

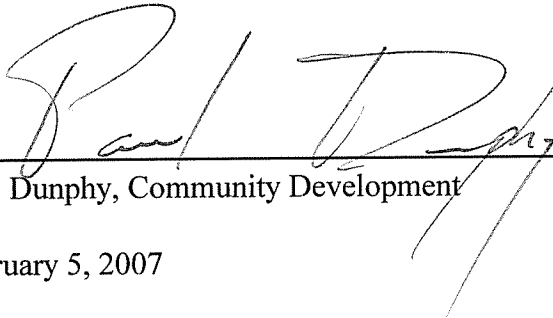


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Halifax Regional Council
February 13, 2007

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



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DATE: February 5, 2007

SUBJECT: 2011 Canada Winter Games Update

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

- Staff Report dated January 25, 2005, in which Council approved HRM moving forward with **Phase I** of the Canada Games Bid
- Staff Report dated March 29, 2005, providing information on **Phase II** of the Bid
- Staff Report dated May 24, 2005, providing information on **Phase III** of the Bid
- In Camera Staff Report dated April 25, 2006
- Staff Report dated October 24, 2006: Council adopted the Terms of Reference and budget for the Bid Committee process.
- Staff Report dated November 7, 2006 providing information on the Bid Process
- Staff Report dated December 8, 2006: Council approved the 2011 Canada Winter Games budget and authorized staff to submit the bid for the Games
- Staff Report dated January 16, 2007: Council approve the Canada Games Hosting Standards as set out in Appendix C of the 2011 Canada Winter Games Submission Guide

BACKGROUND

The Halifax Regional Municipality was selected to compete with two other communities; the Highland Region and Hub Central Nova, for the 2011 Canada Winter Games. Written Bid Documents were due on December 28, 2006. As part of the evaluation process, the Canada Games Council visited each Bid Community to determine their ability to host the Games and see first hand each community's asset based strengths. HRM hosted the Canada Games Council visited on, January 19, 2007. On Friday, February 2, representatives from the Canada Games Council and Premier Rodney MacDonald announced, during a news conference, that HRM was the successful candidate to host the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

DISCUSSION

Since the announcement that HRM is the successful community to host the 2011 Canada Winter Games, there are several short term objectives which will have to be met over the next several months. These objectives include:

Transfer of Knowledge Program in Whitehorse, Feb. 23 to March 10, 2007

Each year the Canada Games are hosted, the future hosts are invited to attend as observers, providing the opportunity to see an actual Canada Games, considered a primary learning and development experience for all future Host Societies. Future Host Societies need to ensure they allocate the proper financial, human and other resources necessary to maximize the learning and developmental experiences provided by participating in the Games Observer Program.

Over the past few months, in preparation for the 2007 Canada Winter Games transfer of knowledge program, the Department of Health Promotion & Protection (HPP) has been working with the Canada Games Council (CGC) to coordinate logistics, and facilitate 7 to 10 individuals representing the 2011 Host Society to participation at the 2007 Games in Whitehorse.

HPP has coordinated the following components to assist with Halifax's participation:

- Travel to Whitehorse
- Accommodations in Whitehorse
- On site ground transportation
- Accreditation
- Access to meetings and functions throughout the duration of the Games
- The Canada Games Council Transfer of Knowledge program

As part of the HPP contribution to the 2011 Host Society, accommodations, ground transportation and Team NS uniforms will be provided as Value in Kind. This contribution will be rolled into the total provincial contribution that will eventually be outlined in the Multi-Party Agreement to be signed between governments, the Canada Games Council and the 2011 Host Society. The HPP VIK contribution towards the 2011 Host Society's participation at the 2007 Games is approximately \$17,000.

Development of a Governance Structure for the 2011 Canada Winter Games

Although not fully developed to date, the Games will be governed by a non profit Host Society. The Host Society is a local body responsible for the planning and delivery of the 2011 Canada Winter Games. The Society will be mandated to organize, manage, promote, finance and conduct the Games on behalf of the Government of Canada, the Province of Nova Scotia and the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Typically, the Host Society will have several committees that make up the Management Committee and guide its activities throughout the planning and delivery of the Games. In addition, the Host Society will hire a Chief Operating Officer who will report to the Management Committee. Up to 100 staff could be employed by the Host Society by the time the Games are held. In addition, approximately 5500 volunteers will be recruited by the various division and committee chairs to actually deliver the Games.

HRM staff, representatives of the HRM bid committee and the Canada Games Council will be working over the next couple of months toward developing a Host Society for the 2011 Games. The Canada Games Council's previous experience will be invaluable, as they have witnessed a number of variations of governance around hosting the Games, and can make recommendations specific to HRM's needs.

HRM Resources required to Begin Games Preparation in 2007/08

The announcement that HRM is the successful host for the 2011 Canada Winter Games came just in time for resourcing requirements to be built into the HRM 2007/08 budget and business plan. As with all EMT Strategic Priorities, the required deliverables will be coordinated between members of the senior management team then reflected in each units business plan. Consideration will be given to delivering on the 2011 Games priorities, while maintaining core service delivery. Prioritization and capacity planning will be paramount throughout the process.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications identified at this time.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

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

ATTACHMENTS

Newspaper article, Globe and Mail, February 3, 2007

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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2011 Canadian Winter Games awarded to Halifax

Attachment

Games are latest in line of championships contested in the Maritimes' largest city

BY JAMES CHRISTIE

Halifax is turning into the sports capital of Eastern Canada.

Yesterday, the Canada Games Council selected the Nova Scotia capital, population 380,000, to be the host of the Canada Winter Games in 2011. It's the latest in a line of major championships to be contested in the Maritimes' largest city.

"From the time that the bid books were received in the fall of 2006, we knew that the 2011 Games were in good hands in the province of Nova Scotia," said Sue Hylland, the council's president and chief executive officer.

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For the Canada Games, Halifax will welcome national-level athletes to compete in 20 selected sports. It will build on extensive experience in organizing sports as a host city. In the 1990s, the city played host to world figure skating championships. In 2003, it had the world junior hockey tournament and in 2004 the women's world hockey championship. Last month, the Canadian figure skating championships were held there, while 2007 will bring the world indoor lacrosse championships and 2008 the men's world championship of hockey. The city also has a strong bid in place for the Commonwealth Games in 2014.

The Canada Games Council policy allowed Nova Scotia to submit a maximum of three bids for consideration as a host for the Games in 2011.

The three bid communities entitled to present a bid included the Highland Region (Antigonish), Hub Central Nova (Truro) and Halifax Regional Municipality.

Those three committees submitted bids by Dec. 28 and evaluation teams visited each for a day in Jan-

uary.

Each community was scored based on its bid book and site visit on the core areas of Games village; revenue generation, sports venues; volunteer capacity and legacy.

Halifax had the highest overall score in technical hosting standards and leadership and competency, the council said.

The Halifax bid will now choose individuals to act as representatives to attend the Canada Winter Games in Whitehorse from Feb. 23 to March 1 to take advantage of the mentoring program offered by the council.

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Held once every two years, alternating between summer and winter, the Canada Games represent the highest level of national competition for the next generation of national team athletes and future champions.

The Games have been in every province at least once since their inception in Quebec City during Canada's centennial in 1967.

The Commonwealth Games bid is in its stretch run in a race against Glasgow and Abuja, Nigeria. From June to August, the Commonwealth Games Federation's bid evaluation commission will visit the potential hosts.

It will publish its report in September. Candidate cities will make their final presentations to the general assembly of the Commonwealth Games Federation in Sri Lanka, and a vote will take place.