

# STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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**DATE:** June 4, 2021

**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**NAME AND TITLE:** Walter Babicz, Acting City Manager

**SUBJECT:** 2024 Para Biathlon World Championships & 2024 World Para Nordic Skiing World Cup Finals and Request for Funding

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Letter dated June 4, 2021 from Kevin Pettersen, Director of Competitions, Caledonia Nordic Ski Club including a Tourism Events Program Final Report regarding the “Prince George 2019 World Para Nordic Skiing Championships”
2. Letter dated May 14, 2021 from the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club;
3. Staff Report to Council dated May 14, 2021 regarding 2024 Para Biathlon World Championships & 2024 World Para Nordic Skiing World Cup Finals and Request for Funding;
4. Staff Report to Council dated March 12, 2021 regarding 2024 Para Biathlon World Championships & 2024 World Para Nordic Skiing World Cup Finals and Request for Funding;
5. Staff Report to Council dated March 22, 2016 regarding 2019 International Paralympic Nordic World Championships.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

THAT Council CONSIDERS the request from the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club to provide financial support of up to \$250,000 towards hosting the 2024 Para Biathlon World Championships and World Para Nordic Skiing World Cup Finals to be funded from the Major Events Reserve to the extent possible and otherwise from the general tax levy, and subject to the Club entering into a Sponsorship Agreement with the City on terms and conditions satisfactory to Administration.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Caledonia Nordic Ski Club hosted the 2019 World Para Nordic Skiing Championships, with the City of Prince George providing financial support of \$250,000 from the Major Events Reserve. The Staff Report to Council dated March 22, 2016 is attached for reference.

At the May 31, 2021 Council meeting, Council passed a resolution to postpone the consideration of the 2024 Para Biathlon World Championships and 2024 World Para Nordic Skiing World Cup Finals request for funding to the June 14, 2021 regular Council meeting. On behalf of the host event organization, Mr. Kevin Pettersen will be available at the June 14, 2021 Council meeting to make a presentation providing budget information, drop-dead dates for applications, legacy funds, and sponsorship agreements. He will be available to answer any questions Council may have in regards

to hosting these events and the request for funding. The Staff Reports to Council dated May 14, 2021 and March 12, 2021 are attached for reference.

**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:**

The Caledonia Nordic Ski Club successfully hosted the 2019 World Para Nordic Skiing Championships with a contribution of \$250,000 from the City of Prince George. The Club has requested to host the 2024 Para Biathlon World Championships and the 2024 World Para Nordic Skiing World Cup Finals from March 4 – 17, 2024. If the Club's request is approved, the Club is seeking \$250,000 in support from the City to assist with hosting those 2024 events.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Walter Babicz, Acting City Manager

**PREPARED BY:** Jen Rubadeau, Civic Events Coordinator

Meeting Date: [2021/06/14]