

March 1, 2012

City of Hamilton Mayor Bob Bratina Hamilton City Hall 2nd Floor, 71 Main St West Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Re:

Toronto 2015 Pan/Parapan Am Games

Expression of interest—baseball/softball venue

Dear His Worship Bratina,

The Toronto 2015 Pan/Parapan Am Games Organizing Committee (TO2015) is a not-for-profit organization that has been granted the mandate to deliver the Games.

Baseball and softball are key sports in the Pan Am Games. TO2015's objective is to create a sport cluster that groups baseball and softball for both men and women in one venue to amplify these two sports, enhance the athlete and spectator experience and bring efficiencies in the delivery of these two sports.

Baseball Canada and Softball Canada share in TO2015's vision of creating a Pan Am Ball Park that would host both sports at the same venue—an unprecedented approach for a Pan Am Games.

The Pan Am Ball Park will include one premier baseball facility with a combination of permanent and temporary seating for 8,000 to 10,000; one secondary baseball facility with temporary seating for 1,500; one premier softball facility with a combination of permanent and temporary seating for 5,000 to 6,000; and one secondary softball facility with temporary seating for 1,000. The baseball facilities must be compliant with the technical standards of the International Baseball Federation and the softball facilities with the technical standards of the International Softball Federation.

TO20015 is requesting an expression of interest letter from qualified municipalities (the "Partner") who possess both the desire and financial ability to locate and build a competition venue for baseball and softball on a suitable site within their communities.

The following outlines the preliminary site criteria that reflect the needs of TO2015 with respect to the venue.

- 1. The site will be owned by the Partner—possibly as part of an existing recreation complex.
- 2. The site will be situated within the Games regional footprint.
- 3. Although not a requirement, ideally the site will be large enough to include a training field for each of the disciplines.
- 4. At the sole cost of the Partner, the site must be in a construction-ready state by March 31, 2013. This includes:
 - a. Compliance with official planning and zoning requirements.
 - b. Site fully remediated to MOE regulations.

- c. Applicable environmental assessment complete.
- d. Adequate services to the property line.
- e. Demolition and removal of any unusable structures complete.
- 5. The Partner must have the capacity to act quickly with approvals and funding such that a binding agreement can be signed by July 31, 2012.
- 6. There should be convenient access to public transit.
- 7. The Partner will be required to provide 44% of the capital costs, while TO2015 will provide 56% of the capital costs. Based upon a preliminary feasibility study, the total capital cost could be up to \$13,000,000. The overall cost will be dependent on the scope of work required for the site to meet the technical standards to host the Pan Am Games and to provide a legacy facility. The Partner should demonstrate legacy value for long-term sport and community use

Letters of interest should identify both the potential site location and a contact person. Submissions must be received no later than 11:00 a.m. (ET) on March 29, 2012. Each submission will be evaluated at the discretion of TO2015, and appropriate communication will be made in due course.

Should you require any additional information, please contact Murray Noble at 416.957.2010 or by email at murray.noble@toronto2015.org.

Sincerely,

Murray Noble

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