



STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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DATE: February 6, 2023

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Andy Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities and Events

SUBJECT: 2025 Special Olympics BC Summer Games

ATTACHMENT(S): Certified Minutes Council Resolution approving the 2025 Special Olympics BC

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated February 6, 2023 from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events titled “2025 Special Olympics BC Summer Games”.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to inform Council that the City of Prince George has been awarded the 2025 Special Olympics BC Summer Games

BACKGROUND:

On January 10th, 2022, Council approved a resolution for The City of Prince George to submit a bid to host the 2025 Special Olympics BC Summer Games. Hosting this event aligns within the SportPG 10-Year Hosting Calendar and positions the City of Prince George to bid/host on future Special Olympics Games.

The 2025 SOBC Summer Games will bring approximately 1,400 athletes and coaches, along with hundreds of friends and family, from all over the province and the Yukon to our community from July 10th-13th. Numerous venues, both indoor and outdoor, will host the ten sports offered in the Summer SOBC: basketball, bocce, golf, rhythmic gymnastics, powerlifting, soccer, softball, swimming, track and field, and ten-pin bowling. School District # 57 will provide accommodation space for the athletes.

More than 1,000 local volunteers will be part of this inspiring and unforgettable event, where athletes with intellectual disabilities will show that they are able to succeed and to inspire.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Building stronger neighborhoods, increasing civic pride, strengthening intergovernmental relations and strengthening and diversifying our economy.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Special Olympics BC (SOBC) Games works closely with the Games Organizing Committee to facilitate the event with an estimated \$375,000 budget. SOBC brings in some of their own Provincial partners and approximately \$15,000 in registration fees. SOBC is responsible for all financial liabilities and if there is a

surplus, SOBC would leave a legacy with the local SOBC group. Council has committed to \$35,000 cash and \$60,000 Value-in-Kind (facility rentals etc.) for these Games, to be funded through the Major Events Reserve.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

The City of Prince George will host the 2025 Summer Olympics BC Summer Games from July 10th-13th, 2025.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Andy Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities and Events

PREPARED BY: Debbie Heywood, Manager, Event Services

APPROVED:

Walter Babicz, City Manager
Meeting date: February 6, 2023



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Transmitted by email: adam.davey@princegeorge.ca

Adam Davey, Director of Public Safety
City of Prince George

At the City of Prince George regular Council meeting held January 10, 2022, Council gave consideration to your report dated December 15, 2021 regarding the 2025 Special Olympics BC. The following is a certified copy of the section of minutes pertaining to this item:

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2022

Agenda Item D.4 | 2025 Special Olympics BC – Council Resolution

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor Skakun, seconded by Councillor Sampson, that Council APPROVES of the City of Prince George submitting a bid to host the 2025 Special Olympics BC, with a direct financial commitment of up to \$35,000 and up to \$60,000 of in-kind commitment, to be funded from the Major Events Reserve.

Carried Unanimously

The undersigned hereby certifies the above resolution to be true and correct copy of the resolution passed by the Council of the City of Prince George on January 10, 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maureen Connelly".

Maureen Connelly
Manager of Legislative Services

cc: Debbie Heywood, Supervisor of Event Services