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100 Days to go... for the 2012 Huntsville Ontario ParaSport Winter Games!

Huntsville, ON – The 2012 Huntsville Ontario ParaSport Winter Games Organizing Committee have been feverishly working behind the scenes and are anticipating a busy next one hundred days ahead.

Over the next three and a half months, the committee will be enthusiastically gathering the remaining dollars, volunteers and overall support necessary to make these Games an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.

“Huntsville is known for delivering extraordinary events,” explains Debbie Kirwin Co-Chair of the local organizing committee, “and we are most definitely going to enhance that reputation. We have an amazing group pulling together yet another fantastic community event.”

With one hundred remaining days, the committee will be active in the community soliciting for volunteer help. Positions include; ticket takers, athlete assistance, timing, food service just to name a few.

At Monday’s press conference, Mayor Claude Doughty spoke of the excellent positioning the Town of Huntsville is in for the continuation of this caliber of an event. He congratulated and thanked the Games Organizing committee for all of their hard work and dedication.

"Once again Huntsville is set to provide another outstanding set of Games in Ontario. As official partner with the Government of Ontario and ParaSport Ontario, we are very excited and happy to be working with the Town of Huntsville on the 2012 Ontario ParaSport Winter Games, expressed Holly Abraham, Chair of Sport Alliance Ontario.

Co-chairs Kirwin and Aitchison thanked Myke Malone, General Manager for the local organizing committee for his steadfast dedication and congratulated the committee for the progress that has been made to date.

“We’re in a great position, and have a strong team” stated Scott Aitchison Co-Chair of the local committee, “however, we still have some work ahead of us. The fundraising component is challenging – we still have dollars to raise. We are confident, but are still looking for community support.”

At the press conference, chair of media and promotions; Kelly Haywood announced Shoppers Home Health Care as a new gold level sponsor. Also, the Huntsville Rotary Club presented the committee with a cheque for \$3500.

This will be the second time Huntsville has hosted the Ontario ParaSport Winter Games, as they hosted the Inaugural Ontario ParaSport Winter Games in 2006. The Games are scheduled to take place from February 24-26, 2012. Approximately 450 participants from across Ontario are expected, including 300 athletes, support staff, coaches and officials.

The seven competitive sports include ParaAlpine Skiing, ParaNordic Skiing, Sledge Hockey, Wheelchair Curling, Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Rugby and Swimming.

To find out more information, to sign up to be a volunteer or to learn how you can contribute visit: www.ontarioparasportgames.com.

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