
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 26, 2001
File No.: 8100-20

To: City Manager

From: Acting Recreation Manager

Subject: **City of Kelowna bid to host the 2003 B.C. Disability Games**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT City Council authorize staff to submit a proposal to host the B.C. Disability Games in 2003 at a cost of \$40,000;

AND THAT staff rearrange existing 2002 budgets to support the Disability Games for \$20,000 as a cash contribution;

AND THAT a 2002 budget submission be brought forward for an additional \$20,000 for in-kind services and facilities.

DISCUSSION:

B.C. Disability Sports has invited the City of Kelowna to prepare a bid to host the B.C. Disability Games in either 2003, 2004 or 2005. The Games are expected to have a local, provincial, national and international representation and attract approximately 450 athletes and 250 support participants. The participants are age 10 years and over and will compete in 12 core events and 3 demonstration events. The competition will be scheduled over four days in July.

Kelowna has a strong background in successfully hosting provincial games including the 1991 B.C Disability Games, 1994 B.C Summer Games and 2000 B.C Senior Games.

In determining the level of interest within the community an "Interest Meeting" was held inviting key agencies and sport organizations to an overview of the Games. From this session and follow up phone calls it was determined that a bid would be supported and 2003 year targeted.

Early levels of support include:

- All core sport groups.
- Kids in Action, a local organization that promotes the healthy development of children with disabilities through participation in sport, recreation and active living opportunities.
- Several service groups.

The bid committee will continue to contact community organizations for support. The deadline for the bid is January 15, 2002, with a significant amount of work to be completed, including:

- Identify and confirm the availability and costs of the various venues that will be required;

- Obtain support from the business community for both financial and goods/services in kind to stage the event;
- Create plans for support services such as registration, transportation, accommodation, communications, food services, security, medical services, advertising and promotions, and volunteers;
- Obtain letters of support from a wide variety of agencies, businesses, and individuals in support of the Games;
- Create a proposed budget;

Minimum municipal support required is \$20,000 in cash and a minimum of \$20,000 as additional in-kind services and facilities. The cash support is achievable through the rearrangement of existing budgets including a General Reserve from the Adaptive Programs and appropriate funding from Community Development. The in-kind support contribution will be brought forward as a 2002 budget submission, and includes services such as computer support, meeting spaces, office support, resource staff and venue preparation.

Along with municipal support as outlined above, additional support is required from the local school district. Minimal commitment from the school district is access to its facilities. The interest and level of support from School District #23 will be discussed at their December 10th regular meeting.

Attached is a list of the core sports and activities to be included in the Games detailing the facility requirements and the distribution of participants.

In hosting the 2003 Disability Games a number of rewards are realized, including: a major multi-sport competition for athletes with a disability which would further enhance sport and cultural tourism; community development and heightened access awareness; and the improvement of accessible facilities, sport services and equipment.

Jim Gabriel, Acting Recreation Manager

Attachment 1

Cc: Director of Parks and Leisure Services
Financial Planning and Systems Manager

Core Sport			Minimum Requirement	# of Athletes	Other Participants
1	Athletics		6 - 8 lane - 400 metre track, synthetic running & jumping surface, regulation-sized pits for field events, and space for all throwing & jumping events.	100	55
2	Bocci		Gymnasium with the capacity for 8-10 Bocci courts (1000 square metres in total)	65	36
3	Cycling		Cycling course, relatively smooth, includes moderate hills and wide start/finish areas.	20	11
4	Therapeutic Riding		Two fully enclosed equestrian riding arenas (minimum sizes 20 X 40 and 20 X 60)	45	25
5	Goalball		Gymnasium with court 18 x 9 m (volleyball court).	10	6
6	Golf		Regulation 9 or 18 hole golf course with slope rating.	25	14
7	Lawn Bowling		Regulation Lawnbowling green preferably with two greens.	35	20
8	Sailing		1 body of water (fresh or salt water) with boat launching facilities and stable dock capably of supporting a one ton hoist.	15	8
9	Showdown		Two large classrooms with double door entry.	20	11
10	Slo Pitch		Two diamonds with covered shelter.	30	17
11	Swimming		One 6 - 8 lane certified 50 m preferred or a certified 25 m pool, as per FINA standards.	45	25
12	Wheelchair Obstacle Course		One full size gym (or outside parking lot, tennis courts).	40	22
Other participants include coached, managers, officials and assistants					
				Total number of participants	
				<u>700</u>	