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## **Team Yukon set for the 2012 Canada 55+ Games**

WHITEHORSE—A total of 77 Team Yukon athletes and coaches accompanied by two Chefs de Mission, one assistant Chef de Mission and nine cheerleaders are in Sydney, Nova Scotia to compete in the Canada 55+ Games from August 29 to September 1.

"The Yukon government is proud to offer our support to Team Yukon's contingent as they head off to compete in this major sporting event," Community Services Minister Elaine Taylor said. "The team has worked hard to train, fundraise and prepare for the Games and we look forward to the many individual and team accomplishments that will be realized on this national stage."

Team Yukon includes 38 men and 39 women, ranging in age from 55 to 87, representing seven Yukon communities including Dawson City, Tagish, Mayo, Carcross, Watson Lake, Marsh Lake and Whitehorse. The athletes will participate in 13 events during the four days of friendly competition.

"The Canada 55+ Games bring Canadians together to challenge themselves in their sports, develop friendships and have fun," Taylor added. "The Games embody fair play, team spirit and the benefits of active healthy living at all ages."

The Government of Yukon has provided \$50,000 in funding to the ElderActive Recreation Association to support the team's participation in the Games.

The Canada 55+ Games encourage physical activity and wellness among Canadians 55 years of age and older.

For more information please visit [www.community.gov.yk.ca](http://www.community.gov.yk.ca) or [www.canada55plusgames.com](http://www.canada55plusgames.com).

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