' time entertainment and hospitality.

- » The Society continues its long-standing partnership with B.C.'s First Nations through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Aboriginal Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity Partners Council.

HIGHLIGHTS OF INITIATIVES

- » The Mission 2014 BC Winter Games involved all members of that community in the planning and implementation of the Games which included several cultural and First Nations contributions through performances.
- » Through our annual Government's Letter of Expectation, the Society continues to collaborate with sport system partners to promote the growth of ethnic and aboriginal sport.

BC Housing Management Commission

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BC Housing is the provincial Crown agency that develops, manages and administers a range of subsidized housing options for British Columbians in greatest need, and oversees the residential builder licensing and home warranty insurance system in the province, which, together with research and education initiatives, supports consumer protection for new home buyers. BC Housing's vision is housing solutions for healthier futures. Our values are Integrity, Respect, Commitment, Service and Accountability.

Our mandate is to fulfill the government's commitment to the development, management and administration of subsidized housing as reflected in an Order-in-Council under the Housing Act establishing the British Columbia Housing Management Commission (BC Housing) in 1967. As of 2010/2011, our mandate has expanded to include responsibilities for the administration of the Homeowner Protection Act, including strengthening consumer protection for buyers of new homes and helping to bring about improvements to the quality of residential construction.

