



**CAPITAL DISTRICT SCOTTISH GAMES  
THE SCHENECTADY PIPE BAND LTD.**



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To Family, Friends and Supporters:

The Capital District Scottish Games for 2020 has been canceled due to Covid-19. This was not an easy decision for the Executive Board as we felt the overall protection of the participants and supporters of the games is our number one concern.

Some of the committees that assisted us making our decision were:

**Bands and Individual Competitors:** The time sensitive requirements for coordinating the many bands and individual competitors during early registration, compiling events and sending out notifications for the day are very time consuming. Since many bands are unable to practice and events have been canceled across the country there is no expectation that these dedicated players would come to our games.

**Music/Entertainment:** Getting our entertainment set for the year is another challenging job. The search for bands for a Scottish event in our area has had our chairperson become very creative at making the necessary contacts. Getting bands from Scotland and Canada this year when the borders are closed and travel from abroad is limited if not close to impossible to obtain.

**Food/Import Vendors:** The committee who need to coordinate with the vendors attending to make sure all licenses from the Health and Tax department are in order and up to date. Vending has its own new rules that in a mass gathering they may have difficulty in fulfilling.

There were many more groups that assist us in making these games function, the above are only a few of them.

The Altamont Fair has been gracious in working with games to meet all the requirements placed upon us in an attempt to have the games, but the confusing requirements and constant changing of the opening dates have made it impossible.

In addition to all the work the committees has done, the news has assisted us in making our decision, a quote from the Times Union Newspaper: "What was considered desirable and exciting – a three-deep bar at happy hour, a sold out concert- will, for a time at least, prompt caution from many, fear for others and, among some complete avoidance until a vaccine" is proven.

There is no way I can express our disappointment we had in making this decision.

To everyone who supports the games, **thank you** for your continued support and we will make the 2021 games that much better. Keep the new dates of **September 4 thru 5, 2021** for the return of the Capital District Scottish Games.

Sincerely,  
Peter Plourde  
CDSG Chairman