



2030 Winter Olympics Bid Considerations

Tabled at the Regular Board meeting held on 2020-03-09

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MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

WHEREAS:

1. In 2010, Vancouver hosted the Winter Olympic Games from February 12 to 28, and the Winter Paralympic Games from March 12 to 21.
2. The Four Host First Nations Protocol Agreement between the Lil'wat, Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations was signed on November 24, 2004. This agreement formed the Four Host Nations Secretariat.
3. 2,566 athletes participated in 86 events at the 2010 Winter Games.
4. Thirteen (13) venues hosted the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, Whistler, Richmond, and West Vancouver, including four signature venues that were built in Vancouver—Hillcrest Centre, Creekside and Trout Lake Community Centres, and Killarney Rink, which are now managed by the Park Board.
5. Beyond sport venues, other Olympic legacies included contributions by the International Olympic Committee and senior levels of government to infrastructure projects that benefit the City of Vancouver and connect it to other municipalities in the Lower Mainland, including:
 - Vancouver Convention Centre – a state of the art facility with a green roof; operated as the main media centre during the 2010 Winter Games;
 - Vancouver Olympic Village development – built to provide housing, services and amenities for competing athletes;
 - Olympic Cauldron - provided by FortisBC through a legacy investment and partnership with the Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Organizing Committee; now a permanent landmark at Jack Poole Plaza.
 - “The Birds” public art in the Vancouver Olympic Village (Creekside); and
 - New Canada Line SkyTrain and Sea-to-Sky Highway upgrades – providing and improving essential transit links within Lower Mainland and region.
6. The City of Vancouver and region benefited from investment in the economy, including, but not limited to: \$15 million to local Vancouver businesses during the games and 2,500 new full-time positions in the region, with 100 construction jobs in the Olympic Village given to inner city residents. This was in addition to training and jobs provided by Vancouver 2010 Fabrication (FAB) Shop to indigenous people and local groups, including disadvantaged youth, single mothers, and new immigrants.
7. The City of Vancouver “Olympic Legacy Reserve Fund - Olympic Sustainability Initiative Projects Final Report 2010” stated “Vancouver’s bid developed these unique



commitments in order to ensure that the inner-city communities of the Downtown Eastside, Downtown South, and Mount Pleasant would realize gains from the Olympic experience. It was agreed that resources be invested to assist in achieving the well-being of those communities and to facilitate inclusion, investment in social sustainability and sharing of the 2010 Winter Games' benefits".¹

8. According to a PricewaterhouseCoopers report looking at the impact prior to the games, "between 2003 and 2008, 20,780 jobs were produced in BC and another 1,750 jobs across Canada through interprovincial trade; more than 800 new business were created as a result of incremental economic growth stimulated by the Games; and the Games also generated between \$70.2 million and \$91.9 million in federal tax revenues and as much as \$1.05 billion in real GDP".²
9. According to Statistics Canada, employment and jobs increased in February 2010, which "amounted to 8,300 positions with average weekly earnings, including overtime, of \$843.91".
10. Former VANOC CEO, John Furlong, has made recent comments in the media urging Vancouver to consider a bid as the host city for the 2030 Winter Olympic Games.

¹ City of Vancouver Olympic Legacy Reserve Fund. "Olympic Sustainability Initiative Projects - Final Report, August 2010". https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/Great-beginnings-OSSFfinal_Report.pdf

² International Olympic Committee, 2011. "FACTSHEET: Vancouver Facts & Figures - Updated February 2011". <https://stillmed.olympic.org/media/Document%20Library/OlympicOrg/Games/Winter-Games/Games-Vancouver-2010-Winter-Olympic-Games/Facts-and-Figures/Facts-and-Figures-Vancouver-2010.pdf>

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board request that the General Manager write to each of the Four Host First Nations of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games, which includes the Lil'wat, Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, and request their input on the potential for the City of Vancouver to host the 2030 Winter Olympics and for the Vancouver Park Board to host Olympic events in existing Park Board facilities.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board request that staff evaluate Park Board 2010 legacy infrastructure to determine its readiness and availability should the City of Vancouver decide to submit a bid for the 2030 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, and report back to the Board with recommendations including any funding potentially required for infrastructure renewal of existing Park Board facilities.

DEFERRED

MOVED BY: Commissioner Giesbrecht

THAT the Park Board defer the motion titled "2030 Winter Olympics Bid Considerations" until City Council has made a decision on its motion "Beyond 2010: Consideration for the City of Vancouver to Participate in a Future Olympic Winter Games Bid" that was referred to staff to provide a preliminary report to Council in Q1 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY