



REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE

For City Council – November 28, 2022

From: Office of the City Clerk
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Title: Canada Summer Games Direction

Council, while acting in Committee, at its session held on November 14, 2022, discussed the possibility of hosting the 2029 Canada Summer Games.

The Canada Summer Games are returning to New Brunswick in 2029. Communities wishing to submit a formal bid would need to formally signal their intention to bid by early 2023. This would be followed by an extensive bid development process and the formal submission of a technical bid in 2023. The successful host city will be announced in 2024.

Submitting a bid and hosting the Canada Summer Games is a major community initiative. At a minimum, hosting the Canada Games would require a \$4 million commitment from the City as the host City is required to commit to a minimum of \$1 million in operations expenses and \$3 million in Capital costs, however, most host communities spend significantly more.

The federal and provincial governments each commit to \$7.3 million in operating expenses and \$3 million in capital contributions. However, one of the requirements of the Canada Games bid process is to develop a Legacy Plan for the community. This generally details out upgrades to existing facilities and a commitment to build new recreational and competitive facilities. The host City is responsible for any deficit the Games may incur.

Additionally, the development of the bid itself would be entirely a city expense that would need to be incorporated into the 2023 City of Fredericton budget. Staff estimate the development of the bid and associated expenses could be in the \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Accordingly, it was recommended that the following resolution be forwarded to City Council for consideration:

BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to maintain the City’s current priorities and not bid for the 2029 Canada Summer Games.

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