

Date: June 9, 2006



**TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board**  
**FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation**  
**SUBJECT: Sport Hosting and Vancouver Sport Strategy**

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## RECOMMENDATION

*THAT the Board endorse the attached Council report entitled Sport Hosting and Vancouver Sport Strategy dated June 8, 2006.*

## POLICY

The Board and the City currently do not have a Sport Hosting Policy. The Board approved a Special Event Policy in December 2003 which outlines event approval and allocation for events on parkland.

## DISCUSSION

The attached report outlines recommendations brought forward by a staff team comprised of representatives from a number of City Departments, including Finance, Engineering, Cultural Services, Planning and Park Board. The staff group was formed to examine the issue of major sporting events considering Vancouver as a venue prior to, and following, the 2010 Olympics and is chaired by the General Manager of the Park Board. The report seeks approval from Council to target and expand civic support for sporting events and outlines specific recommendations which:

- Continue the partnership with 2010 LegaciesNow/HostingBC for a further two year period;
- Establish a Sport Hosting Policy and Grant Programme with annual funding to support events not eligible under the HostingBC programme; and
- Develop a comprehensive Vancouver Sport Strategy.

Staff at the Park Board would have a key role in administering the Sport Hosting Policy and Grant Programme and in leading and facilitating the development of the Vancouver Sport Strategy on behalf of the City.

The attached Council report will be dealt with by Council on June 29, 2006.

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