



# IROQUOIS CAUCUS

## Iroquois Caucus Welcomes the FIFA World Cup

### **For Immediate Release**

(June 8, 2026) The Iroquois Caucus welcomes the FIFA World Cup to Tkaronto, now called Toronto, the ancestral lands of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois).

In the coming days, our lands will become a gathering space where countries, communities and cultures come together in the spirit of competition. We wish the athletes success and celebrate their achievement of competing on the world stage.

Throughout the event, we invite visitors from across the world to enjoy all Kanadario (Ontario) has to offer, while remaining respectful towards one another and our lands. We encourage everyone to take the opportunity wherever possible to learn about the First Peoples of this land.

We hope that every guest leaves with lasting memories and a sense of connection to Kaná:ta, which we now call Canada.

### **The Story of Our Names:**

The name "Toronto" is derived from the Kanyen'kéha (Mohawk) word "Tkaronto" which translates to "where there are trees standing in the water."

"Ontario" is from the Kanyen'kéha (Mohawk) word Oniatari:io (or Kanadario). It translates to "beautiful lake" or "sparkling water."

The name "Canada" originates from the Kanyen'kéha (Mohawk) word Kaná:ta, which means "town" or "village."