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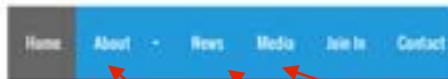
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Mr. Max King, Consultant, facilitated the Two-Day Forum.

Planning for the Games

When the Protocol Agreement was signed with Toronto 2015 naming the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation (MNCFN) the Host First Nation for the Toronto 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games there was much excitement. But what does it mean to be Host First Nation and what responsibilities does it entail?

To answer these questions, the MNCFN Pan Am Games Secretariat organized a Two-Day Forum (August 18-19) at the New Credit Community Centre. The Secretariat brought together the MNCFN Chief and Council, MNCFN department heads, Toronto 2015 officials and representatives from the provincial Pan Am Games Secretariat. Also included in the discussion were representatives from Fort York and Aboriginal Leadership Partners, charged with overseeing the planned Aboriginal Pavilion for the Games.

Mr. Max King, of New Credit, facilitated the Forum and Elder Garry Sault delivered the welcome. After opening presentations by the key players, the participants were divided into groups to discuss the protocol agreement by category. Roundtable discussions took place focusing on Arts and Culture, Economic Development, Host Events, Communications and Employment and Training.

A number of exciting proposals were presented for discussion by PAGS staff. They included the concept of a Three Fires ceremony to open and close the Games and the creation of a cultural village at Fort York.

The dialogue that took place and the relationships that were formed at the Two-Day Forum will guide and inform the efforts of the MNCFN's Pan Am Secretariat as they plan MNCFN participation in the Games.

Toronto 2015 Parapan Am Games Countdown



(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.

The one-year countdown to the opening of the Toronto 2015 Parapan Am Games has begun. To mark the occasion, Toronto 2015 Parapan Am organizers hosted a gathering at their Toronto headquarters on Aug. 7 to debut the new video—*Are You Ready?*—of para-athletes training to the beat of Electric Pow Wow, a track from A Tribe called Red's 2012 self-titled debut album.

The video featuring Canadian para-athletes David Eng, Danielle Kisser and Jaye Milley was given its public debut that evening on the Roger's Centre Jumbotron for Toronto Blue Jays fans, with para-cyclist Milley throwing out the first pitch of the game.

After welcoming everyone to the traditional territory, Mississaugas of the New Credit Chief Bryan LaForme began his remarks to the afternoon gathering by saying, "What a fantastic video. If you want to see true athletes the video has them. These guys and gals are tremendous."

Chief LaForme continued, "Just as naming a Host First Nation was an important step in making the Games more inclusive, honouring the achievements of Parapan athletes by hosting a stand alone Parapan Am Games shows TORONTO 2015 is committed to staging both the best and the largest Parapan Am Games yet."

Chief LaForme said, "The Games afford a prime opportunity to show we care as a society about making our society more accessible for those with disabilities and facing special challenges. If we build sports infrastructure that is accessible to everyone after the Games are over we will all be winners. Making the Games inclusive and accessible meshes with the Mississaugas of the New Credit's vision for the Games as one rooted in cultural sharing and respect for all people."

To watch the YouTube video *Are You Ready?* go to:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=8fz1ePUo00g

PAGS spreads the Pan Am message



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The Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation (MNCFN) Pan Am Games Secretariat (PAGS) unfurled its banners to spread the Pan Am message at this year's Three Fires Homecoming Pow Wow and Traditional Gathering.

The Pow Wow is New Credit's most important cultural event and PAGS staff were busy both days, handing out newsletters, holding draws for Pan Am Games merchandise and providing lollipops for the many children that thronged the booth. MNCFN Councillor Sharon Bonham, a member of the PAGS Committee helped PAGS staff field inquiries and answer the questions from interested community members. Over 700 Pow Wow visitors stopped by the booth over the course of the event, eager to learn about MNCFN's involvement in the Games.

During the Pow Wow, PAGS team had a booth set up for the MNCFN youth to fill out an entry form explaining why they would like to attend the show "Kurios" by Cirque du Soleil, as they supplied five complimentary tickets through Toronto 2015 Aboriginal Participation and Community Outreach Team. PAGS staff vetted the entries and selected four lucky winners. Everyone that attended stated that it was a spectacular and memorable performance. (See the results on page 7)

We were very happy that Pachi the porcupine, Toronto 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Games mascot, came to the Pow Wow to dispense hugs and join the dancing in the arbour. Toronto 2015 set up an information booth for a day and distributed Games promotional material.

Winners of TO2015 Merchandise from the MNCFN PAGS Booth

Saturday, August 23, 2014

Jane Fetterly, Josy Thomas, Christa Jonathan, Ethan Laforme, Sue Laforme, Lucia Zivaicoua, Mary Duschi, Tara White, Olivia Maracle Hill, Stephi Laforme, Cliff Lickers, Vic Stanley, Judy Jamieson and Kia Blackbird.

Sunday, August 24, 2014

Georgina Sault, Norma General-Lickers, Ashely Henry-King, Quentin Harrison, Becky General, Jose Jr. Campos, Kira Mitchell, Rosemarie Ferguson, Jeff Laforme, Evan Ertl and Gwen Hill.

Caring Together Week



As part of Caring Together Week the MNCFN PAGS organized a team obstacle relay race. Participants in the race received their own Pan Am Host First Nation T-shirt.



Wiley Jacko, 4, won the Pachi Colouring contest at the Pan Am Secretariat's Caring Together Week event.

Caring Together Week

Caring Together Week is an annual family fun event at New Credit with the purpose to promote community health and wellness education about various programs and services available in the community. This year the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation (MNCFN) Pan Am Games Secretariat (PAGS) organized an evening of games and sport related activities to raise awareness in the community about MNCFN's role as Host First Nation for the Toronto 2015 Pan Am/ Parapan Am Games.

Local caterers were encouraged to provide a food sampling menu of unique foods. Some of those samples included Swedish meatballs (Rachele King), wild rice with blueberries and maple syrup (Crystal King) and wild rice and buffalo (Carla Campbell) that were well received. The Pan Am Games is actively promoting local businesses to provide food services for the Games.

The highlight of the evening was the team obstacle relay race where participants had to navigate a challenging obstacle course before crossing the finish line waving Pan Am torches. All participants in the relay received a Pan Am/Parapan Am T-shirt. The winning team members were Darlene LaForme, Kelly Greene, Fran LaForme, Heather Kerst, Alysha Greene and Owen Greene. The PAGS team would like to thank the community volunteers that helped out and LSK Elementary School, Social Services and the Cultural Committee for donating equipment to the event. Jordan Jamieson provided the music.



Cirque du Soleil winners

Shawnee Spittal of 6Na Presidential Limousine holds the door for (left to right) Roma Mare (LaForme), Alexis King, Kaelyn Kelly and Syllas Brown as they leave New Credit for Toronto to attend a performance of Cirque du Soleil’s new show “Kurious.” The four lucky youth had entered a draw conducted by the MNCFN Pan Am Games Secretariat at the Three Fires Homecoming Pow Wow and Traditional Gathering.

Chefs de Mission

Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation (MNCFN) Chief Bryan LaForme addressed the PASO Chefs de Mission Seminar Sept. 17.

PASO is the Pan Am Sports Organization and is the governing body for the Games. The Chefs de Mission seminar was an opportunity for the representatives of the 41 competing Pan Am countries to receive an update from the Toronto 2015 Organizing Committee on preparations for the Games.

Chief LaForme welcomed the delegates to the traditional Territory of the MNCFN. As Host First Nation for the Games the MNCFN is responsible for welcoming athletes and visitors to the Games.

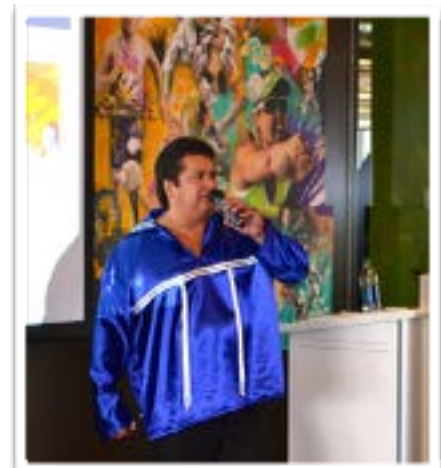


On Common Ground Festival

Fort York hosted the On Common Ground Festival Sept. 20-21 to celebrate the opening of their new Visitor Centre.

This Multifaceted festival included music, dance, theatre, multi-media installations, storytelling, crafts, kidzone, green zone and local food.

The Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Pan Am Games Secretariat took the opportunity to set up an information booth at the festival to promote and create awareness of the Pan Am message.



LIDA

Seminar

Councillor Stacey Laforme delivered a luncheon talk to educate the Toronto 2015 staff as part of the Leadership, Inclusion, Diversity and Accessibility (LIDA) speakers series on Sept. 22.

He presented the video “A Sacred Trust” which gave him the opportunity to talk about our history, culture and our ties to the land. 7

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- **Councillor Stacey Laforme (Chair)**
- **Councillor Erma Ferrell**
- **Councillor Sharon Bonham**



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