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Let's welcome Team Indigenous Canada players, coaches at Dorval Airport tomorrow (Friday) morning

For immediate release

(Kahnawake – 5, Kentenhkó:wa/November 2015) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to offer congratulations to Team Indigenous Canada for their hard-earned gold medal in soccer at the inaugural World Indigenous Games held in Brazil over the past couple of weeks.

The final group of players and coaches will be arriving at Pierre Elliot Trudeau International Airport in Dorval tomorrow (Friday) morning. Chief Carl Horn is asking community members to join family and friends to welcome the team when they return at 9:30am.

"This is a team that took on the home team Brazil in front of 8,000 fans to win a world championship," said Chief Horn, whose portfolios include sports and recreational activities. "The entire community is proud of their amazing accomplishment and we thought it would be fitting to give them a bit of a 'welcoming committee' when they return to show our appreciation. So, for those people available on Friday morning, we hope you'll join in show our appreciation for their efforts."

Kahnawà:ke's Wynona Cross, Melody Horn, Lylee Horn, Tiorahkose Jacobs, and Rachel Leborgne, along with Assistant Coach Harry Rice, are among the gold-medal winners. Young women from Kahnawà:ke, Akwesasne and Kanesatake comprised a significant portion of Team Indigenous Canada.

Approximately 2,000 athletes from 22 countries participated in the Games.

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