

MEDIA RELEASE

ST. CATHARINES WINS BID TO HOST THE 2020 MINTO CUP

The Canadian Junior A Championship will take place in St. Catharines at the same time as the U16 Boys & Girls Canadian Box Lacrosse National Championships.

January 14, 2020 (St. Catharines, ON) – The Niagara 2021 Canada Summer Games Host Society, in partnership with the City of St. Catharines and the St. Catharines Junior A Athletics Lacrosse Club, are pleased to announce that St. Catharines has been chosen to host the 2020 Minto Cup, which will take place in August 2020.

Bid presentations were made to the Ontario Junior A Council (OJALL) on Sunday, January 12, 2020. The St. Catharines bid group was successful in beating out Brampton and Mimico for the right to not only host the 2020 Minto Cup, but gain an automatic entry into the tournament. The tournament will feature the top Junior A teams from BC, Alberta, and Ontario, rounding out the field to four teams.

“It’s super exciting,” St. Catharines Athletics president Paul Coates said. “Obviously the A’s are a community organization. We don’t have an individual owner so the fact we can get everybody in the community involved, led by our board, is simply fantastic. The legacy we hope to be able to leave once the event is over is an incredible opportunity and we can’t be more excited. Economically for the city it’s going to be great. The number of people the Minto Cup will attract will be significant.”

At the same time as the Minto Cup, St. Catharines will also host the U16 Boys & Girls Canadian Box Lacrosse National Championships, which will take place at the Seymour Hannah Sports & Entertainment Centre. By accommodating both the Minto Cup and the U16 National Championships, there’s an unprecedented opportunity to showcase the game of lacrosse in Niagara, and as such the HOC will host a one week lacrosse festival in St. Catharines to celebrate lacrosse at the grassroots and cultural levels.

“Given the rich history of lacrosse in Niagara, combined with the new athletic facilities being built at Canada Games Park, we believe St. Catharines and Niagara can be a hub for lacrosse in Canada. Hosting the 2020 Minto Cup and U16 Boys & Girls Canadian Box Lacrosse National Championships advances that vision,” said Doug Hamilton, Board Chair of the Niagara 2021 Canada Summer Games Host Society.

Recruiting volunteers will be crucial to the success of both events. “There are 1500+ kids playing minor lacrosse at all levels across Niagara. That, combined with the St. Catharines A’s Double Blue Alumni and the Old Boys Lacrosse organization, we feel we have an excellent pool of volunteers to draw from who are very passionate about lacrosse,” said Dan Pilon, Vice President of the St. Catharines Minor Lacrosse Association.

Both events will commence on Saturday, August 15, 2020 and run through Saturday, August 22, 2020.

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About the Niagara 2021 Canada Summer Games

At the peak of Niagara's boldest summer yet, more than 5,000 young athletes and their coaches will gather to compete for the podium in Canada's largest multi-sport event. On its road to glory, this shining generation of hopefuls will leave its mark on our community and on the country – transforming, inspiring, and unifying us all through the power of sport.

As ambassadors of Niagara's unrivaled warmth and compassion, thousands of volunteers will play host to the nation. The Niagara 2021 Canada Summer Games will celebrate the wonder of sport alongside arts and culture. The Games will honour our indigenous communities, and showcase a remarkable heritage of hard work and innovation in one of the world's most awe-inspiring destinations.

With world-renowned hospitality, the people of Niagara will welcome visitors from across the country. Spirited events, spectacular entertainment, and the theatre of elite competition will spark new energy in the region as our streets, skies, and waterways shimmer with ceremony and celebration that is befitting of Canada's best young athletes.

From August 6th to 21st, 2021, Niagara will surge stronger than ever on the national stage. The Games will give rise to a new legacy of ambition, confidence, and compassion that will inspire generations to come. For further information, visit us at niagara2021.ca or follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram (@2021canadagames).

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