

Indigenous Games bid fails for Six Nations

Winnipeg gets the nod to host 2002 NAIG Games

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OHSWEKEN - The Six Nations and their partners will not be the host of the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) in the year 2002.

That honour has been given to the city of Winnipeg, who beat out Six Nations and Kahnawake for the successful bid, and will host the Games when they return to Canada in that year.

"We had the co-operation of a lot of people with this bid", said Chief Wellington Staats at a news conference held at the Six Nations council chambers Sunday morning. "We thought we did a whale of a job. It was very disappointing when we heard the news that we would not be hosting the Games."

The Six Nations and their partners, made up of groups from New Credit, Hamilton and Brantford, received word on Sunday from the Indigenous Games council that their bid was unsuccessful.

"It was a let-down, very disappointing", said Six Nations Parks and Recreation director Cheryl Henhawk, in discussing her reaction when she heard the news from the NAIG council. "On a positive though, we had the support of the entire community in this bid, they all came out to show their support and that in its' self was excellent."

Chief Staats echoed Henhawk's comments, expressing his thanks to all committee members involved in the bid and the community as a

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Six Nations Parks and Recreation director Cheryl Henhawk and Six Nations Chief Wellington Staats were not all to thrilled at the news they received Sunday morning that the North American Indigenous Games were given to Winnipeg instead of Six Nations and their partners. photo courtesy of The Brantford Expositor