

ONTARIO SECURITY FORCES  
OLYMPICS '76

In late 1973, the province of Ontario became aware of its responsibilities for the games of the 21st Olympiad, which are scheduled to take place in the province during the summer of 1976. Yachting events will be held on lake Ontario at Kingston, while soccer elimination events are being played at Varsity Stadium/Toronto, and Lansdowne Park/Ottawa. Police forces at Kingston, Toronto and Ottawa as well as the Ontario Provincial Police, the Royal Canadian Mounted police and Canadian Forces, soon realized the magnitude of the task of protecting the athletes, olympic sites, VIP's and the general public.

In October 1973, an officer of the Ontario Provincial Police was appointed to represent the force in planning for the yachting events at Kingston from July 18th to August 1st, 1976. Shortly thereafter, joint-forces planning commenced. The chief security committee was formed and it comprised officers from the Kingston Police Force, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Canadian Forces and the Ontario Provincial Police. This was the first of many committees and sub-committees formed not only at Kingston, but also at Ottawa, Toronto and within the Provincial Government.

As the role of the chief security committee developed, the first task faced was to establish jurisdictional guidelines. Very early in the planning stage, the Kingston Police Force requested Ontario Provincial Police support in providing security during the period of the Yachting events.

Six hundred athletes, trainers, team managers and assisting personnel will be housed in the olympic village during the period of the games. It became apparent that the Canadian Forces would have to be called upon to assist in supplying personnel and expertise in order to provide an adequate level of security.

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In September 1974, a senior officer of the Ontario Provincial Police was appointed by the ministry of the solicitor general to act as provincial coordinator to oversee security operations within the province. The coordinator is also authorized to take command of all personnel assigned to the Kingston operation in the event of an emergency.

The city of Ottawa will host seven soccer games at the Civic Centre Stadium, Lansdowne Park, during the 1976 Olympics, and also the commencement of the olympic flame relay program from parliament hill.

The events will commence on July 15th 1976, when the Olympic flame relay leaves parliament hill on the selected route to the site of the games in Montreal. The Ottawa Police Force will provide security and traffic control while in the city of Ottawa and coordinate security and traffic control with area police Forces - Ontario Provincial Police, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Hull Police force and Vanier Police Force.

The civic Centre Stadium is located in the trapezium formed by the Queen Elizabeth parkway, Bank street and Holmwood avenue in the centre of Ottawa. It is situated approximately 135 miles from the olympic village in Montreal, Qué. It will be used for playing the preliminary and Quarter-final soccer games during the Olympic period.

The Stadium can accommodate 35,000 spectators with parking for 2,800 vehicles.

The Ottawa Police Force is responsible for security at Lansdowne Park, as well as traffic duties, crowd control outside the park, special services such as escort and security for athletes arriving from and departing for Montreal, intelligence officers, photographers, technical officers, bomb experts and criminal investigators. It has personnel trained for riot and crowd control and can provide fifty trained officers on short notice.

The Canadian Forces will have personnel available in Ottawa on a stand by basis for emergencies.

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The Royal Canadian Mounted Police will provide security for VIP's, assisted by the Ottawa Police.

The management of Lansdowne Park, in agreement with COJO, will provide private security personnel within the park.

The Ottawa Police Force is making arrangements for restriction of air space in the area of Lansdowne Park during the Olympic Games.

Metropolitan Toronto will host eight olympic soccer games, commencing sunday, July 18th, 1976 and concluding on Tuesday, July 27th, with a semi final game. Transportation for participants, from Montreal to Toronto, will be on chartered aircraft arriving daily at Toronto International Airport, they will use a predetermined location removed from the main area of activity. A combined force of police officers from Metropolitan Toronto and Peel region will assist the R.C.M.P. Airport security detail in ensuring that rigid security measures are carried out. Personnel from the department of National Defence will augment this security group.

From the Airport, they will be bused to and from Varsity Stadium under police escort, along routes subjected to security checks.

Players and officials will arrive at Devonshire House, a three storey structure within the University of Toronto complex. This building near Varsity Stadium is to be used as a day residence.

Players will have practice sessions on Trinity College soccer field prior to playing the actual games. The field lies between Devonshire House and Varsity Stadium and will be secured by Metro Toronto Police.

Varsity Stadium, where the games are to be played, is an oval structure with seating for 21,000 spectators. The Stadium will also be subjected to an extensive security check by bomb disposal officers, with particular attention given to the many officials', VIPs' and Athletes' rooms located under the west stands.

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Metropolitan Toronto Police will maintain a control room in the west side of Varsity Stadium, under the overall direction of their Headquarters operations room located at 590 Jarvis Street.

This force is creating a separate command structure to police the Olympic Games under the direction of the coordinator. Within this command structure, areas of responsibility are defined.

The Kingston Police Force is responsible for law enforcement within that city. This force is also assigned the task of providing security for the athletes between Olympic Village and Olympic Harbour, one mile distant, as well as investigation of criminal offences on both sites.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, assisted by Canadian Forces, will be providing security to participants at the racing sites on Lake Ontario. They will also give protection to various federal and international dignitaries who will visit Kingston during that period.

The Ontario Provincial Police supported by Canadian Forces, are responsible for athlete and site security at the Olympic Village and Olympic Harbour. The force will also secure twelve other vital points, which, if damaged or destroyed, would vitally affect the games.

Among these are:

Donald Gordon Centre at Queen's University, which will house the International Olympic Committee officials.

Others include utility and communication installations such as:

- a) Bell Microwave towers
- b) Water purification plant
- c) Hydro sites
- d) Water supply systems

In addition, the Ontario Provincial Police are to handle off-shore security of the seven mile water area between the harbour and the racing site.

Olympic village is a complex of five buildings in the Queen's University Campus. This will house the athletes and their support staff during the games. The village occupies one square city block and will be surrounded by a ten-foot chain-link fence. Additional perimeter lighting will be installed to upgrade security. At this site, the Canadian Force and Ontario Provincial Police will combine forces to provide protection. Access-control, search and internal security will be the task of the Ontario Provincial Police, while perimeter control will be provided by the Canadian Forces.

Olympic Harbour, in the final stages of construction, is on the shore of Lake Ontario about one mile west of the village. The harbour will also be enclosed with a ten-foot fence.

Forty-two from various countries will gather at this site to compete for olympic honours in five categories. The athletes will travel by bus between the village and the harbour. The administration building at Olympic harbour will contain offices for the press, hostesses and staff, who will administer the races and perform other functions such as sail-measuring and issuing supplies.

Police personnel from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Ontario Provincial Police will be billeted at Queen's University's Victoria Hall. This is an added plus for security of olympic village due to its close proximity.

In preparation for emergency situations, and to support contingency planning, resources from various forces are available. Included among these are:

1. Surveillance Units
2. Canine teams - trained in crowd control, tracking and explosive detection
3. Bomb disposal teams and vehicles
4. Air support
5. Marine support including scuba divers. The divers will receive specialized training at the Canadian Forces Base Halifax in detection of underwater explosive devices.

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6. Crowd control units, emergency task forces and tactical rescue units of the various forces have been trained to deal with:
  - a) Confrontations between the authorities and barricaded gunmen, or other individuals or groups bent on sniping, hijacking, kidnapping, terrorism, or hostage-taking.
  - b) To effect rescue missions under the most adverse conditions
  - c) To provide security in special VIP situations.
  - d) To supply additional support in other sensitive situations such as civil disturbance and disobedience.
  - e) To be deployed in any other situations where there is a need for a unique, well-trained, disciplined team.

Macbeth, Deputy solicitor general, is responsible for the safety of the games in the province of Ontario, is assisted by deputy solicitor general Mr. A.A. Russell. They are the direct political link between the Ontario and Federal Governments.

Without exception, the security forces involved in the 21st olympiad in Ontario recognize the seriousness of the task before them. We are fortunate in having that degree of harmony so necessary if we are to provide the high level of security that this task demands.