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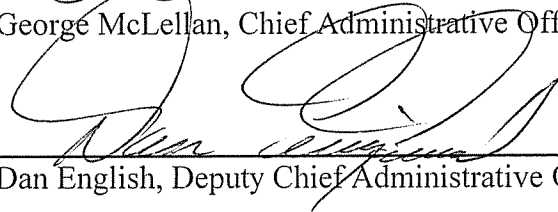
Halifax Regional Council
January 25, 2005

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer



Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: January 11, 2005

SUBJECT: 2011 Canada Winter Games Bid Proposal

ORIGIN

Staff

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Endorse HRM's bid to host the 2011 Canada Winter Games; and
2. Approve a withdrawal in the amount of \$20,000 from the Special Events Reserve (Q315) for bid preparation.

BACKGROUND

Nova Scotia has been awarded the 2011 Canada Winter Games. The Province of Nova Scotia through the office of Health Promotion, and the Canada Games Management Group, have distributed the Technical Information Guide for the 2011 Canada Winter Games for parties interested in tendering a bid for the games.

DISCUSSION

The Games will take place in February of 2011 and will be two weeks in duration. A host region will be expected to accommodate:

- 3500 Athletes, Coaches and Trainers
- 450 Technical Officials
- 400 Media and Broadcast
- 6,000 Guest and VIP's

Sporting events for winter games typically include, but are subject to review:

Boxing	Ice Hockey (M,F)	Figure Skating (M, F, Pairs)
Table Tennis	Judo	Ringette
Short Track Speed Skating	Gymnastics	Badminton
Fencing	Archery	Shooting
Alpine Skiing	Cross Country Skiing	Wheelchair Basketball
Free Style Skiing	Long Track Speed Skating	Curling
Squash	Synchronised Swimming	Biathlon
Snowboarding		

Bid Process

To participate in this process, municipalities must ensure their submission is received by the Sport and Recreation Division no later than the specified deadline; and that it meets the minimum standards in each phase. The Technical Information Guide detailed three phases for the bid process as follows:

Phase I Deadline is January 31, 2005 - Care and Comfort

Bid requirements for this phase include:

- Care and Comfort of athletes, coaches, managers, mission staff, VIP's, Official, media and visitors (accommodations and food).
- Agreements in principle must be provided by the institutions and businesses where facilities would be used during the time of the Games

- Documentation outlining how the organization will address Care and Comfort will be reviewed by staff of the Sport Recreation Division of the Office of Health Promotion.

Proposals from Municipalities that do not meet capacity and the minimum standards cannot participate in any further phases in this process. Review of Phase I submission by the Sport and Recreation Division will be complete by February 11, 2005.

Phase II Deadline March 31, 2005 - Technical Operations

- Sport venues, transportation, broadcast, and media centre, results centre and accreditation.
- Agreements in principle must be provided from the institutions, and facility owners.
- Documentation outlining how the organization will address technical operations will be reviewed by staff of the Sport and Recreation Division of the Office of Health and Promotion.

Proposals from Municipalities that do not meet capacity and the minimum standards cannot participate in any further phases in this process.

Phase III Deadline April 30, 2005 - Further Development on the preliminary bid

- Remaining Municipalities will be given the opportunity to attend a Canada Games Host Seminar.
- Review of preliminary bid submission by the Sport and Recreation Division will be complete by June 30, 2005

In the fall of 2005, after the review of the preliminary bids, municipalities that have demonstrated their capacity in Phase I and Phase II of the process will be given the “Bid and Procedures Requirements” as provided by the Canada Games Council. This will formally initiate the Municipalities to be part of the final bidding process for the 2011 Canada Winter Games. Final bids will be received by the Province between January and April of 2006. The site selection decision will be announced by the Minister responsible for the Office of Health Promotion in the fall of 2006.

Venues

The Technical Guide stipulates a host bid must have a minimum of the following facilities:

- Four “Professional quality Arenas” - including a major one for Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Assorted additional practice arenas
- Four quality double gymnasia
- Outdoor Facilities - alpine/cross country skiing/biathlon/free style skiing/snowboarding
- Sport Specific - Curling/Short track and speed skating/squash/synchronized swimming

Currently HRM is well resourced to support this level of games. The Municipality has a number of well located multi-district facilities for the sporting events, a number of universities to support athletes and technical villages, as well as an adequate supply of arenas.

Bid Committee

Looking forward, the success of an HRM bid will depend on partnerships with facilities, institutions, the sporting community, the private sector, and the volunteer community. Once Council endorses the bid, staff will be appointing a Bid Committee through Events Halifax.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funding in the amount of \$20,000 is available in the Special Events Reserve Q315. The budget availability has been confirmed by Finance.

If HRM is the successful proponent, the municipality will be expected to contribute not less than \$2M towards the games. The exact amount of HRM's share and cash flow will be determined by the structure of the final bid and will be subject to Council's approval.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating and Capital budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation. If approved, it will increase the 04/05 Reserve withdrawals.


ALTERNATIVES

Council could choose not to endorse HRM's bid to host the 2011 Canada Winter Games. This is not the recommended alternative.


ATTACHMENTS

None

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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January 19, 2005

Mr. Dan English
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Dear Mr. English:

I would like to confirm Saint Mary's University's full support for the efforts of the Bid Committee to secure the 2011 Canada Winter Games for Halifax. This is an exciting prospect for Halifax and the Atlantic Region – a region that is well known for its welcoming of visitors. Halifax has gained an enviable reputation for hosting international events of which the G7 is an example in 1995 and more recently, the city has served as the venue for many international athletic events. One of the key elements has been the commitment of volunteers from all parts of the community. The professionalism that is present in the region and the volunteers will ensure that the infrastructure and logistics are in place make to the Games a tremendous success and a world beater.

Saint Mary's University is committed to outreach and I am pleased to confirm that we are committing our campus of residences, athletic facilities, conference centre and meeting rooms to the Games. In particular, we have the capacity to host the "Athletes Village". If Halifax is chosen, we would be very pleased to work with the Canada Bid Committee to develop our infrastructure in line with the needs of the Games. In short, Saint Mary's University is totally committed to this bid.

The Canada Winter Games in Halifax will provide a legacy for the whole region. We can guarantee that the athletes, coaches and administrators will receive a very warm welcome and will, upon leaving vow to return.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Colin Dodds".

J. Colin Dodds, Ph.D.
President