

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Prospects for Bidding on the 2022 Commonwealth Games using the Existing Pan-Am Games Facilities - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Economic Development Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager in conjunction with the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, to investigate the potential opportunity for the City of Toronto to enter the bidding process for the 2022 Commonwealth Games and report back to Council on the process and timeline if Council were to choose to proceed with supporting a bid.

Summary

It was recently announced that Durban, South Africa lost the right to host the 2022 Commonwealth Games and that a new host city will need to be found. The Commonwealth Games are an international multi-sport event involving athletes from the Commonwealth of Nations that is hosted every four years dating back to 1930.

Toronto is ready to host this competition after successfully hosting the Pan American/ Parapan American Games in 2015. It is highly likely that no new venues would need to be built for the games which would greatly reduce any financial risk to the City. The last host of the Commonwealth Games, Glasgow, Scotland, reported £282 million worth of tourism due to the games.

Background Information (City Council)

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