

COMMUNICATION UPDATE

то:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	November 2, 2021
SUBJECT:	2030 Commonwealth Games Bid, Sports Venues Request for Proposals (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Carrie Brooks-Joiner Director, Tourism and Culture Planning and Economic Development Department
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On Friday October 22, 2021, City staff received a Request for Proposals (RFP) related to "2030 Commonwealth Games Bid Sports Venues" issued jointly by Hamilton100 and Commonwealth Sport Canada (CSC). The purpose of the RFP is to secure commitments from venue owners, who are interested in hosting a 2030 Commonwealth Games sport event(s) to inform the sport program portion of the bid.

Staff have been advised that the RFP has been shared with a targeted list of venue owners/operators, including: 6 institutions, 4 municipalities, 2 private sector organizers, 1 regional government and 1 First Nations community. Locally, this includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the City of Hamilton, Hamilton Urban Entertainment Precinct Group (HUPEG), McMaster University and Redeemer University. This RFP is a public document and is open to all "eligible venues" located within the geographical boundaries of the Regions or Townships of: Brant, Durham, Hamilton-Wentworth, Haldimand, Halton, Niagara, Oro-Medonte, Peel, Toronto, Waterloo and York.

The deadline for a response to the RFP is January 31, 2022 and CSC staff have indicated that Proposals are non-binding. Sport and Venue Proposals will be reviewed by a Sport Program Advisory Committee who will make a recommendation to the Hamilton 100 Executive Board which sports and venues to include in the Hosting Proposal. Once complete, the final Hosting Proposal will be submitted to the Ontario and Federal Governments this Winter for their review and decision to support the bid.

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Staff are reviewing the requirements of the RFP and the implications of submitting a Proposal. Staff will report back to the General Issues Committee (GIC) with a more comprehensive overview of the RFP, options to proceed, and will seek direction on next steps.

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact Carrie Brooks-Joiner, Director, Tourism and Culture Division by phone at Ext. 3967 or by e-mail at Carrie.Brooks-Joiner@hamilton.ca.