

Construction of CIBC Pan Am/Parapan Am Athletes' Village Complete

Ontario One Step Closer to being Games Ready

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Ontario is one step closer to being Games ready with the completion of construction of the CIBC Pan Am/Parapan Am Athletes' Village.

TO2015 will now begin the final preparations to ensure the Village is Games ready. The Village will be home to 7,100 athletes and team officials during the Pan American Games, and 3,200 athletes and team officials during the Parapan American Games. Within the Village at Games time, there will be:

- A YMCA, banking, coffee shop, general store, a dining tent and an 18 acre park.
- A prosthetic and wheelchair repair centre.
- A site where First Nations will be carving a canoe.

The revitalized area in the West Don Lands will not only be a hub of activity during the Games, it will also transition to a sustainable mixed-use Canary District community after the Games, featuring:

- Up to 100 affordable ownership condos and townhouses and 253 affordable rental condos and townhouses – 10% will be accessible.
- Approximately 800 market housing condos and townhouse units.
- The [Cooper Koo Family YMCA](#) that will serve more than 8,000 people.
- [A residence for 500 George Brown College students](#) and the College's new English as a Second Language and Digital Gaming location.
- A new streetcar line connected to King Street.
- [The new Aboriginal Community Health Centre](#) that will provide access to traditional and modern health services and may serve as a community cultural hub with spaces for education, social enterprises and the performing arts.
- A 40,000 square foot retail promenade along Front Street.

Investing in the CIBC Pan Am/Parapan Am Athletes' Village is part of the government's economic plan for Ontario. The four-part plan is building Ontario up by investing in people's talents and skills, building new public infrastructure like roads and transit, creating a dynamic, supportive environment where business thrives, and building a secure savings plan so everyone can afford to retire.

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"The Athletes' Village will serve as a welcoming home for athletes at the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games, and, thanks to thoughtful planning, it will also leave a legacy that will benefit Ontarians well into the future. I am proud of the role Ontario has played in bringing this project to life."

— Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario

“We are proud and ready to host the largest multi-sport Games in Canada’s history this summer. The official completion of the Athletes’ Village, months before the Games begin, is another exciting milestone as we prepare to welcome 10,000 athletes and officials. Designed as a walkable community with a brand new YMCA, health services and 18-acre Corktown Common Park, the Village will not only provide an exceptional experience for athletes but also enable future residents to enjoy strong, healthy lives long after the Games.”

— Michael Coteau, Minister Responsible for the 2015 Pan and Parapan American Games

“This landmark investment will generate significant economic activity in Toronto’s waterfront community, and provide state-of-the-art infrastructure for future generations to enjoy. As the Minister responsible for accessibility, I’m also thrilled that these games will be the most accessible to date, and that the Athletes’ Village will provide barrier-free access to both athletes and Ontarians – something we can all be proud of.”

— Brad Duguid, Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure

“The Games are a chance for our region to show the world we’re a dynamic, diverse and welcoming place – and this beautiful, vibrant CIBC Pan Am/Parapan Am Athletes’ Village will bring the spirit of the Games to life,” said David Peterson, Chair, TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games Organizing Committee. “Lifetime memories will happen in the Village, and after the Games, it’s where thousands of Torontonians will live, work and play, as this new waterfront community spurs even more progress and development in the area.”

— David Peterson, Chair, TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games

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- The CIBC Pan Am/Parapan Am Athletes’ Village, known as the Canary District, spans 35 acres, is built to LEED Gold certification with an accessible barrier-free design.
- The development has garnered several awards including: 2014 BILD community of the Year, 2012, 2013 CUI Brownie Award and the 2012 Canadian Architect Award of Excellence
- The TORONTO 2015 Games will showcase Ontario as a premier sporting destination, attracting 10,000 athletes and officials, 250,000 visitors, create 26,000 jobs and generate \$3.7 billion for Ontario’s GDP.
- The CIBC Pan Am/Parapan Am Athletes’ Village was a Games bid commitment. The massive project was managed through Infrastructure Ontario and Dundee Kilmer designed, built and financed the development.
- 780 tradespeople worked on the site at peak construction, including 15 apprentices part of the Hammer Heads program – a Games Promotion, Celebration and Legacy initiative.

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