

### **BACKGROUNDER**

The Toronto 2017 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) is expected to be the largest sporting and cultural gathering of Indigenous Peoples in North America. The Toronto 2017 NAIG will host more than 5,000 participants, 2,000 volunteers and countless spectators for 14 sport categories being held within world-class venues located across the Greater Toronto Area, including the Region of Hamilton and Six Nations of the Grand River.

The 14 core sports of the Toronto 2017 NAIG include:

- 3-D Archery
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Canoe/Kayak
- Golf

- Lacrosse
- Rifle Shooting
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Wrestling
- Volleyball

### Past, Present, Future. #AllOne

The Toronto 2017 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) will unite individuals and communities across North America through sport to celebrate our past (*heritage*), present (*unity*) and future (*youth*). In the spirit of the NAIG movement, the Toronto 2017 NAIG strives to promote the unity of Indigenous Peoples across North America and that together, we are 'All One' - 'Past, Present, Future. #AllOne.'

### **Toronto 2017 NAIG Quick Facts**

- The Games provides Indigenous youth, aged 13-19, an opportunity to showcase their athletic abilities through 14 sport and to celebrate their heritage through numerous cultural events.
- Participating teams include all 13 provinces and territories of Canada, as well as 13 regions from the United States.
- Toronto 2017 NAIG marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Games and the first time in over 25 years the NAIG will be held in the Eastern Region of Canada.
- Venue Partners of the Toronto 2017 NAIG include:
- Allan A. Lamport Regatta Course
- Don Valley Golf Course
- Gaylord Powless Arena
- Iroquois Lacrosse Arena
- Hamilton Angling and Hunting Association
- Humber College

- McMaster University
- Toronto International Trap & Skeet Club
- Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre
- Turner Park (City of Hamilton)
- University of Toronto Scarborough
- York University

## **Toronto 2017 NAIG Government Funding Partners**

Funding from all levels of government towards the 2017 NAIG address key elements of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's *Calls to Action* and recognizes the Games as an important agent in promoting Indigenous sport development and recreation in Canada.

The significant contribution provided by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario, along with a major pledge from the City of Toronto, symbolizes financial and resource assistance from all levels of Government in support of the Toronto 2017 NAIG.

# Toronto 2017 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) Host Society

The Toronto 2017 NAIG Host Society is responsible for delivering and executing the Toronto 2017 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG), in the spirit of the NAIG Movement, by presenting a world class multi-sport and cultural event that promotes the power of sport and positively affects the lives of Indigenous youth and communities across North America.

The Toronto 2017 NAIG Host Society will ensure that the 2017 Games lives on through an enduring legacy providing hope, access and opportunity for the Indigenous Peoples of North America, and will deliver the best in-class Games experience possible.

Follow Toronto 2017 NAIG on Twitter and Facebook @naig2017to and join the conversation with hashtag #AllOne. Visit <a href="https://www.naig2017.to">www.naig2017.to</a> for more information.

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