



City of
Peterborough

To: **Members of the Committee of the Whole**

From: **Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services**

Meeting Date: **March 7, 2016**

Subject: **Report CSRS16-001**
2020 Ontario Summer Games

Purpose

A report to inform of the opportunity for the City of Peterborough to host the 2020 Ontario Summer Games.

Recommendations

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSRS16-001 dated March 7, 2016, of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

- a) That Staff be directed to provide a Letter of Intent to the Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport expressing the City's interest in submitting a bid to host the 2020 Ontario Summer Games; and
- b) That Staff report back to Council at a future date, with recommendations on whether or not to submit a bid to host the 2020 Ontario Summer Games.

Budget and Financial Implications

There is no immediate budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of this report. Submitting a Letter of Intent does not commit the Municipality to submitting a bid. It provides an opportunity to consult with the Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport (MTCS) to discuss aspects of the bid and ensure that the community can put forth the best bid possible. Financial implications of submitting a bid will be addressed in the subsequent report referred to in recommendation (b) of this report.

Background

Since 1970, the Ontario Games have brought together some of the best athletes in Ontario in their pursuit of achieving excellence in sport. The Province of Ontario and the Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport (MTCS) have released the bid guidelines for the multi-sport Ontario Games taking place between 2018 and 2021.

In 2015, the MTCS assumed direct delivery of the Ontario Games Program. Several changes have been implemented to make hosting the games more attractive to Municipalities, such as Hosting Grant amounts, Deficit Guarantor and Legacy Fund, Host Community Supports and Revised Bid Timelines. Details of these changes can be found in the Ontario Games Bid Guidelines document, found in the attached Appendices “A” & “B”.

Starting with the 2020 Ontario Winter Games, host selection will take place three years in advance of the hosting Games versus the traditional two years. The intent is to provide the host municipalities with extra time to prepare for hosting the Games.

Letter of Intent

Municipalities interested in submitting a bid for any of the five games are required to submit a letter of intent to the MTCS in accordance with the timelines identified in the Ontario Games Bid Guidelines document. The deadline for the 2020 Summer Games is February 28, 2017. Submitting a letter of intent does not commit a community to submitting a bid, it provides an opportunity to consult with the MTCS to discuss the aspects of bidding and to ensure the best bid possible is put forth.

Staff believe it is prudent to secure direction from Council as early as possible, to allow time for a comprehensive review of the Games requirements and to determine the viability of submitting a bid.

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Attachments:
Appendix A – Ontario Games Bid Guidelines
Appendix B – Ontario Summer & Winter Games Guidelines Appendices