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WELLAND CO-HOSTS 2017 NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES WITH TORONTO

Welland, ON - The North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) opened at the Welland International Flatwater Centre (WIFC) on July 18 and will continue to excite spectators with competitions in Canoe/Kayak until July 20. While athletes must have Indigenous ancestry to participate and compete in the Games, members of the general public are encouraged to attend the NAIG as spectators and supporters.

The NAIG is a multi-sport, multi-disciplinary event, involving Indigenous youth from Canada and the United States. Competing athletes must be between the ages of 13-19. The Games offer 14 sport competitions in addition to a vibrant cultural program that showcases Indigenous cultural artists and performers from across North America.

“The NAIG is important to First Nation communities across North America as it provides young athletes an opportunity to compete at a premium event,” said Niagara Regional Councillor and Métis, Paul Grenier. “The WIFC is an excellent venue, and we can be proud of our contribution to this important competition.”

Held for the first time in Edmonton 27 years ago, the NAIG has been hosted every three to six years in North America. The NAIG is organized by the NAIG Council, which is the International governing body for the NAIG. The Council ensures that philosophies reflect all aspects of the games. For more information on the North American Indigenous Games visit naig2017.to.

PHOTO: Niagara Regional Chair Alan Caslin and Niagara Regional Councillor Paul Grenier present medals to Male 16U at the NAIG.



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