

Mr. Michael Savage (Dartmouth—Cole Harbour, Lib.):

Mr. Speaker, Halifax is abuzz as the Canada Games kicks off today. Athletes from across Canada gather in Nova Scotia to compete in 25 sports, to explore our beautiful province and to meet other young athletes and make lifelong friends. These will be fantastic games celebrating our best young athletes, but also celebrating Canada and featuring local culture and talent.

Congratulations to the organizers who have done a fabulous job preparing for these games. J.P. Deveau, a great Dartmouth boy, has worked tirelessly as chair of the board, Chuck Bridges as vice-chair, Chris Morrisey, the CEO, and their teams have ensured that these games will be fantastic now and leave a great legacy for our community. A year ago Canada was celebrating the Olympics, culminating in Nova Scotian Sidney Crosby's golden goals. Now we gather in Nova Scotia to cheer on our future Olympians.

Halifax is the place to be for the next two weeks. We will see people at the venues, at the oval, at Celebration Square and on the streets. Book tickets, get to the games. It is going to be rocking all the way through in Halifax for the Canada games.