

Border crossing tips for the 2018 Akwesasne Powwow September 8-9, 2018

The Cornwall border crossing is located in the City of Cornwall at the base of the north span of the Seaway International Bridge.

When travelling from the United States to the [Akwesasne Powwow](#) at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena (Turtle Dome) on Cornwall Island, travellers are required to **report directly** to the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) border crossing in the City of Cornwall. Even though you must drive past the turn-off to the arena, you have officially entered Canada and must present yourself at the border crossing. This is required under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* and the *Customs Act*.

Once you have been processed by the CBSA, you will then be able to continue on to the arena. Individuals who fail to **report directly** to the CBSA upon entering Canada and proceed directly to the arena will be subject to appropriate enforcement policies and sanctions.

The CBSA is working to ensure our operations are optimized for the Akwesasne Powwow. At times, the popularity of the event is likely to cause an increase in traffic and border wait times. There may be other events occurring on either side of the border, which could also impact traffic volumes and wait times. Plan ahead to add some additional travel time to your itinerary to account for increase traffic volumes when entering Canada from the United States during the tournament so you don't miss any of the action.

To help speed up your border crossing and keep wait times low, we encourage you to:

- Have [proper identification](#) for you and your family readily available. Acceptable forms of identification for entry into Canada include a passport, a [NEXUS](#) card and an enhanced driver's license.
- Be sure you are [admissible](#) to Canada. If you have been convicted of a crime, including driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, you may not be allowed to enter Canada.
- Plan ahead, download the [CanBorder digital app](#) and check the Cornwall [border wait times](#) online.
- Make sure your purchases or items coming into Canada are not on a list of [prohibited goods](#).
- Pay attention to organic products among your goods. Declare any [foods](#), [plants](#), [animals](#) or other products such as untreated wood to the border services officer.
- Know that if [travelling with pets](#), dogs and cats that are three months of age or older need valid signed and dated certificates from a veterinarian verifying vaccinations against rabies. Service dogs are exempt when accompanied by their owners.
- Declare all money or currency equal to or over [CAN\\$10,000](#). It is not illegal to bring such amounts into Canada, but you must declare it on arrival.
- Declare [firearms or weapons](#) when you enter Canada. Failure to do so means border services officers may seize the weapons, and file criminal charges. Most weapons are prohibited from entering Canada, including tasers.



It is important to note that despite the fact that cannabis (marijuana) will become legal and regulated in Canada in the near future, it will **remain illegal** to take cannabis across Canada's national borders, whether you are entering or leaving Canada.

For more information, visit www.cbsa.gc.ca.