

## PLAY

## Softball

## Indigenous Games for Storm girls

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Myrah McLaughlin was shocked when she opened her email to see she made Team B.C. for the 16U Female Softball team at the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) in Halifax this summer.

"I (was) honoured that I had been chosen to be on the team," McLaughlin said after she heard the news.

The Games are for young athletes 13-19 years old and take place every four years. This year's event will host 16 sports with over 5,000 Indigenous athletes, with 535 from B.C., coaches and team staff from over 750 Indigenous Nations.

McLaughlin told the *Now-Leader* that she is excited to show young athletes and Indigenous kids that anything reaching this level of play is possible. McLaughlin, who lives in Cloverdale, is Odawa from Wikwemikoong First Nation.

After finding out she made the team, she texted her teammate Sophie Col-



Myrah McLaughlin, right, and Sophie Colligan pose for a photo at Sullivan baseball park on April 29, 2023 (Photo: Anna Burns)

ligan, who had also tried out for the team. Colligan made the team, too.

"I'm just really excited that I even get to play with my teammate," said Colligan, who is a Newton resident and Anishinaabe from the Tallcree Nation, in northern Alberta.

McLaughlin, 16, and Colligan, 15, have played

with the same Surrey Storm team and coach for the past seven seasons.

Kyle Chase has been coaching the two girls since the first time they ever picked up a softball. He has watched the girls put in the hard work to get to where they are today.

"It's been just absolutely incredible to see how they've turned out in the

past few years," he said.

Mika Butler, from another Surrey Storm team, will also be heading to the games with the 19U softball team.

■ The success for Surrey Storm does not stop there.

The organization's 06A team travelled south to Kent, WA, April 29-30 to compete in the Alliance Qualifier.

The team was undefeated and took home first place.

They scored 48 runs and only allowed four runs against them, according to Suzanne Milley. She told the *Now-Leader* in an email that the team "played incredibly well both offensively and defensively, including an amazing over-the-fence catch by centrefielder Caitlyn Dent."

Haydn Milley was awarded the tournament MVP. She pitched 12 innings with 26 strikeouts and only 2 earned runs, batted .465 with a grand slam.

The team will travel to southern California at the end of July to compete in the Alliance Fastpitch Championship.

## City Centre

## Register now for 2nd Surrey run in September

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A run that emphasizes fun and exercise over competition will return to Surrey streets this September.

Registration has opened for the second annual Run Surrey Run, to welcome walkers, joggers and serious runners to a 5K loop in City Centre on the morning of Sunday, Sept. 10. Those who want to do the 10K version of the run will do the loop twice, starting and ending at Holland Park.

Run Surrey Run is open to novice and experienced walkers and runners of all ages and levels of endurance. A three-day virtual version of the run will also be held online again for a third year, from Sept. 8-10.

Registration and other details are found on RunSurreyRun.com, and photos of past events are posted on facebook.com/runsurreyrun.

"Our vision was, and still is, to create a signature event to attract people to Surrey and promote health and



Medal from the virtual Run Surrey Run in 2021. (Photo: Facebook.com/runsurreyrun)

fitness while supporting local communities," said Gurjinder Bhurji, founder and race director.

"With the encouragement and support of our Community Partner RBC, the City of Surrey and other generous sponsors and community volunteers, we look forward to showcasing our world-class city once again and bringing together the strength of our community for the health and

benefit of all."

The first in-person Run Surrey Run was held last September. The COVID-delayed 5K/10K road race was supposed to get off the ground in 2020, but was paused until a virtual kickoff was held in the spring of 2021.

In 2018 Bhurji created a survey to gauge public interest in launching a Surrey version of Vancouver's Sun Run, and she says the response was very positive, especially from those in the local running community.

By 2020, with a June event planned that pandemic year, Run Surrey Run organizers were keen to have a road circuit that showcases Surrey's downtown area, and the involvement of both walkers and runners.

"It's all about health promotion, too," Bhurji said in 2020. "When you see someone out running or walking, it's motivational – you know, 'Hey, I can do that too, and want to do that.' We see it when we're out running. That's what this event is about."



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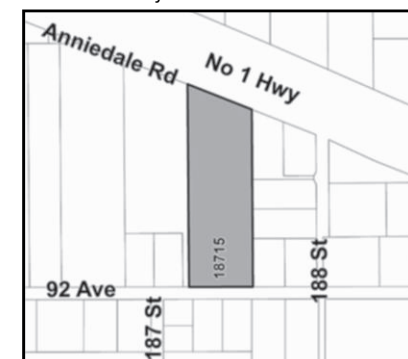
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NOTICE OF TEMPORARY USE PERMIT

At the Monday, May 15, 2023, Regular Council - Public Hearing meeting, commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 13450 – 104 Avenue and live-streamed on www.surrey.ca, staff is recommending that Council support the issuance of the following Temporary Use Permit:

Permit No.: 7923-0072-00  
Location: 18715 - 92 Avenue

Purpose of Permit: The applicant is seeking approval to permit the storage of steel (including pipes, rebar and beams) as well as the parking of approximately 12 oversized trucks and trailers for a period not to exceed three years.



Additional information may be obtained from the Planning & Development Department at (604) 591-4441. Copies of the Temporary Use Permit and related documents may be viewed at City Hall Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or online at surrey.ca.

**Temporary Use Permits are not subject to a formal Public Hearing process; therefore, you would not appear before Council in person to speak on this item.**

Comments regarding Temporary Use Permits are received in writing and are reviewed by Council in advance of the meeting. If you wish to make a written submission, please contact the City Clerk by online form, fax, email or regular mail no later than Monday, May 15, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Written comments may be submitted as follows:

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