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## Minister of State Lunn Announces Creation of a “2010 and Beyond” Panel

**VANCOUVER, July 17, 2009** – The Honourable Gary Lunn, Minister of State (Sport), today announced the creation of a post-2010 review panel on high performance sport in Canada. The “2010 and Beyond” Panel will make recommendations that will build on the positive momentum being felt in Canadian sport today.

“I am committed to ensuring that we have the best possible leadership strategy in place so that we can build on our successful hosting of the Games in Vancouver in 2010,” said Minister of State Lunn. “Given the level of interest shown by the sector and the importance of making the right choices in moving forward, I have taken the initiative to form a panel to advise me on the best course of action.”

Canada’s high-performance sport system is at a pivotal point in its evolution, and new goals will need to be set in order to keep the momentum going. Minister of State Lunn has been approached by the sport community to develop a clear post-Games plan that would build on the success to date and provide concrete recommendations for the future. In response to this, he is inviting sport leaders and organizations to bring the panel their views and advice to guide future decisions.

The mandate of the Panel will be to analyze the progress of Own the Podium and other related high performance initiatives and make recommendations that will carry forward the innovation and positive momentum in Canadian sport today. The Panel will conduct its review while taking into consideration the current design, structure, and leadership of high-performance initiatives, the relationship between funding partners, sources of funding, accountability, governance, service delivery and performance targets beyond 2010.

The Panel will begin its work at the end of July 2009, and will deliver its recommendations by fall 2009. Members of the Panel include: David Zussman, University of Ottawa, who will serve as Chair; Paralympian Chantal Petitclerc; George Heller, Senior Director, Hudson's Bay Company; former Olympian Cathy Priestner-Allinger; and Karen O’Neil (insert job title - details).

A backgrounder and biographies of the panel members are [attached](#).

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