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Yukon sports celebrated as Canada Games flag travels through Whitehorse to the 2013 Canada Summer Games

WHITEHORSE—Community Services Minister Elaine Taylor, Whitehorse Mayor Dan Curtis and Vice Chair of the Canada Games Council Board of Directors Piers McDonald gathered today to celebrate the arrival of the 2013 Canada Games flag as well as Yukon's vibrant sporting community.

The flag will fly at the Canada Games Centre until Wednesday. Whitehorse is the first stop of the flag's journey through past host cities, until it makes its final stop in Sherbrooke, Quebec, on August 2.

"The Canada Games are a key event in the development of the country's young athletes," Taylor said. "Hosting the Canada Winter Games in 2007 in Whitehorse has strengthened our ability to compete on the national and international stage and to host major events. Yukon is pleased to support the participation of Yukon athletes in the Summer Games this August."

Team Yukon will be sending approximately 136 participants and 12 mission staff to Sherbrooke in August. Yukon athletes will compete in cycling, volleyball, soccer, tennis, athletics, canoe/kayak, golf and swimming.

"The 2007 Canada Winter Games remains a major achievement for our entire community, and serves as a perfect illustration to the rest of Canada that we are more than capable of hosting a first class event of this scale," Curtis said.

The Canada Games are a multi-sport event for provincial and territorial level athletes who are pursuing competitive careers at provincial, national and international levels in winter and summer sports.

"The 2007 Canada Winter Games left many lasting legacies for the City of Whitehorse and the entire north," McDonald said. "In addition to the Canada Games Centre, athletes, volunteers and organizers were left with lifelong memories and life-changing opportunities."

To find out more about the Sherbrooke 2013 Games, visit <http://www.jeuxducanda2013.ca>.

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