

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Hosting the 2017 World Police and Fire Games - by Mayor John Tory, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Mayor John Tory, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson, recommends that:

1. City Council requests the General Manager of Economic Development and Culture, in consultation with the Fire Chief, Chief of Police and appropriate City Divisions and Agencies, to report with recommendations to the next Executive Committee meeting on the feasibility of Toronto hosting the World Police and Fire Games in 2017; including information on the proposed budget, organizational requirements, funding sources, and availability of venues.
2. City Council authorize the City Manager, or designate, to determine the feasibility of financial support from the Provincial and Federal Governments.

Summary

The World Police and Fire Games (WPFG) are a multi-sport and recreation event for full-time and retired professional firefighters and sworn law enforcement officers (police, customs, and corrections). The Games are an international and community celebration of individuals and organizations involved in community safety, protection and engagement. The WPFG happen every two years and generate significant positive economic and social impacts on host communities.

In 2011, Toronto lost a bid for the 2017 World Police and Fire Games to Montreal. However, in April 2016, Montreal cancelled their Games, due to local political reasons. The World Police and Fire Games Federation, who owns the event and grants host cities, has approached Toronto about our ability to host these Games in 2017.

A Working Group, comprised of members from the Toronto Fire Services, Toronto Professional Fire Fighters Association, Toronto Police Services, Toronto Police Association, Toronto Police Amateur Athletic Association, Tourism Toronto and Economic Development and Culture, many of whom were on the 2011 Bid Committee, has been meeting to explore the possibility of hosting these Games. Uniquely, this event is led by Police and Fire

members.

The WPFG Federation has requested a response from Toronto by early May 2016 about whether Toronto has the organizational, financial and venue capacity to host these Games and be partially operational by fall 2016.

In 2011, Toronto City Council endorsed the bid for the WPFG, and authorized the Fire Chief and General Manager, Toronto Fire Services to enter into a contractual agreement and committed \$3 million in support to the event.

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Background Information (City Council)

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