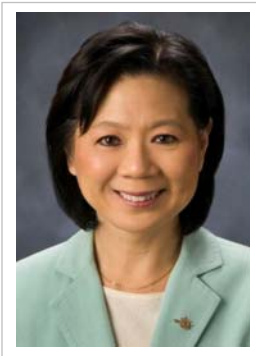




Message from the Honourable Ida Chong
Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development



It is a pleasure to welcome athletes, coaches and spectators to the “Tournament Capital” for the Women’s 18U National Club Championships from May 3 to May 6, 2012. I encourage everyone attending the championships to take the opportunity to explore Kamloops and everything it has to offer.

Over four days, some of the best young female water polo athletes from across Canada will compete. The level of play and their determination is a source of pride for the communities they represent, and the coaches and families who have supported them.

They are also important role models for our families, particularly young girls. The participants at these championships demonstrate the ideals of sport, such as respect and teamwork, and also show the benefits of being active. This is important to the long-term mental and physical health of our residents.

It takes planning and dedication to execute an event of this scale, and I thank the many organizers and volunteers who have donated their time. This is a wonderful gift to your community.

Good luck to the athletes and coaches taking part in this championship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ida Chong".

Ida Chong, FCGA
Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development