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Re: Upgrade to Toronto Track and Field Centre (TTFC) at York University

As the national sport governing body for track and field, Athletics Canada supports high performance athletics excellence at the world level and provides leadership in developmental athletics. Canada's hosting of the 2015 Pan American and Parapan American Games in Toronto will benefit our sport in significant ways. Toronto is an important market for us, provides half of our national team athletes, and is the home to our Eastern Canadian High Performance training hub.

The new facilities being constructed and existing ones that are being improved for the Games will add a significant number of new or upgraded facilities in the GTA for the development of Athletics at all levels. These projects will provide an opportunity for greater sport participation at the community level as well as new opportunities for our high performance athletes.

The CIBC Pan Am / Parapan Am Athletics Stadium and the Toronto Track & Field Centre (TTFC) located at York University are two such facilities that will provide a lasting legacy for our sport long after the games are over.

Athletics Canada has been intimately involved in discussions with the federal government and other high performance partners in connection with the proposed expansion of the TTFC that the Government of Canada has agreed to support by providing additional funding of up to \$5 Million in order to enhance the legacy condition of the TTFC.

This expansion will provide a new home for our high performance program as well as attract new up and coming athletes to the facility. The resulting combination of the new outdoor stadium and the proposed enhancements to the TTFC will provide a world class daily training environment for our most talented track athletes while at the same time continuing to provide opportunities for local and university level athletes to train and compete.

We would urge the City of Toronto and York University to proceed with this project that will be funded entirely by the federal government. For its part Athletics Canada will pay nominal rent and costs, including capital maintenance with the City of Toronto as well as assume any incremental operating costs that would be generated as a result of the TTFC expansion.

Thank you for your consideration of this unique opportunity to turn the GTA and York University into a Centre of Excellence for Track and Field in Canada.

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer

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