

Government of Canada statement 2015

Sport Canada, like any other federal government organizations referred to in the Commission report, is currently analyzing the recommendations. It should be noted that the Government of Canada has supported Aboriginal sport in Canada in different ways since 2006, including the participation of approximately 7,000 Canadian Aboriginal youth in the North American Indigenous Games of 2008 (Cowichan BC) and 2014 (Regina, SK) and the hosting of these Games in Canada with an investment of over \$7 million in funding combined.

In addition, a portion of the annual funding for Federal-Provincial/Territorial bilateral agreements (approximately \$5 million) is used to increase the capacity of Aboriginal sport bodies and the participation in sport of Aboriginal peoples across Canada.

Sport Canada has also provided for the development of an Aboriginal Long Term Participant Development Resources that are culturally accessible and has supported fourteen national sport organizations to increase sport participation and physical literacy that target Aboriginal peoples. Additionally, through funding provided to the Canada Games Council and the Coaching Association of Canada, a number of initiatives have been developed to support Aboriginal coaches.

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The Government of Canada is exploring options of how to more fully respond to the Truth and Reconciliation's Calls to Action, five of which are specific to sport and recreation. As of November 2015, all federal ministerial mandate letters, including that of the Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities, include the priority that "it is time for a renewed, nation-to-nation relationship with Indigenous Peoples based on recognition of rights, respect, co-operation, and partnership."

Through Sport Canada, the Government of Canada provides financial support and policy direction in many ways to foster the active participation in sport by Indigenous Peoples. This includes funding through the Sport Support Program and Hosting Program that support initiatives to enhance participation and capacity in Indigenous sport, Federal-Provincial/Territorial (F-P/T) bilateral agreements, funding to Multisport Service Organizations to support Indigenous coaching development and leadership skills, and Sport Canada's Policy on Aboriginal Peoples' Participation in Sport. In addition, Sport Canada is engaged with the Aboriginal Sport Circle to address the need for a "national" voice that speaks for Indigenous Peoples and working with provinces/territories and Indigenous groups to develop a pan-Canadian Indigenous sport approach.

As well, in May 2016, the [Government announced up to \\$3 million in funding](#), through Sport Canada's Hosting Program, for the Toronto 2017 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG). This funding recognizes the Games as an important vehicle to promote Indigenous sport development and recreation in Canada and reinforces the Government's support for Canada's Indigenous athletes and the role they play in inspiring their community members to enjoy the benefits of regular physical activity.