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# ONTARIO SUMMER GAMES COMING TO MISSISSAUGA IN 2022

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The Ontario Summer Games are coming back to Mississauga.

After hosting the multi-sport event in 2016, the provincial government has chosen Mississauga to host the Games again in 2022.

Lisa MacLeod, minister of heritage, sport, tourism and culture industries, joined Mayor Bonnie Crombie, other members of Mississauga city council and Mississauga MPPs to make the announcement at Brae-ben Golf Course on Tuesday, Dec. 17. The Games will take place from Aug. 11-14, 2022.

"We pride ourselves on our ability to host large-scale sporting events like these," Crombie said in a news release. "I want to thank the province for choosing Mississauga. We can't wait to welcome Ontario's top athletes, their coaches, families and fans to our great city in 2022."

MacLeod described Mississauga as "a diverse, welcoming and energetic city that embodies Ontario as



City of Mississauga photo

Lisa MacLeod (centre), Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Cultural Industries, joined Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie and other members of city council on Tuesday, Dec. 17, to announce Mississauga has been chosen to host the 2022 Ontario Summer Games.

the world in one province."

Following the 2016 Games, Mississauga hosted the 2018 Ontario 55+ Summer Games. The province will invest \$1 million for the Games and is expecting an economic impact of \$5 million, with 6,000 visitors anticipated over the four-day event. City spokesperson Catherine Monast said that \$550,000 is required from the city to offset staffing and administration of the Games.

She added that \$275,000 in both 2021 and 2022 will be requested from the Municipal Accommodation Tax — Tourism Projects Reserve Fund in the 2021-2024 business plan and budget cycle.

The Games occur every two years, with the 2020 event scheduled in London from July 30 to Aug. 2. It includes a wide range of sports, such as golf, baseball, soccer, cycling and more.