



FACT SHEET

About the Four Host First Nations



The Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games are being held within the traditional and shared traditional territories of the Four Host First Nations (FHFN) — the Lil'wat, Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh.

The Four Host First Nations are official hosts of the 2010 Winter Games. This is the first time in history that Indigenous Peoples have been recognized as full partners in an Olympic and Paralympic Games by the International Olympic Committee.

The Four Host First Nations have together formed the non-profit FHFN Society, and established a Secretariat to coordinate our collective efforts as host Nations. Together with the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC) and our other 2010 partners, we are working to achieve unprecedented Aboriginal participation in the 2010 Winter Games.

Building Partnerships

The FHFN recognized the importance of their involvement early in the bid process, and are proud to have played an integral role in formulating and mounting a successful campaign, which culminated in Vancouver being awarded the 2010 Winter Games on July 2, 2003.

Since then, we have continued to be active partners in the planning of the Games. In 2005, VANOC and the FHFN signed a protocol that formalized our commitment to work in partnership to ensure that the Games are successful, our communities benefit, and opportunities to participate are extended to First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples across Canada.

We are proud to have the support of the Assembly of First Nations, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and Métis National Council, as well as a number of local and regional Aboriginal groups.



An Invitation to the World

In 2006, we had the honour of inviting the world to Vancouver at the Closing Ceremony of the Olympic Winter Games in Torino. This invitation was extended by Lil'wat Chief Leonard Andrew, Musqueam Chief Ernie Campbell, Squamish Chief Bill Williams and Tsleil-Waututh Chief Leah George-Wilson, along with Chief Gibby Jacob, a Squamish Councilor and Hereditary Chief who also serves on the VANOC Board of Directors.

Each member of the audience was asked to witness the Chiefs' invitation and carry it home with them to share with their friends and family.

The FHFN Logo



The FHFN logo symbolizes the FHFN mission: to represent the Nations and to facilitate engagement between the Nations and VANOC in order to ensure that the Games are successful, and that the Nations' languages, traditions, protocols and cultures are meaningfully acknowledged, respected and represented in the planning, staging and hosting of the 2010 Winter Games.

The logo reflects the unique culture and spirit of the FHFN, respecting each other and working cooperatively together, united within the circle of life. The rim of the logo represents the Creator and our ancestors, watching over a human face representing each of the four Nations.

In the centre, four feathers point to the cardinal directions — north, south, east and west — inviting and welcoming the athletes and peoples of the world to come to the 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver. The feathers can also be seen to symbolize our arms stretched up and open, welcoming and extending respect to all visitors. It is the tradition of our people to welcome visitors, or to compliment for something well done, by saying: "I hold my hands up to you."

More Information

For more information, please visit fourhostfirstnations.com.

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Aboriginal Artisan Village and Business Showcase
Dunsmuir Street and Hamilton Street, Vancouver
February 12-28, 2010
10am – 10pm

2010 Aboriginal Pavilion
West Georgia Street and Hamilton Street, Vancouver
February 12-28, 2010
10am - midnight