



STAFF SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

2017 North American Indigenous Games

Date:	March 3, 2016
To:	Executive Committee
From:	General Manager, Economic Development and Culture General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Director, Equity, Diversity and Human Rights, City Manager's Office
Wards:	ALL
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report provides supplemental information on the 2017 North American Indigenous Games and a process for evaluating a request for City of Toronto support.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of Economic Development and Culture recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager of Economic Development and Culture to work with the Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario and consult with the relevant City Divisions and Agencies on ways the City of Toronto can support the 2017 North American Indigenous Games, including the development of an inter-departmental working group.
2. City Council direct the General Manager of Economic Development and Culture to work with the Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario on a formal request for financial support and report back to City Council.

Financial Impact

The Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario has financial responsibility for the Games through an agreement with the North American Indigenous Games Council. The City of Toronto bears no financial responsibility for the Games through this agreement.

There is no direct financial impact as a result of the adoption of the recommendations in this report, however the 2017 North American Indigenous Games bid document indicates a potential request for \$300,000 (\$100,000 cash and \$200,000 in value-in-kind) from the City of Toronto.

The formal support request from the Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario to the City is in development. Once reviewed by City staff including consultation with the relevant City Divisions and Agencies, a response will be developed including the appropriate levels of financial and in kind support and the time line for commitments to be made. Authority from City Council, including the source of any one-time funding, will be sought as appropriate in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

Following a presentation by the Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario on February 2, 2016, the Aboriginal Affairs Committee recommended to Executive Committee that: "City Council request the City Manager to identify sponsorship, promotion and support opportunities for the 2017 North American Indigenous Games which will be hosted in Toronto"

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.AA3.5>

Toronto City Council adopted the report "*Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Recommendations*" on December 9, 2015 which included a recommendation to "develop concrete actions to fully implement the calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission" Clause 88 of the Calls to Action states: "We call upon all levels of government to take action to ensure long-term Aboriginal athlete development and growth, and continued support for the North American Indigenous Games, including funding to host the games and for provincial and territorial team preparation and travel."

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.EX10.16>

ISSUE BACKGROUND

On June 26, 2015 the North American Indigenous Games Council announced that Toronto, through a bid from the Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario (ASWCO), was awarded the 2017 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG). The Games are governed by the North American Indigenous Games Council, a 26-member council with representatives from 13 Canadian provinces and territories and 13 US regions.

The Organizing Committee is led by the Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario with assistance from the Chiefs of Ontario, Mississaugas of New Credit First Nation and Six Nations of the Grand River. ASWCO has incorporated a Host Society and is in the process of hiring a General Manager, staff and adding board members.

The Games are a multi-sport event involving 3500 – 5000 indigenous North American youth athletes (ages 16 to 25). The Games also promote indigenous cultural activities, local indigenous history, and provide opportunities to experience traditional art, food, and crafts. Proposed dates are July 15 – 24, 2017.

Funding:

The Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario has financial responsibility for the Games through an agreement with the North American Indigenous Games Council. The total draft budget as presented in the bid document is \$9.5 million. The Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, has signed an agreement for \$3.5 million in event funding. An application to the Federal Government for \$3 million, through Canadian Heritage is pending. There is a specific Federal funding program for this event. The City of Regina received \$3 million from Federal Government for the 2014 North American Indigenous Games.

The bid document indicates a potential request for \$300,000 (\$100,000 cash and \$200,000 in value-in-kind) from the City of Toronto. No financial or in-kind commitments have been made and the City of Toronto bears no financial responsibility for the Games. ASWCO was developing a formal request for support to the City of Toronto prior to their presentation at Aboriginal Affairs Committee

Facilities:

The chart below lists the sports/activities and their proposed location. There are ten City of Toronto owned/operated facilities, through Parks, Forestry and Recreation, that were placed "on hold" during the bid process pending applications and agreements. They are the Allan Lamport Regatta Course/Toronto Islands, Don Valley Golf Course, and six ball diamonds in the North District.

The Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre, jointly owned/operated by the City of Toronto and the University of Toronto is also a proposed facility. Fourteen hotel and residence properties will be used for a total of 6,057 rooms.

Sport/Activity	Proposed Location (subject to approval)
DEMONSTRATION SPORTS	
Tennis	Aviva Centre – York University or University of Toronto – Scarborough (to be confirmed)
Cultural Exchange Sport Program (regional traditional sports)	York University
CORE SPORTS	
3D Archery	Six Nations of the Grand River
Athletics	York University Track and Field Centre University of Toronto - Scarborough
Badminton	University of Toronto - Scarborough

Sport/Activity	Proposed Location (subject to approval)
Baseball	University of Toronto - Scarborough
Basketball	York University, Humber College University of Toronto - Goldring Centre
Canoe/Kayak	Allan Lamport Regatta Course/Toronto Islands
Cultural Village	York University
Golf	Don Valley Golf Course
Lacrosse – Box	Six Nations of the Grand River
Opening Ceremonies	York University
Rifle Shooting	Oshawa Skeet and Rifle Club
Soccer	York University
Softball	York University Six City of Toronto ball diamonds in north district (Cummer Park, Goulding Park, Grandravine Park, Irving Paisley, Howard Talbot Park, Hendon Park)
Swimming	Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre University of Toronto - Scarborough
Volleyball	York University, Humber College University of Toronto - Goldring Centre
Wrestling	York University

COMMENTS

The Event Support Unit part of Film and Entertainment Industries of the Economic Development and Culture Division has been advising and working with organizers throughout the bid phase in spring of 2015 and now shifting to the operational phase.

Organizers and staff have engaged Tourism Toronto, the City Manager's Office and Parks Forestry and Recreation during the development of the bid and subsequent operations planning.

A Letter of Support from the Mayor, with no financial commitments, was sent to the Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario and the North American Indigenous Games Council in support of the bid.

There are benefits to Toronto hosting and supporting this event including:

- Event is consistent with the theme, and can be part of the celebrations of Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017, a pivotal milestone for our country. The overarching theme for Canada 150 is Strong, Proud, and Free – three words that define and characterize present-day Canada and allows us to connect with our past, celebrate who we are, honour our exceptional achievements, and build a legacy for tomorrow.

- Event benefits aboriginal youth and is a vehicle for social change in the community
- Over 36,000 Indigenous Peoples reside in the Toronto census metropolitan area (CMA)
- Supporting NAIG is a perfect tie in for Toronto to support the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action
- Significant tourism, economic and hospitality benefits of bringing 5000 aboriginal youth to Toronto for a 10 day period.

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