



**THE GOVERNMENT
OF MANITOBA**



**THE VANCOUVER ORGANIZING
COMMITTEE FOR THE 2010 OLYMPIC
AND PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA
AND
THE VANCOUVER ORGANIZING
COMMITTEE FOR THE 2010 OLYMPIC
AND PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

Hereinafter designated as **THE PARTICIPANTS**

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 (2010 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 has 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 co-operation and mutual benefit;

WHEREAS VANOC, in partnership with the Four Host First Nations Secretariat, has the goal of achieving unprecedented Aboriginal participation in all aspects of the 2010 Games through the development of strong relationships with Aboriginal peoples across Canada;

WHEREAS the province of Manitoba is a unique part of Canada that has identified a number of potential areas of collaboration that will help VANOC successfully deliver on its mission and vision for the Games while benefiting Manitoba in the areas of economic development, sport, health and wellness development, immigrant recruitment, tourism development, education, arts and cultural touring and performance opportunities, and volunteers;

WHEREAS Mr. John Furlong invited all Provinces and Territories to bring forward ideas for areas of co-operation for mutual benefit at the 2010 Games;

NOW THEREFORE the Parties understand and agree to explore the following areas of co-operation:

AREAS OF CO-OPERATION:

1. Establishing a Manitoba House / Pavilion in Vancouver during the 2010 Games with a facility to showcase cultural performers, athletes and host the general public and dignitaries.
2. Becoming a Contributing Province of the 2010 Games as a mechanism to enhance Manitoba's profile on the world stage.



3. Showcasing arts and culture that reflect the diversity of peoples, ideas and customs that provide the backdrop for Manitoba's vitality in various fields, particularly the performing arts, visual arts, literature, new media, cultural industries, and presenting them to an international audience at the 2010 Games.
4. Providing commercial opportunities for Manitoba artists and cultural industries via opportunities listed on the web site www.vancouver2010.com
5. Identifying initiatives to profile Manitoba, including our communities, companies and institutions at the 2010 Games to enhance tourism, immigration, trade and investment, and other related economic development benefits.
6. Promote opportunities for sport officials that have the technical requirements to be selected to sport officials' positions at the 2010 Games and for test events leading up to the 2010 Games.
7. Identifying and promoting infrastructure / early training sites with the potential for team training for Olympic and Paralympic teams in preparation for the 2010 Games with an emphasis on early season training and acclimatization.
8. Ensuring Aboriginal peoples and cultures are reflected, represented and infused throughout all aspects of the 2010 Games and promoting participation of Aboriginal artists and performers in the events leading up to and including the 2010 Games.
9. Promote VANOC Education Programs and the Olympic and Paralympic Movement core values promoting sport, active healthy lifestyles, culture and sustainability among Manitoba students and schools.
10. Promote volunteer participation in the Manitoba portion of the Torch Run as well as the events leading up to and including the 2010 Games.

MECHANISMS FOR CO-OPERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:

Manitoba and VANOC will assign officials to a working group to develop specific agreements for each of the projects agreed to that details 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.

Manitoba



SIGNED, this _____ day of August, 2007

Original Signed By: _____

The Honourable Gary Doer
Premier
Province of Manitoba

Original Signed By: _____

John A. Furlong
Chief Executive Officer
VANOC