



HALIFAX 2014 COMMONWEALTH GAMES CANDIDATE CITY SOCIETY  
**Draft Content Points for Information Release Policy**

**(Revised based on discussions between H2014 Director of Communications and  
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*[changes indicated in bold]*

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**Halifax 2014 believes in the disclosure of information and the importance of transparency in its operations, especially as it pertains to the use of public funds. The Society understands the impact of its decisions regarding release of information on public opinion, and is acutely aware of the impact and importance of public opinion on its government funding partners.**

**It is within this environment that Halifax 2014 will base its decision to release information held by Halifax 2014 and in accordance with the following guidelines.**

Does the information to be released support and/or demonstrate the Society's guiding principles for the 2014 Halifax Commonwealth Games?

- Be distinct and world-class
- Provide optimal conditions for sporting excellence
- Reflect the power of sport as a catalyst for positive change
- Be fiscally and environmentally responsible
- Honour our promises
- Be physically, socially and economically accessible
- Promote and value partnerships that recognize and reflect mutual interests
- Foster community spirit
- Create sport, social, cultural and economic legacies

**In general, Halifax 2014 will release information to the public, unless said information or its form or timing is in contravention of the following guidelines:**

- Halifax 2014 will only release information to the public that is owned and controlled by the Halifax 2014 Society.
- Halifax 2014 will release information to the public that adheres to Commonwealth Games Federation and Commonwealth Games Canada policies, procedures and regulations, and/or the obligations of the Society or its funding partners to CGC and/or CGF.

- Halifax 2014 will release information to the public in a manner and sequence that mirrors the CWG International Bid process and timeline (i.e. the Halifax 2014 bid book would be released publicly only once it is officially lodged with the Commonwealth Games Federation – in proper time and sequence).
- Information directly relating to Halifax 2014 financial, budgeting and other commitments by major funding partners will be released to the public, as approved by the Halifax 2014 Society, only with the prior approval of the respective funding partner.
- Information regarding Halifax 2014 bid and games budget estimates and high level financial information will be released to the public, as approved by the Halifax 2014 Society, only when that information is approved by major funding partners and in a manner and sequence in accordance with the CWG International Bid process and timeline.
- Halifax 2014 will release information to the public that the Halifax 2014 Society, through its governance and management structure, has determined not to be a threat to the overall competitiveness of Halifax's bid, as approved by the Halifax 2014 Executive Committee and Board of Directors.
- **Halifax 2014 will release information to the public that is not related to an ongoing negotiation between governments, stakeholders and outside partners/groups or ongoing negotiations as it pertains to personnel issues or legal matters.**

Halifax 2014 reserves the right to release information should it be determined that not releasing it may cause more harm to the overall success of the bid, so long as it does not contravene the rules and regulations of CGF or CGC, or Halifax 2014 Society's obligations to same.

All information to be released by Halifax 2014 must be reviewed and considered for its potential impact on local, national and international markets, funding partners, bid supporters, and voting delegates.

**All information to be released will be shared with funding partners, key stakeholders and Society staff prior to its distribution to media, as a courtesy and to provide advance notice.**