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LACROSSE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 2021 CANADA SUMMER GAMES

St. Catharines (ON) -- Today, the Honourable Kirsty Duncan, Minister of Science and Sport for the Government of Canada, announced the inclusion of Lacrosse as a Sport event in the upcoming 2021 Canada Games which will take place in Niagara.

As the Minister responsible for Sport Canada, Ms. Duncan announced that the 2021 Canada Games Lacrosse competition will be Box Lacrosse format, and will feature both male and female teams.

The proposed Canada Games Park facility will be home to the Lacrosse competition during the 2021 Canada Games; and will leave a legacy for the Niagara Lacrosse community, as well as host future national and international competitions, and advanced development programming.

"We are elated that Canada's national summer sport has been included in the 2021 Canada Games. Niagara has long been a centre for Lacrosse and we look forward to celebrating this with our Indigenous community," said Doug Hamilton, 2021 Canada Games Chair. "The Lacrosse facilities planned at our proposed Canada Games Park will help ensure that we provide a critical and lasting legacy for Lacrosse."

The Canada Games Council is also elated at the announcement by Sport Canada regarding the addition of Box Lacrosse to the 2021 Canada Games in Niagara.

"Adding a culturally vital sport like Lacrosse to the Canada Games sport programme is just one way we can contribute to the Truth & Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action related to sport," said Evan Johnston Chair of Canada Games Council Board of Directors. "We are grateful for the Government's continued support and look forward to working with Niagara 2021 and our partners across the country to implement this exciting pilot project."

The 2021 Canada Games will take place from August 6th to the 22nd at venues and facilities across the Niagara region. In addition to 18 sporting events, the 2021 Canada Games will celebrate Canadian & Indigenous Cultures in all 12 Niagara municipalities with a series of Festivals and Event programming leading up to, and during the Games. The

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2021 Canada Games will also provide an unprecedented opportunity to further unify Niagara with the planned participation of 4000 volunteers, as well as proposed infrastructure builds and upgrades to facilities across Niagara which will leave behind a permanent legacy, transforming Niagara in the process.

About the 2021 Canada Games Host Society (2021 CSG)

The goals of the 2021 Canada Games Host Society are to:

- Provide a phenomenal experience for the athletes and other participants at the 2021 CSG—an experience that will propel their development, allow them to perform their best and inspire them to dream big;
- Provide a legacy of sport infrastructure and programs that are vital for Niagara, Ontario, and Canadian sport development;
- Provide a legacy of infrastructure, community programs and unify a spirit that will be transformative for Niagara; and
- Provide an unmatched podium and partnership for the Canada Games Council to build upon the success of previous Canada Games and strengthen the Canada Games property.

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