



**KARATE NOVA SCOTIA**

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## **2017 AGM Halifax Hosting Nationals Update**

From: Gary Walsh [garywalsh.ns@hotmail.com]  
Sent: March 29, 2017 10:58  
To: Craig Vokey; Olivier Pineau  
Cc: Cheryl Tataryn; Stephane Rivest; Gary Walsh  
Subject: Great Site Visit - 29 March 2017 (Halifax - GW)

Hello Olivier and Craig:

Hope everything is going well.  
Nothing but Great News from here in Nova Scotia !!!

With Stephane and Cheryl in town this week - we managed to do a number of miraculous things - in preparation for the Halifax Nationals in March of 2018.

I know that the descriptions provided by Stephane and Cheryl will be more refined and formalized than mine ... So here's my take on exactly what has been accomplished - thanks to their visit (with a little extra excitement thrown in - just because it's me !!)

- Canada Games Centre now has the final layout for the competition and surrounding areas, with a home for everything, including some added attractions for things such as the opening ceremonies (using the surrounding indoor track)

- Capitalized on Partnering with two of my Production Partners from my annual Robotics Championships

- \* Bell TV 1 - Broadcast Footage and LiveStreaming

- \* Advanced Systems - Seating, Sound, Power, and Tech Support

- Funding Assistance from Halifax City, Events Nova Scotia, and the Dept of Communities, Sport and Recreation are well on their way to fruition

- Hotel arrangements with the Marriott Group are pretty much finalized

(Sister Hotels: The Marriott, Delta Barrington, and Delta Halifax - All connected by Pedway)

[And even a Fourth Hotel for overflow]

- Equipment arrangements (Tatamis and Scoring) with Stephane

- Meals and Catering with Cheryl and the various Venues

(Including the Banquet and Kitchen Party)



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Please thank Cheryl and Stephane once again for me ... what a difference it made, having them both here to finalize many very important details - almost exactly one year in advance.

Thanks to Everyone  
Gary

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President - Karate Nova Scotia  
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**From:** Stephane Rivest <stephane.rivest@karatecanada.org>  
**Sent:** March 30, 2017 6:18 PM  
**To:** Gary Walsh; Craig Vokey; Olivier Pineau  
**Cc:** Cheryl Tataryn  
**Subject:** RE: Great Site Visit - 29 March 2017 (Halifax - GW)

Hi Gary,

it was indeed great to be able to do this. And indeed the one year in advance is great.

As we are moving across the country now for each national, it is important to plan in advance and also to benefit from the knowledge and experience of others to make for great events.

all the best to you and your organizing committee and I know that you will be doing a great job and we will have a great nationals in 2018.

Stéphane



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**From:** Craig Vokey <sc.vokey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** April 1, 2017 7:58 PM  
**To:** Gary Walsh  
**Subject:** National Championships 2018 thank you.

Dear Gary,

I want to take a moment and say how pleased Karate Canada is with the organization and the state of readiness for the 2018 National Championships to be held in Halifax.

As you know Mr. Stephane Rivest and Ms. Cheryl Tataryn recently attended Halifax for a site visit and reported back how excellent everything was and confirmed that all requirements for a successful national championships were in place including a suitable venue, hotels and transport as well as sufficient meeting rooms etc. Of course KNS will need to have a good contingent of volunteers but I have no doubt that this will not be a problem.

The co-hosting of a National Championships is no small task and I congratulate you and our organizing committee for having the vision to make the proposal, finding the venue, securing provincial funding and generally being very professional and a pleasure to work with. Having been a main organizer in several National Championships as well as the organizing committee chair for the 2015 Senior Pan American Championships in Toronto and the 2015 Pan Am Games (karate portion), I know first hand what a monumental task this is. Of course there will always be logistical hurdles but every year we get better.

Thank you and congratulations on your success and your vision and leadership with this project. Karate Canada looks forward to visiting Halifax with the 10 other PTSOs besides Nova Scotia that make up the federation.

Sincerely,  
Craig.



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