



**Memorandum of Understanding
Between the
Governments of Yukon, Nunavut and the Northwest Territories
and
the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and
Paralympic Winter Games**

WHEREAS the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has selected the City of Vancouver as the Host City and has designated the Resort Municipality of Whistler as the Host Mountain Resort for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games;

WHEREAS the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC) has been entrusted with the organization of this international event that will host thousands of athletes and officials from more than 80 countries and attract thousands of visitors and more than 3 billion television viewers,

WHEREAS VANOC have clearly stated that 2010 is Canada's Games with a potential of instilling a passion for sport, culture and sustainability in Canadians and VANOC is meeting with governments across the country to discuss opportunities for cooperation and mutual benefit,

WHEREAS the three territories have agreed to a Pan-North approach to hosting the 2007 Canada Winter Games in Whitehorse, Yukon February 23 to March 10, 2007 that will include 3600 athletes, coaches, managers, officials and thousands of volunteers from the North and across Canada,

WHEREAS the three territories are a unique part of Canada that have identified a number of potential areas of collaboration with 2010 that will help VANOC successfully deliver on their mission and vision for the Games while benefiting the territories in the areas of sport development and culture,

WHEREAS Mr. John Furlong invited all Provincial/Territorial Ministers of Sport to bring forward ideas for areas of cooperation for mutual benefit at the 2010 Games,

NOW THEREFORE the Parties understand and agree to explore the following areas of cooperation:

Areas of Cooperation:

1. Northern Traditional Aboriginal Games (Inuit and Dene) Cultural Performers - the development of opportunities for Aboriginal athletes and cultural performers to demonstrate traditional activities at the 2010 Games.
2. Volunteer Development - a volunteer promotion and recruitment program in the territories, which will culminate in a selected numbers of volunteers traveling to Vancouver to volunteer at the 2010 Games more specifically in areas that the local host jurisdiction does not have the required expertise or sufficient numbers to meet the demand.
3. Sport Officials - the opportunity to promote and recruit territorial officials that have the technical requirements to be selected to officials positions at the 2010 Games and for test events leading up to the Games.
4. Present northern arts and culture at the Games to provide exposure for northern artists and to provide Games participants the opportunity to experience and appreciate Northern culture.
5. Provide licensing and other commercial opportunities for Northern artists and cultural industries.
6. Increase networking, collaborations and touring opportunities between north and south.
7. Ensure Canada's North is reflected and represented as a region of Canada.
8. Infrastructure/Early Training Sites - the potential for team training for Olympic / Paralympic teams in preparation for 2010 with an emphasis on early season training and acclimatization.

Mechanisms for Cooperation and Implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding:

The three territories and VANOC will assign officials to a working group to develop specific agreements for each of the projects agreed to which detail roles and responsibilities, costs, and a timeline for implementation.

General Provisions:

This MOU will come into effect upon signing. It may be terminated by either party with a minimum of six months written notice. This MOU sets out the basic

understanding reached between the Parties. It is not intended to be and will not be interpreted or construed as a formal or legally enforceable agreement.

SIGNED,
22nd of February, 2007



John A. Furlong
Chief Executive Officer
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Minister Glenn Hart
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Minister Michael McLeod
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