



2019 INDIGENOUS
ATLANTIC GAMES
HALIFAX • NOVA SCOTIA

Project Description

- New initiative **organized in collaboration with the four Atlantic based Provincial/Territorial Aboriginal Sport Bodies** (New Brunswick, Newfoundland & Labrador, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island).
- **Will bring together Indigenous youth aged 18 and under** for the purposes of cultural enrichment and physical training which will be achieved through educational sessions, meaningful competition, and cultural celebrations.

Project Description

- **Will take place from July 11th-14th, 2019** at Saint Mary's University and Citadel High School.
- **Approximately 400 individuals are anticipated to partake** in the inaugural Atlantic Indigenous Games and experience the positive benefits of sport and community in a comfortable yet challenging environment.

Goals & Outcomes

- The following goals and outcomes have been identified by the organizing committee:
 - Improved physical health
 - Reduction of at-risk behaviour
 - Increased employability
 - Increased cultural vitality

Community Connection

- Fall one year away from the 2020 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) which will also be hosted in Halifax, Nova Scotia. In collaboration with the Province of Nova Scotia a one year out celebration will be organized that will incorporate Mi'kmaq performers and recognition of perspective NAIG athletes.
- Tremendous opportunity to provide well deserved recognition of the potential of our Indigenous youth in the Atlantic region and connect the community to upcoming events.

Growth Plan

- Intention is to host the Games bi-annually on a cycle throughout the Atlantic provinces.
- Games currently propose 5 sports within competition (athletics, badminton, beach volleyball, basketball, & volleyball). Desire is to grow the Games to include a greater number of sports