

PRINCE GEORGE



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CANADA
GAMES
2015



TEAM BC



Michelle Collens (Assistant Chef de Mission)
Rob Needham (Chef de Mission)

CONGRATULATIONS

We are incredibly proud of our athletes who each contributed to achieving the Team BC performance goal of a top three finish. Our entire team were tremendous ambassadors both on and off the field of play representing Team BC and the province at these home Games. We know that many of our Team BC alumni will stand on international podiums in the future and we will fondly remember the incredible time we had as Team BC at the 2015 Canada Winter Games.

Rob & Michelle

Rob Needham
Chef de Mission

Michelle Collens
Assistant Chef de Mission



David Palmer (Rossland)
Double Bronze Medallist
Cross Country Skiing



Nicole Mah (Vancouver)
Silver Medallist - Ski Cross
Alpine Skiing

Being part of something this special, when Canadians come together from all walks of life to celebrate sport and culture, really is life changing. I will not soon forget the spirit of camaraderie, goodwill and community pride I felt during my time at the Games. Seeing the thousands of volunteers in their striking green jackets helping to make fans, supporters, and athletes feel welcome in Prince George was particularly moving.

And then there was the pure joy of watching Team BC athletes compete for top honours against Canada's best and brightest athletes. There were too many inspiring performances to count, both on and off the field of play. As members of Team BC, you made us all so proud, thrilling us with an impressive number of podium finishes on home soil, and simply being great ambassadors for this province. Congratulations and thank you to all of you.

Coralee Oakes
Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development



Minister Coralee Oakes with Mission Staff members Carolyn Boomer and Tyla Flexman

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Sarah Jones (Victoria)
Katrina Hohensee (Kamloops)
Synchronized Swimming



Matthew Lai (Richmond)
Gold Medallist
Figure Skating - Special Olympics



Emily Suchy (Revelstoke)
Triple Gold Medallist
Cross Country Skiing - Para



Tara Stevens
(New Westminster)
Ringette



Frank Liao (Vancouver)
Double Silver Medallist
Table Tennis

249 ATHLETES



From left to right: **Dominique Di Rocco** (Apprentice Coach - Female Hockey),
Christina Sharun (Coach - Female Hockey), **Tania Kenny** (Sport Mission Staff)

49 coaches
27 Managers
23 MISSION STAFF



Abdul Shaikh
Coach - Badminton
2015 Canada Games Hall of Honour Inductee

Phyllis Chan
Manager - Badminton

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Jeff Swadden (Abbotsford)
Double Bronze Medallist
Judo

Leia Hoot (Kamloops)
Silver Medallist
Target Shooting



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Sara Spence (Kamloops)
Five-time Medallist
Speed Skating - Long Track



Elena Gaskell (Vernon)
Double Gold Medallist
Freestyle Skiing



Tim Henderson (Victoria)
Men's Curling Team
Bronze Medallists

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88
MEDALS

21 GOLD

33 Bronze

34 silver



270 Flag Points

3RD

place overall in medal
count and flag points

Duncan Yao (Richmond)
Joshua Liu (Vancouver)
Bronze Medallists
Badminton



**Opening Ceremony Flag Bearer
Micah Hart - Saanichton
Hockey**

CEREM



**Athlete Oath Reader
Avril Harris - Prince George
Wheelchair Basketball**

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**Closing Ceremony Flag Bearer
Michele Garceau - North Vancouver
Squash**



**Lantern Carrier
Aaron Mah - Vancouver
Gymnastics**

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Justin Hampole (Prince George)
Bronze Medallist
Figure Skating



Evan Bichon (Prince George)
Gold Medallist
Snowboard



Emily Dickson (Burns Lake)
Four-time Medallist
Biathlon

11 NORTHERN BC ATHLETES
contributed **14** medals

41

Northern BC participants from 10 communities

32 athletes

six coaches

three managers

19 athletes & **3** coaches

from **Prince George**

Target Shooting

Team BC partnered with Host First Nation Lheidli T'enneh artist, Jennifer Pighin, to design three unique pieces. The Team BC scarf, athlete shirt, and puzzle pin set were highly popular items at the Games. Pighin was also the designer for the Canada Winter Games' medals.



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THE NORTHERN STORY



Team BC Archery from left to right: Joseph Ostermeier (Coach), Emerie Watson (Quesnel), Tony Procter (Prince George), Linda Price (Coach), Mya Schouwenburg (Prince George), Levi Kelbert (Kelowna)



Kelsey Serwa
Olympian & Team BC Alumna

BC GAMES ALUMNI

The BC Summer and BC Winter Games are a stepping stone towards competing for Team BC. At the 2015 Canada Winter Games, 141 BC Games alumni were part of Team BC representing 57% of the athletes. Of the 88 medals earned, BC Games alumni won (or contributed to) 54 or 61% of Team BC's medals.

"Going to BC Games gave me a good base and idea of the format of a multi-sport games. That experience definitely helped me prepare for the Canada Winter Games."

- Sydney Irving, Ringette

OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN

Olympic silver medalist, World Champion, and Team BC and BC Games alumna, Kelsey Serwa, was the Team BC Honorary Captain for the 2015 Canada Winter Games. She shared her passion for sport and love of Games with all of the Team BC athletes and coaches.



From left to right: BC Games Alumnae Sydney Irving (Ringette), Carolina Hiller (Speed Skating), and Emily Dickson (Biathlon)

LEAVING A LEGACY

Team BC athletes and coaches are role models and leaders in their sport and in their home communities and they believe in the importance of giving back.

Team BC gave back in a big way in Prince George with a donation to support the Big Brothers Big Sisters TeamUp program which introduces children to sport and physical activity.



Pink is the New Blue

Team BC supported Pink Shirt Day to stand up against bullying



Team BC athletes and Honorary Captain, Kelsey Serwa, with children from Big Brothers Big Sisters Prince George after an exhilarating floor hockey game



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18 Team BC interviews on Global BC

Para-Nordic skiers Andy Lin and Emily Suchy with Global BC's Jay Janow



CLAUDE HARDY X2

Team BC was chosen for the second consecutive Games as the recipient of the Claude Hardy Award which is bestowed upon the Provincial or Territorial Mission Team that best exhibits leadership, cooperation, integrity, and esprit de corps. For the first time ever, the award was shared between two provinces with Team Saskatchewan as the other recipient.

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