

Staff Report

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Report Date: January 7, 2021
Meeting Date: January 12, 2021 – Joint Advisory Committee
To: City Manager
From: Director of Community Services
Subject: BC Winter Games

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek the support of the North Cariboo Joint Advisory Committee (the Committee) and the CRD Board of Directors for a bid by the City of Quesnel to host the BC Winter Games February 22 - 25, 2024.

SUMMARY

- The City of Quesnel is interested in submitting a bid to host the BC Winter Games in February 2024.
- The deadline for the bid submissions for the Games is February 19, 2021.
- Hosting the Games will require the use of multiple sites including sporting venues as well as locations for the opening and closing ceremonies and places to accommodate and feed the athletes during the Games.
- In order to host the Games, the City will require considerable community support and as part of the bid submission will need to demonstrate that partnerships are in place with the School District, the Regional District, Local First Nations, sport organizations, venue operators, and other stakeholders.
- The use of NCRP facilities will be essential to hosting the Games, most notably the West Fraser Centre and Arena 2 but there are also events that may use the Arts and Recreation Centre.
- To host the Games, the community is required to contribute \$55,000 in kind and \$55,000 in cash.
- The Games celebrate youth sport and present a unique opportunity for Quesnel to showcase its event hosting capability and quality facilities and amenities like the West Fraser Centre.
- The City is requesting that the Committee support the City's bid and that the in-kind contribution and cash contribution required of the host community come from the North Cariboo Recreation and Parks budget in 2024.
- There is no expectation that CRD staff will be required to assist in the administration or hosting of the Games.



FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- If approved, \$55,000 will be budgeted in 2024 to host the Games.
- Additionally, a \$55,000 in-kind contribution in the form of facility use to host the Games and City (NCRP) staff time to support the Games will be required.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the North Cariboo Joint Advisory Committee support the City of Quesnel's bid to host the BC Winter Games February 22 - 25, 2024 and that the Cariboo Regional District include a cash contribution of \$55,000 and an in-kind contribution of \$55,000 in the North Cariboo Recreation and Parks budget in 2024 to support hosting the Games in Quesnel.