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INDIGENOUS
PARTNERSHIP
FRAMEWORK

INTRODUCTION

In its Transformation 2022 and Transformation 2022 Refresh Strategic Plans, Commonwealth Sport emphasizes the goal of positioning itself as a progressive leader in sport and social change, with a vision of creating peaceful, sustainable, and prosperous communities across the Commonwealth.

A necessary way to realize this vision is for host cities to partner with Indigenous peoples to ensure that Indigenous communities and organizations benefit from, and are included in, every stage of the planning, implementation, and execution of the Commonwealth Games.

As such, establishing a meaningful partnership with Indigenous peoples is a Commonwealth Games 2030 Indigenous Partnership Framework FINAL - #45532186v2.docx foundational element of Hamilton’s bid for the 2030 Commonwealth Games. Such a partnership is meant to reach beyond reconciliatory commitments and to deliver on key components of the Commonwealth Charter, the Commonwealth Consensus Statement on Promoting Human Rights in and through Sport, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action, and the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals.

It further represents a foundation on which the City of Hamilton’s commitment in creating mutual responsibilities towards meaningful reconciliation through the action items of the City of Hamilton’s Urban Indigenous Strategy. The UIS was developed through collaboration with the Urban Indigenous Community recognizing that action items # 34 and 35 speaks to increase opportunities for Indigenous and non-Indigenous residents to play Indigenous sports and recreation activities and to work with local Indigenous communities to host major sports events for Indigenous athletes.

As we continue to develop recognition of Indigenous peoples who have occupied this territory and who continues to make many diverse, social and economic contributions to the community, we need to seek action towards commemoration and contributions.

The within framework will guide the development of this proposed partnership (the “**Proposed Partnership**”) through a process of engagement.

VISION

To collaborate and engage with local Indigenous governments, communities, and organizations to deliver a transformative 2030 Commonwealth Games that showcases and celebrates First Nations, Metis, and Inuit cultures, knowledge, and history.

MISSION

- To ensure that Indigenous voices and perspectives are represented and adopted at each stage of the planning, implementation, and execution of the 2030 Commonwealth Games through a process of engagement;
- To leverage the 2030 Commonwealth Games as a means of educating athletes, attendees, and viewers about the original people of Turtle Island by sharing their diverse cultures, rich ways of life, traditions, songs, business development and partnership opportunities, and craftsmanship;

- To highlight Indigenous peoples’ skills, knowledge, and cultural sport management abilities in planning and hosting premiere international events; and
- To ensure that the 2030 Commonwealth Games provide an impactful and beneficial legacy that responds to the needs of local Indigenous communities and organizations.

VALUES

The Proposed Partnership will be based on, and guided by, the core values of respect, reciprocity, responsibility, relationships, accountability, authenticity, transparency, and sharing.

FACILITATING ENGAGEMENT

The development of a meaningful partnership with Indigenous peoples will be accomplished through a process of engagement with the leaders of local Indigenous communities and organizations.

In order to facilitate this process of engagement, an Indigenous Partnership Collective (“IPC”) will be formed to act as the touchpoint for collaboration between Indigenous peoples, the Hamilton 2030 Bid Corporation, the Commonwealth Games Federation, Commonwealth Sport Canada, and any other interested party.

Members of the IPC will meet on a regular basis and will vote on important issues related to the planning, implementation, and execution of the 2030 Commonwealth Games. Decisions rendered by the IPC will represent the input of Indigenous peoples on Games-related issues and will be presented to the appropriate bodies as needed.

The IPC will develop internal governance and leadership protocols to guide its collaborative efforts leading up to and during the 2030 Commonwealth Games.

CREATING BENEFICIAL OUTCOMES

A meaningful partnership should result in mutually beneficial outcomes for all parties involved.

In considering the 2030 Commonwealth Games, the potential outcomes for Indigenous peoples fit neatly within Commonwealth Sport’s mission to: (i) deliver inspirational sporting moments; (ii) nurture a powerful sporting movement; (iii) activate transformational partnerships; and (iv) realize collective impact.

By delivering on these four mission items, the Proposed Partnership should be understood as a mutually beneficial arrangement whereby Indigenous peoples, the host city of Hamilton, and the Commonwealth Sport Movement share in reciprocal benefits.

The Proposed Partnership has the potential to deliver on Commonwealth Sport’s four mission items by facilitating the following non-exhaustive list of outcomes for Indigenous peoples. These items are examples of possible outcomes, however the process of engagement discussed above would invite a more detailed exploration of these and other opportunities:

i) Delivering Inspirational Sporting Moments

- Commonwealth Sport aims to be inspiring and impactful through its decisions, actions, and narrative and aims to deliver world-class events that have real community relevance and benefits;

- The 2030 Commonwealth Games will see the sport of Lacrosse—the Creator’s game—played as a full medal status competition for the first time;
- As part of this competition, the Iroquois Nationals Men’s Lacrosse team and Haudenosaunee Women’s Lacrosse will be eligible to qualify in both the men’s and women’s division, representing the first time that athletes will have the opportunity to compete for a medal in the Commonwealth Games under the umbrella of the Haudenosaunee Nations; and
- The Lacrosse competition will be hosted on the reserve lands of Six Nations of the Grand River, thus tying the sport back to its cultural roots. Hosting the Lacrosse competition on the reserve lands of Six Nations of the Grand River will have lasting and positive impacts on the community.

ii) Nurturing a Powerful Sporting Movement

Commonwealth Sport aims to implement decisions and activities that adhere to universal principles of good governance. This is underpinned by a strong commitment to, among other things, diversity, accessibility, and inclusivity.

- The IPC will have representation on the Hamilton 2030 Bid Committee and the Organizing Committee Board of Directors, which will contribute to a more diverse, accessible, and inclusive governance structure; and
- The IPC will play an important and essential role in decisions related to the planning, implementation, and execution of the 2030 Commonwealth Games.

iii) Activating Transformational Partnerships

Commonwealth Sport aims to generate value, to have a positive social impact, and to gain recognition as a contemporary, progressive, and positive force for good.

- Indigenous-led sports organizations will be positioned to build relationships and partnerships with leaders in the regional and international sports world; and
- The 2030 Commonwealth Games will present opportunities for strategic broadcasting partnerships with Indigenous broadcasting companies such as APTN and other regional media partners;

iv) Realizing Collective Impact

Commonwealth Sport aims to use the power of sport to respect, protect, and promote human rights, to uphold the highest standards of integrity and transparency, and to nurture long-term sustainable development.

- Through the Proposed Partnership, a surplus of Indigenous-led businesses will be positioned to leverage the 2030 Commonwealth Games as a means of securing contracts in a number of employment areas;
- An Indigenous Pavilion will be established in a prime location during the 2030 Commonwealth Games and will serve as the epicentre for sharing Indigenous cultures, knowledge, traditions, businesses, collaborative partnerships, and craftsmanship;
- A dedicated number of staffing and volunteer positions for the 2030 Commonwealth Games will be provided to members of Indigenous communities, along with skills based training;

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- The IPC will be involved in planning and executing the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2030 Commonwealth Games to ensure an authentic representation of Indigenous peoples in both events;
- Infrastructure/housing development will take place within on-reserve and urban Indigenous communities;
- A legacy fund will be established which will, among other things, support Indigenous youth development initiatives and provide academic athletic scholarships for Indigenous students; and
- Additional outcomes/initiatives as recommended by the IPC.

ALIGNING WITH THE UNITED NATION'S SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Proposed Partnership is not only aligned with the goals of Commonwealth Sport, but is also aligned with important international goals towards sustainable development. In particular, the Proposed Partnership intersects with the following United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals:

- To end poverty in all its forms everywhere;
- To ensure healthy lives and promote well being for all at all ages;
- To ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all;
- To promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all;
- To build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation;
- To reduce inequality within and among countries;
- To make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable; and
- To promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels.

CONCLUSION

Partnering with Indigenous peoples is a necessary component of a successful 2030 Commonwealth Games. Doing so ensures that Indigenous voices and perspectives are represented, adopted, and implemented at all phases of the Games and that that benefits are passed on to Indigenous communities that address their specific needs.

Such a partnership aims to exceed the reconciliatory efforts of previous Games and looks to establish relationships of reciprocity. In doing so, Commonwealth Sport’s stated vision can be realized while celebrating the diverse cultures, history, and traditions of local Indigenous communities.





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