

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT

OFFICIAL HOST FIRST NATION | TORONTO 2015 PAN AM /PARAPAN AM GAMES

The Mississaugas of the New Credit sign a historic protocol agreement.



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The protocol agreement naming the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation (MNCFN) the Host First Nation for the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games took place in Toronto on May 22, 2014. A special community celebration followed on June 2, 2014 at New Credit. In the above photo, “Pachi” the porcupine, the mascot for the Games joins TORONTO 2015 CEO Saad Rafi in congratulating Mississaugas of the New Credit Chief Bryan LaForme on the signing of the protocol naming the Mississaugas of the New Credit Host First Nation for the Games.

The Traditional territory of the MNCFN includes much of the Greater Toronto Area where the many of Pan Am/Parapan Am venues, including the CIBC Pan Am/Parapan Am Athletes’ Village are located.

THE COUNTDOWN
TO THE GAMES IS ON!

1 year to go!
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Chief Bryan LaForme and Premier Kathleen Wynne

Reaching a global audience

Games organizers are promising visitors a diverse selection of exhibitions, concerts and performances along with the sporting events. The planned cultural festival that will run parallel to the Games will give First Nation performers an opportunity to reach a global audience.

The organizing committee has made active First Nations participation a key component of the Games.

Let the countdown begin



An enthusiastic crowd filled Toronto’s Nathan Phillip Square and basked in glorious sunshine July 11th as the Cisco countdown clock began counting down the days until the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games.

With a majority of the competition sites located in Toronto, the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation (MNCFN), the honour of welcoming the world to the games fell to Chief Bryan LaForme.

“As Host First Nation, it is with great pride that I welcome you to the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit,” said LaForme. Chief LaForme told the crowd that the games were more than a sporting event and to be judged a success the games must engage youth and provide opportunities for cultural exchange.

“Most importantly, for us as Host First Nation, is the opportunity to tell our story and share our history and culture with the wider world. The TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games will provide a once in a lifetime opportunity to do just that. The countdown clock starts ticking today on what I am confident will be a memorable event,” LaForme concluded.

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Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne picked up Chief LaForme’s theme of the opportunity provided by the Games. “This is a wonderful opportunity for our city, our province and our country,” Wynne began.

“I’m thrilled to be here on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit. I want to acknowledge Chief Bryan LaForme and thank him for his support and his welcome to the traditional territory,” said Wynne.

The Premier sees the games as an opportunity to showcase Ontario’s youth. She added the Games will also “allow Aboriginal communities, as Chief LaForme said, to tell the stories that have not been told so well in this province and this country.” Wynne also declared, “The Games will be an opportunity to show off our beautiful province and our vibrant culture to over 250,000 visitors from around the world.”



Chief Bryan LaForme (back row second from right) joins Chair David Peterson (far right), Pan Am/Parapan Am Games organizers and “Pachi” the porcupine the Games official mascot for a group photo in front of the Cisco Countdown Clock.

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The importance of sport in our community

“I like the fact that lots of people are going to visit the area and be exposed to the local culture.” Lee Sault, Age 28

“I’m involved in sports because I like a challenge and meeting new people.” Holly Styres Age 25

Our opportunity as Host First Nation for the Games is tremendous. It allows us to bring our culture forward and tell our story. It is also an opportunity for our youth to get involved and aspire to athletic competition.” Max King, Retired Educator

“When you exercise your body, you exercise your mind and feed your spirit. By bringing the Games to our traditional territory it brings recognition to the Mississaugas of the New Credit and who we are.” Garry Sault, Elder

“Sports keep me active and it’s fun.” Treyden LaForme-Hess, Age 9



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Pan Am/Parapan Am

- The Pan Am Games take place from July 10 to 26, 2015 and the Parapan Am Games from August 7 to 15, 2015 in Toronto, Ontario the Official Host City.
- The Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation are the Official Host First Nation. This is the first time the Games have designated an Official Host First Nation.
- Many of the major Pan Am/Parapan Am venues are located on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation.
- The Pan Am Games are a high performance competition open to the athletes of North and South America, Latin America and the Caribbean.
- The Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) governs the Pan Am Games. PASO has 41 member countries.
- “Pachi” the porcupine, the official mascot for TORONTO 2015 has 41 quills which represents the 41 PASO members.
- This is the first multi-sport games held in Ontario since Hamilton hosted the British Empire Games in 1930.
- Canada has hosted the Pan Am Games twice before. Both times (1967 and 1999) Winnipeg Manitoba was the Official Host City.



(left to right) Chief Bryan LaForme joins para-athletes Jaye Milley, David Eng, Cody Caldwell, Virginia McLachlan, CIBC VP of Sponsorship Monique Giroux and Canada's Minister of State for Sport the Honourable Bal Gasol at the One-Year Countdown event for the TORONTO 2015 Parapan Am Games.

A bit about us...



Preserving the past and looking to the future.



The Mississaugas of the New Credit today

The Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation (MNCFN) was once a mighty and respected trading nation with the Europeans in and around an area, which included Port Credit and the City now known as Toronto. Today they occupy 6,000 acres of land in the townships of Oneida and Tuscarora, just off Highway # 6 near Hagersville, approximately one hour southwest of their original home on the banks of the Credit River. The MNCFN belong to the Anishinabe Nation, North America's second largest and the Three Fires Confederacy an alliance of the Ojibway, Odawa, and Potawatomi Nations.

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Get Involved... Volunteer

From TORONTO 2015

How cool would it be to play a role in bringing the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games to life? Very! And now's your chance for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! More than 20,000 lucky volunteers, just like you, will be at the heart of the Games. Along with getting a high-five from PACHI our mascot, volunteers will receive:

- A sneak peek of the Pan Am Games Opening Ceremony created by Cirque du Soleil.
- Access to exclusive TORONTO 2015 promotions and events.
- A discount on TORONTO 2015 merchandise.
- Games-time access to public transit with accreditation.
- Meals and refreshments during shifts.
- The opportunity to receive a volunteer certificate. (It will look great on your fridge!)
- Invaluable volunteer hours and work experience.
- The chance to meet international athletes, officials and sport association leaders.
- Comprehensive training to ensure you're well prepared and confident on day one.
- The opportunity to network, make lifelong friends and try your hand at something new.
- The chance to have fun and be at the heart of the hottest event in 2015.
- And if that's not enough, you'll also receive a snazzy uniform.

Musicians & Performers

TO2015 may require professional artists/performers to participate in events leading up to and during the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games. If you are interested in being considered for any such paid or unpaid opportunities — including participation in various official ceremonies, PANAMANIA, presented by CIBC, and/or performing at pre-Games announcements or community celebrations — please register yourself or your organization with TO2015 by December 31, 2014. MNCFN PAGS is here to help.

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Mississaugas of the New Credit Pan Am Games Committee

- Chief Bryan LaForme
- Councillor Stacey Laforme (Chair)
- Councillor Erma Ferrell
- Councillor Sharon Bonham



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