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WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL CANADA CONGRATULATES BILL JOHNSON ON COACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

(Ottawa, ON) Wheelchair Basketball Canada congratulates Bill Johnson, head coach of the Canadian Women's National Wheelchair Basketball Team, who was honoured Sunday with the Peter Williamson Memorial Award at the 2012 Coaching Manitoba Excellence Awards ceremony.

The Peter Williamson Memorial Award honours coaches who work with high performance athletes that compete at the national or international level.

"It is an honour to receive this award, especially considering the quality of coaches nominated," said Johnson. "I think this award is a statement to the progress and growth of our program more so than an acknowledgment of any individual achievements, and that makes me especially proud. Lastly, I think this award is also a reflection of the increasingly high profile of sport for people with disabilities in Manitoba."

The Coaching Manitoba Excellence Awards, presented by Manitoba Lotteries, aim to recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements and significant contributions coaches have made over the years to their athletes and their sport through coaching.

A native of Winnipeg, MB, Johnson took over head coaching duties for the Canadian women's team in 2009. He led the team to a bronze medal at the 2010 World Championships and a silver medal at the 2011 Parapan American Games. He will also be at the helm as Canada pushes for the podium at the 2012 Paralympic Summer Games in London, England.

For more information, visit: www.wheelchairbasketball.ca

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About Wheelchair Basketball Canada

Wheelchair Basketball Canada is the national sports governing body responsible for the organization of wheelchair basketball in Canada. It is a non-profit, charitable

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organization that is the Canadian member to the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF).

Wheelchair basketball is a fast-paced, hard-hitting, competitive sport that has emerged as one of the most competitive and athletic sports played at the Paralympic Games. Our senior national teams are held in high esteem around the world for the elite skill and control that placed them on the podium with a combined five gold and one silver medal in the last five Paralympic Games.

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