



*That the City of Victoria supports, in principle, a bid by local First Nations for the 2020 North American Indigenous Games, contingent on sustaining funding, as set out by the NAIG Council bid requirements, from the provincial and federal governments.*

*That once sustaining provincial and federal funding has been confirmed, the City of Victoria enter into conversation with the Host Nation about the details of the City's administrative, in-kind and/or financial support.*

The North American Indigenous Games Selection Committee reviewed and approved the Songhees Nation's expression of interest, allowing the Nation to proceed to the next, final phase of the bidding process. On February 26, 2018, Chief Ron Sam and the Songhees Nation Leadership formally announced their Nation's bid for the 2020 NAIG. Present at that announcement were elected representatives from Oak Bay, Saanich, Esquimalt, Highlands, Langford, Colwood, among others. Provincial government MLAs and staff were also present, along with business leaders.

At that announcement, Chief Sam spoke to the economic impact of the NAIG, referencing the financial benefits accrued by Greater Toronto from the 2017 NAIG, in the range of \$44 million. Further analysis by the 2020 Bid Committee proposes a draft budget for the games with expenses in the range of \$11 million, based on extrapolation of games budgets from Toronto (2017), Cowichan (2007) and Victoria (1997).

For the final bid package, due March 31, 2018, the host Nation must include clear expressions of financial support from their partners. Requests for such support have been submitted to all municipalities within the region, the provincial and federal governments, and select corporate, media, and other sponsors. Follow up to those requests is ongoing.

Assuming a successful bid, the province has been asked to provide significant funding to support the 2020 NAIG. The federal government is expected to match this funding.

It is now time for the City to consider its financial support for the 2020 North American Indigenous Games.

## **MOTION**

That, should the Songhees Nation be awarded the 2020 North American Indigenous Games, the City of Victoria will:

1. contribute to the 2020 NAIG up to \$225,000 in each of its 2019 and 2020 budget years, from 2018 and 2019 budget surpluses;
2. encourage its municipal neighbours to contribute per capita amounts of the same range (approximately \$2.50/per person for two years);
3. work with the 2020 NAIG organizing committee(s) to facilitate use of city sports facilities as needed.

Respectfully submitted,



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