

Key links in Canada's communications infrastructure include:

- Northern Telecom, a multinational supplier of telecommunications equipment with headquarters in Ontario;
- Teleglobe Canada, whose vast network of satellite and undersea cables links Canada with more than 200 countries;
- the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC), whose Host Broadcaster Group supports event coordination and worldwide distribution of sound and images;
- CTV, a national network of privately owned television stations with a wealth of experience and technical skills arising from past involvement in international events; and

Olympic sporting events will be linked to a major cultural festival.

 The Sports Network (TSN), a Toronto-based cable service with excellent transmission, reception, production and postproduction facilities.

A Truly International City

Toronto's multicultural heritage, its racial and ethnic harmony, and its consistently high participation in sports and the arts, reflect the ideals that should be highlighted in 1996, the 100th anniversary of the Olympic Movement.

While 45 per cent of Toronto's residents are of British origin, the majority of the population is drawn from more than 100 cultural and ethnic groups. Canada's official languages are English and French, but 31 per cent of Toronto residents identify some other language as their mother tongue.

This rich cultural diversity is immediately evident to anyone who walks the streets of Toronto. Greek, Chinese and Italian communities are marked by street signs that appear in English and the heritage language of the community. Shops, cafés and restaurants reflect the vitality of the city's many and diverse ethnic communities.

One measure of the strength of Toronto's multicultural community is the sheer scope of institutional support for heritage languages. The city has close to 100 community newspapers and journals published in 35 languages other than French or English, as well as two radio and three television stations that offer full-time multicultural programming. CHIN radio provides AM and FM broadcasts in over 30 languages.

Multicultural education is also a major focus. For almost 20 years, the Toronto Board of Education has been a leader in programs to ensure educational opportunity for immigrant children. By 1983, the board offered courses in 30 heritage languages — a tremendous feat for any city!

Countdown to Tokyo

For Torontonians, and indeed all Canadians, September 1990 will determine whether a dream can come true. Members of the IOC will meet in Tokyo to vote on which city will host the 1996 Olympic Games. And millions of supporters will be watching closely to see whether Canada's largest city can win the race that precedes the opening ceremonies.

Situated on the shores of beautiful Lake Ontario, Toronto has emerged as a world-class centre of trade, commerce and finance.

