

TORONTO BIDS FOR THE 1996 SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES



Canada is proud of its tradition of staging open, friendly international athletic competitions. Apart from the outstandingly successful 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, these include the internationally acclaimed 1982 World University Games in Edmonton, the "friendly games" of the 1978 Commonwealth competition, and the memorable 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal. Canada has time and again offered the world's athletes venues of excellence.

Toronto, Canada's largest city, is now bidding for the honour of hosting the 1996 Summer Olympic Games. A vibrant city of more than three million people, Toronto is truly an international population centre, the chosen home of new citizens coming from virtually every nation belonging to the Olympic family. Torontonians have enthusiastically

endorsed the proposal, as have the governments of Ontario and Canada.

Some of the facilities that would be used for the games are already under construction as part of a redevelopment project to return former industrial property on the shore of Lake Ontario to public use. But more important than bricks and mortar, Toronto is committed to bringing together the youth of the world in friendly competition in a setting that mirrors the Olympic ideal of peace. Toronto wishes to host an Olympic Games that will contribute to a broad-based support for all sport, in every country of the world. By providing an environment in which great athletes from all over the world can optimize their performances, Toronto hopes to perpetuate and reinforce the Olympic ideal.

