




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	June 13, 2022
SUBJECT:	2030 Commonwealth Games Update (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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This update provides an overview of the outcome of the non-binding Sport Venue Proposal submission process that informed the content of the Hosting Proposal for the 2030 Commonwealth Games developed by the Hamilton100 Bid Corporation (Hamilton100). The City of Hamilton participated in the process and submitted a non-binding Sport Venue Proposal in late March 2022.

On June 1, 2022, City staff received a communication from Hamilton100 stating that a total of 14 proposals encompassing 26 eligible sports at 20 proposed sport competition venues were submitted by a mix of municipalities and other venue owners. From the submissions, an initial list of 18 proposed sports at 17 preferred sport competition venues were selected, including the following sports and venues from the City of Hamilton:

- Athletics at Mohawk Sports Park
- Basketball (3x3) at Eastwood Park
- Cycling (Road) at Ancaster Rotary Centre
- Rugby 7s at Tim Hortons Field

In addition, the City of Hamilton is identified to host the Opening and Closing Ceremonies at Tim Hortons Field.

Other notable proposed sports, preferred sport competition venues and related games venues within Hamilton's city limits include:

- Weightlifting at FirstOntario Centre (Hamilton Urban Precinct Entertainment Group)

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- International Broadcast Centre at FirstOntario Centre (Hamilton Urban Precinct Entertainment Group)
- Commonwealth Games Federation Family Hotel (to be determined)
- Technical Officials Accommodation (to be determined)

Beach volleyball, cricket and judo were proposed by the City of Hamilton but were not selected.

To assist with the review of the submissions, a panel of international games specialists were assembled. The panel assessed and evaluated proposals against multiple factors (i.e. sport participation across the Commonwealth, television interest, efficient games delivery, capital budget requests, etc.) and recommended a sport program intended to secure senior governments' support and win a competitive international bidding process.

The final sport program is subject to change. Confirmation of sports and venues will be contingent upon the negotiation and signing of a Multi-Party Agreement and the development of a final Bid to the Commonwealth Games Federation.

Background

On Friday, October 22, 2021, City staff received a "2030 Commonwealth Games Bid Request for Proposals" (RFP) issued jointly by Hamilton100 and Commonwealth Sport Canada. The purpose of this RFP was to solicit interest from certain regional venue owners to host sporting events as part of the potential 2030 Commonwealth Games program and to secure non-binding commitments. The final sports and venue program would be derived from the submitted proposals, to develop the final hosting proposal for the 2030 Commonwealth Games.

On November 17, 2021, General Issues Committee approved the Recommendation put forward in Report PED19108(g), which directed staff to:

- Submit a non-binding Sport Venue Proposal to host seven sports in City owned venues in response to the RFP related to "2030 Commonwealth Games Bid Sports";
- Sign off on Hamilton Urban Precinct Entertainment Group (HUPEG)'s non-binding Sport Venue Proposal submission, as venue owner of the City's entertainment assets.

On March 31, 2022, the City of Hamilton submitted a non-binding Sport Venue Proposal which included the following venues and events:

- Mohawk Sports - athletics
- Eastwood Park - 3x3 basketball
- Confederation Beach Sports Park - beach volleyball

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- Confederation Beach Sports Park - cricket
- Ancaster Rotary Centre - cycling (road race and trials)
- J.L. Grightmire Arena - judo
- Tim Hortons Field - Rugby 7s
- Tim Hortons Field - Opening Ceremonies

HUPEG's submission included the following venues and sports:

- FirstOntario Centre - boxing
- FirstOntario Centre - gymnastics
- FirstOntario Centre - judo
- Hamilton Convention Centre by Carmen's - squash
- Hamilton Convention Centre by Carmen's - table tennis
- FirstOntario Concert Hall - weightlifting

While detailed costing has not been completed for hosting of all City hosted sports, the following facility costing has been estimated:

Athletics at Mohawk Sports Park:

- Capital Budget - \$11,921,436
- Annual Operating Budget - \$27,530

Basketball 3x3 at Eastwood Park:

- Capital Budget - \$5,286,410
- Annual Operating Budget - \$17,300

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact Carrie Brooks-Joiner, Director of Tourism and Culture by email at Carrie.Brooks-Joiner@hamilton.ca or at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 3967.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

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