

## **International Relations March Update Report**

### ***CGA Visits***

Further to last months update, now all of the Caribbean except for the Bahamas have been visited, as have all the Americas countries that were to be visited.

Total CGA's Visited – as at 5 March

**54**

### ***CGA Partner Program***

Applications continue to be sent and now all regions except Oceania have been sent applications. 33 CGA's have confirmed receipt of the application and are in communication with H2014. Seven applications have been sent and are waiting on responses.

Turks and Caicos have announced their Program while Scott and Kate were there last week, and will plan to re-announce the product received from the Partner Program during the Carifta Games next month.

Detailed negotiations continue with 17 CGA's. There will be several Programs implemented in July but unlikely many prior to then. Several CGA's have expressed interest in obtaining uniforms and we are in negotiation with HbC as a supplier and Bid Partner.

### ***Inbound Trips***

The number of replies received is only slightly different to last month. Faxed copies of the invitation have been re-sent to the CGA's that have not yet responded.

Australia's CGA president was met by Halifax and PNS representatives at the Canada Winter Games in Whitehorse. He will now visit Halifax some time in May, even though he had previously advised that he would be unable to come to Halifax and had delegated the inbound visits to the ACGA Vice President.

The Barbados President and Secretary General have also indicated they do not want to visit during the Caribbean Region visit and have proposed coming to Halifax for a couple of days in April.

Both of these visits will be challenging because of the time frames, but will be of a lower intensity due to the limited number of visitors and short period of stay.

Planning progresses for the main visits. A project team is in place and meeting weekly to progress planning.

The Westin Hotel has been appointed as the hotel for the inbound visits and will be used for all visiting VIP's from this point forward. Their selection was based not only on value but their preparedness to service the guests at an extremely high level.

We are also in negotiation with an event management company that was included within the Creative Agency team to assist with the inbound visits.

### ***Evaluation Commission***

The CGF has confirmed that the Evaluation Commission will arrive on 15 June, commence the evaluation on 16 June and commence departing on the evening of 19 June, with the remaining members departing on 20 June.

The four days of the Evaluation Commission are therefore

### ***Upcoming Travel***

The planned trips through to May are as follows:

- CGA visits to Oceania – March 20 to April 11, including attendance at the Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC) meeting March 23 and 24
- Attendance, in partnership with the CGF, at Sport Accord in April
- CGA visits to Asia – April 28 to May 5
- Bid Lodgement – London, May 9

### ***Bid Lodgement***

Halifax 2014 continues to work with the Canadian High Commission in London to plan some of the logistics for the Bid Lodgement.

The High Commission has made a request to the London Police to borrow horses if RCMP Officers are used to bring the Bid Book to the Langham Hotel.

A concept is being pursued with an organisation called Green Standards. Green Standards (see separate presentation).

The Green Standards concept for the Bid Lodgement includes having a School in a Box arrive at the Hotel with the Bid Book and children, athletes and others to bring the concept to life in the middle of London, drawing significant media interest towards the Canadian Bid.

Additional to the Bid Book lodgement the Canadian High Commission will host a reception at Canada House for all the guests of the Bid Lodgement.