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Environmental Commitment for the Toronto 2017 North American Indigenous Games

The Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island (North America) have been caretakers of Mother Earth since time-immemorial; we understand the connection between the land, the water and ourselves. It is our responsibility to protect the life sustaining elements provided by Mother Earth.

As such, the Toronto 2017 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) Host Society recognizes that the protection of the environment is a key pillar in any event organized and hosted by the North American Indigenous community.

The Toronto 2017 NAIG environmental commitment includes conducting its business in compliance with and in the spirit of, required environmental laws, regulations and permits. NAIG works to continuously improve environmental performance in all of its operations.

Employees, contractors and sporting venues working with NAIG must comply with all applicable environmental rules and regulations.

Operations are managed in an environmentally-sensitive manner by emphasizing conservation through common sense measures such as reduction, recycling, reusing, housing athletes as close as possible to athletic venues, carpooling, minimizing waste and using electronic communications instead of paper, where and when possible.

The Host Society follows the principle that the natural resources not consumed are the most environmentally friendly. NAIG therefore, is using already built sport venues and residences (for its athletes) which negates the need for new major construction.

Some of the concrete examples of our environmental commitment are as follows:

- The Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre, the 2017 NAIG venue for badminton and swimming, is a certified LEED Gold building. The facility has over 5,000 solar panels and 100 geothermal pumps to heat its world-class pool.
- The York Lions Stadium which will host the athletics competition, is a certified LEED Silver building. This world-class athletic stadium has multiple energy, waste and water reduction practices and technologies in place.

The Toronto 2017 NAIG Host Society will endeavour to continually include environmental consideration in the design of sport schedules and venue choices for all NAIG activities. The commitment also includes continuous monitoring and feedback, in order to adopt a responsible and positive approach to environmental issues.

Sincerely,

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