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Hamilton 2018 Benefits of Choosing Hamilton

There's no place like home......

A Hamilton 2018 Commonwealth Games will celebrate the 88th anniversary of the Games, commemorating our proud history and the traditions of the participating nations.

Hamilton's 500,000 residents are passionate, bold, and responsible about staging a successful and memorable event. We will host athlete focused, friendly and ethical Games that will develop and strengthen sport throughout the Commonwealth. Hamilton has a rich sport history. We have proven our competence and professionalism in staging world-class sport events, including the first British Empire Games, now the Commonwealth Games, in 1930.

We will showcase our cultural, artistic and community values with a full range of activities, festivals, educational programmes and conferences. Our aboriginal and cultural organizations will play an integral role in the planning, coordination and implementation of our Games presentation.

The 2018 Hamilton Games will provide a beautiful and inclusive environment for participants and spectators.

An outstanding feature of Hamilton's proposed Sports Programme is the close proximity of many of the sports events to the Games Village, an established, secure, self-contained facility on a 300-acre university campus.

Our plans include a new 42,000-seat Commonwealth Stadium that will house Athletics and breathtaking opening and closing ceremonies. Our plan also includes hosting soccer at Ivor Wynne Stadium which is the Commonwealth Games first stadium ever built, this is one example of Hamilton showcasing the past to the future of the Commonwealth Games

The majority of the required competition and training venues already exist. A new Commonwealth Stadium, an Aquatic Centre and a Commonwealth Square will be built.

McMaster University includes the McMaster Stadium and Sportsplex. Downtown Hamilton includes Copps Coliseum and Hamilton Place. Hamilton's West Harbourfront includes Commonwealth Stadium, National Aquatic Centre and Commonwealth Square.

Our climate will enable athletes to achieve optimum performance levels. During July 19-29, when we will host the Games, the average mean temperature is 20 degrees Celsius, with only moderate levels of rainfall and humidity.



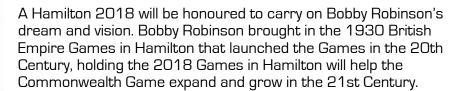
Hamilton 2018 Benefits of Choosing Hamilton



In the late 1920s, Melville Marks (Bobby) Robinson, the man who would achieve fame as the founder of the British Empire Games, later to be renamed the Commonwealth Games, appeared on the scene. A sports reporter for The Hamilton Spectator in Hamilton, Robinson went to the 1928 Olympic Games in Amsterdam as manager of the Canadian track and field team. While there, he lobbied hard for a proposal to hold the first British Empire Games in Hamilton in 1930.

Bobby Robinson's dream was of an event that would bring together athletes from all

countries of the British Empire and, therefore, he lobbied long and hard for the staging of a multi-sport Game that would "enlarge the sport of friendly competition"





We have much to share with our fellow Commonwealth countries. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2018.

'Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam,
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home;
A charm from the sky seems to hallow us there,
Which, seek through the world, is ne'er met with elsewhere.
Home, home, sweet, sweet home!
There's no place like home, oh, there's no place like home!
John Howard Payne



Opening ceremonies during the 1930 British Empire Games in Hamilton



Hamilton 2018 Benefits of Choosing Hamilton

The City of Hamilton, Ontario, is located on one of the largest lakes in Canada, Lake Ontario. With a population of just over 500,000 people, the city sits in the middle of Canada's most populous region, between Toronto and Niagara Falls, one of the wonders of the world.



Ten thousand years ago, the area was an important hunting and trading location for Canada's aboriginal peoples. Europeans began exploring the area in the early 1700s, and soon a town and then a city developed. Hamilton was strategic military post during the War of 1812, as the British forces were stationed at Burlington Heights and fought the Battle of Stoney Creek in June 1813 against the Americans.

The railway also brought thousands of immigrants to Hamilton over the

course of the 20th century, especially from Europe. In the late 1900s, a new wave of immigration, from Asia, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia, continued to increase city's population. Today, Hamilton is a microcosm of the world's population, as is reflected in our workplaces, our businesses and our hospitality industries.

Hamilton is considered the "Volunteer Capital of Canada" with more volunteers per capita than any other major city in the country. Each year, more than 140,000 volunteers assist in a wide selection of projects and initiatives, many in amateur sport.



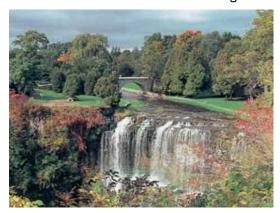
Hamilton 2018 Introduction of Hamilton

Hamilton's interest in education is complemented by a vibrant arts and cultural community. The Art Gallery of Hamilton, the Bach Elgar Choir and Opera Ontario are among our cultural assets. Hamilton is home to Theatre Aquarius, the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra and the McMaster Museum of Art, which houses 5,500 nationally significant works. Our museums include Dundurn Castle, the Canadian Football Hall of Fame and the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum. In addition, we enjoy the breathtaking spectacle of The Royal Botanical Gardens, Canada's largest botanical garden.



Dundurn Castle

Hamilton offers a taste of Ontario. Nearby Toronto is home to the CN Tower; the American Baseball League, the Toronto Blue Jays; the National Basketball League, Toronto Raptors, as well as world-class theatre. To the east, less than an hour's drive from Hamilton is one of the seven wonders of the world, Niagara Falls. And adjacent to the Falls is the world famous Niagara wine region.



Hamilton is known as "The Waterfall City" as the city claims to have the most number of waterfalls in the world.

Hamilton is "the undiscovered world" between Toronto and Niagara Falls. Come and discover us in 2018.



Sports Programme and Venues

Athletics

Venue for Competition - Commonwealth Stadium Facility

- Capacity: 15,000 temporary seats will supplement the 27,000 permanent seats for the Commonwealth Games.
- The 42,000-seat new Commonwealth Stadium will be completed by 2016.
- An eight-lane, 400-metre running track with state of the art synthetic surface, meeting the requirements of the IAAF.

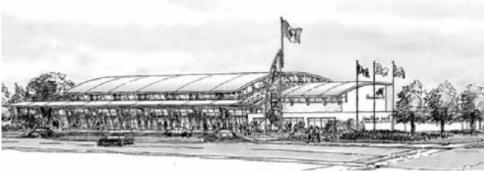


Proposed Commonwealth Stadium

Badminton

Venue for Competition - Commonwealth Square Facility

- New sports centre and field complex that will be used for badminton and field sports
- Seating for 2,000 spectators
- 8 training/warm-up courts in adjacent gymnasium



Proposed Commonwealth Square



Sports Programme and Venues

Basketball

Venue for Competition –Copps Coliseum Facility

• This state of the art indoor sport facility has a permanent seating capacity for 17,000 spectators



Copps Coliseum

Boxing

Venue for Competition - Copps Coliseum Facility

• State of the art indoor sport facility has a permanent seating capacity for 17,000 spectators that will be increased to 19,000 with temporary seats surrounding the boxing ring.

Cycling

Venue for Track Competition - Morgan Firestone Sport Centre Facility

• 250-metre cycling track with 50-metre straightaways and banking to ensure high racing speed

Venue for Mountain Biking - Kelso Conservation Area, Halton Facility

- Kelso is a 397-hectare park on the Niagara Escarpment and is used as a ski area in winter.
- 2,500 temporary seats will be provided at the lower part of the course.



Sports Programme and Venues

Venue for Road Race - City of Hamilton Facility

- The course climbs the Niagara Escarpment for a total vertical gain of 98 metres, with fairly flat sections above and below the escarpment.
- 4,000 temporary seats will be provided at the finish line. Spectators will also be able to stand or sit along the course.
- Same course as the 2003 World Road Cycling Championships in Hamilton.
- The start and finish lines are in front of Hamilton City Hall.



Hamilton hosting the 2003 Road World Championships

Field Hockey

Venue for Competition – Commonwealth Park Facility

- Two international size artificial grass fields
- Permanent seating for 2,000 spectators with 3,000 temporary seats
- Change rooms, concessions and support areas

Gymnastics

Venue for Competition –Copps Coliseum Facility

- This state of the art indoor sport facility has a permanent seating capacity for 17,000 spectators
- The field of play will be equipped with full podiums
- Extensive change rooms, offices and support facilities
- One main concourse, with concession, lounges and private boxes, provide access to all the seating areas



Sports Programme and Venues

Judo

Venue for Competition - Chedoke Sport Centre Facility

- Seating for 2,000 spectators
- Two separate mats one for the women's events and one for the men's events
- Warm-up and training in adjacent sport area
- Change rooms, offices, lounges and support spaces Lawn

Lawn Bowling

Venue for Competition – Queen Victoria Park, Niagara Falls Facility

- To be hosted at Queen Victoria Park with Niagara Falls as the background, one of the greatest natural wonders in the world.
- Seating capacity for 2,000 spectators
- Two international greens
- Clubhouse with change rooms and support areas Queen



Victoria Park located next to the magnificent Niagara Falls

Netball

Venue for Competition – McMaster Sportsplex Facility

- Seating capacity for 2,000 spectators
- Newly constructed 37 x 58 metres triple gymnasium with wood floor
- Extensive change rooms and support area



Sports Programme and Venues

Rowing

Venue for Competition - Henley Course, St. Catharines Facility

• Capacity – 2,000-seat grandstand located by the finish line. Also 8,000 chairs will be available to the spectators along the course, bringing the total seating capacity to 10,000.



- 2,000-metre rowing course with large expanses of water near the starting line for warm-up and for cool-down near the finish line.
- Henley Island is connected to the mainland by only one bridge and offers a secure and secluded area for athletes. The upper part of the island is the athletes' day village, while the lower part, by the water, accommodates the boat storage, warm-up area and media zone.

Rugby 7's

Venue for Competition - McMaster Stadium Facility

- New stadium to be completed by 2007
- Seating capacity: 7,000 permanent seats, increased to 15,000 with temporary seating
- Natural grass field
- Change rooms and support facility at on site field house



McMaster Stadium currently under construction



Hamilton 2018 Sports Programme and Venues

Soccer

Venue for Competition - Ivor Wynne Stadium Facility

- A 30,000 seat stadium with up to approximately 40,000 seats in total for the event 10,000 temporary seats available.
- Commonwealth Games first stadium built for the 1930 inaugural Empire Games.
- Holds the largest outdoor videoboard in Canada and the fifth largest outodor board in North America.



Ivor Wynne Stadium

Squash

Venue for Competition – McMaster Sportsplex Facility

- The Squash venue will be part of the new Sportsplex
- Four single and double courts with spectator seating capacity of 500
- For the finals, a glazed show court will be installed in the new triple gymnasium with a permanent seating capacity for 2,000 spectators.
- Extensive change rooms, support areas and amenities



McMaster Sportsplex currently under construction



Sports Programme and Venues

Swimming

Venue for Competition – National Aquatic Centre Facility

- 5,000-seat aquatics centre, was to consist of a 10-lane, 50-metre competition pool, an eightlane, 50-metre warmup pool and a 25-metre by 20-metre diving well.
- Fast pool technologies will be implemented.
- The centre will have a moveable roof to allow the pool to be an outdoor venue in good weather.

Table Tennis

Venue for Competition – Commonwealth Square Facility

- The competition will be held in the triple gymnasium.
- 2,000 temporary seats will be installed.

Triathlon

Venue for Competition - Kelso Conservation Area, Halton Facility

- 397-hectare park on the Niagara Escarpment
- 35-hectare lake
- Temporary seating for 5,000 spectators constructed. Spectators will also be stand along the course.
- A pontoon for swimming starts will be installed.



Kelso Conservation Area



Summary: Sports Programme and Venues

Weightlifting

Venue for Competition – Hamilton Place Facility

- The competition will be held in the 2,000 seats air-conditioned Ronald V. Joyce Centre for the Performing Arts at Hamilton Place.
- The stage will be the field of play with warm-up space in the wings, the backstage area and at the adjacent Studio Theatre.
- Extensive change rooms, lounges and support areas.



Hamilton Place

Wrestling

Venue for Competition – Chedoke Sport Centre Facility

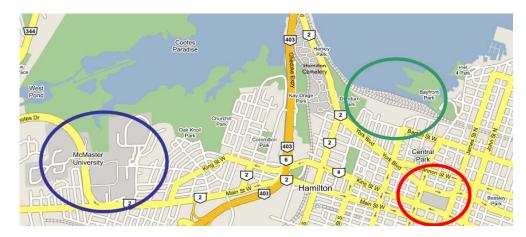
- Two separate mats mounted on a platform to reduce injury due to impact and to enhance spectator viewing and appeal
- Seating for 2,000 spectators
- Warm-up and training in adjacent sport area



Hamilton 2018 Sports Programme and Venues

	Sport	Venue	Seats		
	Mandatory				
1	Athletics	Commonwealth Stadium	42,000		
2	Lawn Bowls	Queen Victoria Park, Niagara Falls	2,000		
3	Netball	McMaster Sportsplex	2,000		
4	Rugby 7's	McMaster Stadium	15,000		
5	Swimming	National Aquatic Centre	5,000		
	Optional				
6	Badminton	Commonwealth Square	2,000		
7	Basketball	Copps Coliseum	19,000		
8	Boxing	Copps Coliseum	19,000		
9	Cycling	City of Hamilton – Road Race Time	4,000		
		Morgan Firestone Sport Centre - Velodrome	2,000		
		Kelso Conservation Area – Mt. Biking, Milton	2,500		
10	Field Hockey	Commonwealth Park	5,000		
11	Gymnastics	Copps Coliseum	19,000		
12	Rowing	Henley Course, St. Catharines	10,000		
13	Judo	Chedoke Sport Centre	2,000		
14	Squash	McMaster Sportsplex	2,000		
15	Weightlifting	Hamilton Place	2,000		
16	Wrestling	Chedoke Sport Centre	2,000		
17	Table Tennis	Commonwealth Square	2,000		
18	Soccer	Ivor Wynne Stadium	40,000		
19	Triathlon	Kelso Conservation Area, Milton	5,000		

Under Hamilton's 2018 bid three of the largest sporting centres will be McMaster University, downtown Hamilton and Hamilton's West Harbourfront.





Hamilton 2018 Commonwealth Games Village

The Commonwealth Games Village will be outstanding. Located on the 300-acre parklike campus of McMaster University, it will provide a quiet, comfortable, well-serviced and safe environment.



Aerial of McMaster University Campus

The University residences are all available during the Games period, as is the Student Centre and other needed facilities, for exclusive use by the Games.

The University is the site for up to three sport competition venues. There will be an enormous convenience from teams having training and competition venues beside their accommodation.

McMaster University currently has 11 residences, and will build one more well before the Games. The current capacity in 11 residences is 3,630 beds. In 2018, McMaster will provide an additional 1,870 beds with the construction of a new residence and by adding comfortable bed units to spacious rooms in all of the residences.

The Village will be a living tribute to and celebration of the Commonwealth Games from 1930 – 2018, with all the streets and buildings named after the founders and heroes of the Games. At the entrance to each residence, large Hall of Fame boards will display the names of all the athletes and officials who have participated in the Games from the countries housed in that building.



Hamilton 2018 Accommodation/Media

Guest and Visitor Accommodation

For visitors, 39,000 rooms are currently available, with an additional 10,000 rooms to be constructed, within a 20-60 minute drive of downtown Hamilton, accessible by both private vehicle and public transit. In addition, there are 10,000 camping sites and approximately 1,000 bed and breakfast facilities that are regulated by the municipalities in which they are located.

The Host Hotel is the historic Renaissance Royal Connaught, located in Hamilton's downtown core. This 5 star luxury hotel provides its VIPS and Commonwealth Games Federation members with 296 deluxe guestrooms and suites, Club Level accommodations with private lounges, and non-smoking floors.

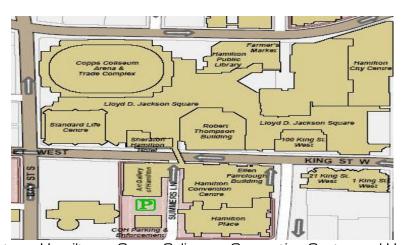
International Broadcast Centre (IBC)

The IBC will be the focal point of radio and television operations for the Games. All international television and radio signals generated at the venues terminate here, and are distributed to domestic and international broadcast rights holders.

The IBC will be housed in the 5,000 sq.m Exhibition Hall of Copps Coliseum, located next to the Convention Centre (Games Headquarters, and the MPC), and to the Host Hotel. This space is connected to Copps Coliseum as a sports arena (Boxing, Basketball, Gymnastics).

Main Press Centre (MPC)

The MPC, located at the Hamilton Convention Centre, will be the hub of activity for the media. Its downtown location is adjacent to many Games venues, including the Host Hotel (Royal Connaught), the IBC and to Copps Coliseum (Boxing, Basketball, Gymnastics events).



Map of downtown Hamilton - Copps Coliseum, Convention Centre and Hamilton Place



Hamilton 2018 Transportation

Hamilton 2018 recognizes the absolute priority to ensure that the Commonwealth Games have a highly reliable, comfortable, efficient, multi-modal transport system.

The City of Hamilton has had considerable experience in organizing transportation for international events, such as the 1993 FISU Soccer, 1993 World Judo Championships, 1999 World Rowing Championships, 2002 International Children's Games Festival, 2002 World Sailing Championships and the 2003 World Road Cycling Championships.

The City will establish a Games Transportation Authority, consisting of planners and specialists, and supported by the City's transit fleet and drivers. They will establish and implement a multi-tiered transportation plan for each of the major user groups, with service matching their needs and expectations for frequency, duration, flexibility and vehicle type. An extensive shuttle system will serve all venues before, during and after all events, including practice, preliminaries, competition and ceremonies.

Light Rail Transit

Hamilton proposes a new Light Rail Transit system, a mode of transportation that operates passenger vehicles carrying up to 200 passengers and travel on rails, in streets, to connect McMaster University to the downtown core, transit hub. This will allow quick and easy access to two of the largest proposed sporting centres.



Proposed LRT along Main Street



Hamilton 2018 Transportation

If awarded the 2018 Games Hamilton will extensively build a new LRT system along Main Street from McMaster University to the downtown transit station before the Games starts. Creating a new LRT system will help move large numbers of the general public efficiently and safely, to manage large crowds at public transportation access and transfer points, to connect spectators between Toronto and Hamilton, to communicate the transportation plan with local residents, and to provide extended services on the existing public transportation systems.



Proposed LRT station at McMaster University

Airport Arrivals and Departures



Hamilton is served by John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport, which is currently undergoing a major expansion. Air Canada and WestJet both serve Hamilton airport.

The airport has 24/7 access and Canada Customs and Immigration Service. Hamilton is also served by Lester B. Pearson International Airport in nearby Toronto, and Buffalo International Airport in New York State.

Pearson International is connected to most major cities by frequent, direct flights on 50 airlines to 165 destinations in 50 countries. During the past five years, typical activity has included 1,684 weekly national direct flights and 2,306 weekly international direct flights.

Pearson International is currently undergoing a \$3 billion expansion that will add two new runways, replace two existing terminals with a new larger terminal, develop a new cargo facility and expand links to the highway network. By 2008, the airport will be able to serve 50 million passengers per year



Hamilton 2018 Finances

The following table outlines all revenues and expenditures related to the hosting of the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Hamilton.

Hamilton 2018 Financial Statement

REVENUE		
Government of Canada	250,000,000	
Government of Ontario	250,000,000	
City of Hamilton	80,000,000	
McMaster University	50,000,000	
Corporate & Fundraising	61,412,500	
Marketing & Other	24,500,000	
TOTAL REVENUE	715,912,500	

OPERATING EXPENSES		
Finance & Administration	60,116,199	
Technology & Broadcasting	48,351,875	
Sports	15,494,400	
Venues	18,380,450	
Operations	32,423,490	
Volunteers, Communications & Awareness	17,832,100	
Protocol, Ceremonies & Special Events	18,011,400	
Marketing & Selling Costs	20,443,635	
Tax Rebate	-7,224,246	
Contingency	23,512,617	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	301,341,920	

CAPITAL WORKS		
New Facilities	258,831,897	
Existing Facilities Upgrade and Fit-out	24,433,683	
Village Residences	30,981,000	
Transportation	50,000,000	
Contingency	25,324,000	
Legacy	75,000,000	
TOTAL CAPITAL	414,570,580	

TOTAL OPERATING, CAPITAL & LEGACY EXPENSES	715,912,500
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