

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Paul Titanic to Join Team Ontario's Under-17 Coaching Staff**



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**Toronto** – Mike Futa, Ontario's under-17 Director of Operations, is pleased to announce the appointment of Paul Titanic as an assistant coach of Ontario's Provincial Under-17 Team. Mr. Titanic replaces Jacques Beaulieu, who has stepped down due to his recent appointment as Head Coach of the Saint John Sea Dogs of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

*"Paul, who is currently head coach of the Markham Waxers "AAA" Minor Midget team of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association, recently captured the Ontario championship and were crowned champions of the coveted OHL Cup. Paul is a professional educator, who has a tremendous coaching background, most notably as the head coach of the University of Toronto Blues from 1985 until 1995. His expertise and extensive knowledge will benefit our staff greatly as we prepare for the 2007 Canada Winter Games. I am very pleased that he has accepted this position and we look forward to his involvement",* stated Futa.

Along with head coach Marty Williamson and assistant coach Jason Brooks, Titanic will be preparing for the task of evaluating the 84 players who will be attending the upcoming Provincial Under-17 identification camp being held in Guelph Ontario from June 27-29, 2006. Their focus will be to identify and select twenty young men who will best represent Ontario at the 2007 Canada Winter Games event in Whitehorse, Yukon. The tournament is scheduled for February 25 – March 3, 2007.

The Ontario Under-17 program is an integral component of Hockey Canada's Program of Excellence and is facilitated through the Hockey Development Centre for Ontario's Under 17 Policy committee on behalf of its member organizations.

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