

## **Sports and Venues Proposal Scope**

### **PURPOSE**

This Appendix “B” to Report PED19108(g)/HSC21049/LS21049 outlines the sports and venues proposal to be included as part of the City of Hamilton’s submission to the “2030 Commonwealth Games Bid Request for Proposal.”

### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Hamilton received a “2030 Commonwealth Games Bid Request for Proposal” (RFP) issued jointly by Hamilton100 and Commonwealth Sport Canada (CSC). The purpose of the RFP, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED19108(g)/HSC21049/LS21049, is for Hamilton100 and CSC 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 will be developed at some point subsequent to the consideration of all proposal submitted in response to this RFP.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants that are proposing to host sporting events as part of the 2030 Commonwealth Games are required to identify the sport(s), event(s) and the venue(s) that they can host and must assess the venue with respect to the technical requirements of the international federation, including field of play, warm up spaces, back of house spaces, Games family and hospitality requirements and spectator plaza.

### **APPROACH**

The recommended approach to the City’s proposal is to include sports and venues that are closest to being “games ready” and do not require new facilities or major renovations. The City’s submission will include a proposal to host 2 sporting events:

- **Rugby Sevens** (Male and Female) – Tim Hortons Field; and,
- **Cycling – Road/Time Trials** (Male and Female) – Ancaster Road Cycling Circuit and Ancaster Rotary Centre.

Tim Hortons Field also meets the requirements to host the opening and closing ceremonies. However, the RFP does not call for proposals to host cultural or ancillary events.

The RFP allows for submissions to host events in facilities/venues that require major renovations or construction of a new facility/venue. The source(s) of the funding (Federal, Provincial and/or Municipal) and the amount available to the City of Hamilton for the renovations and/or new construction is still to be determined. Submissions relating to new/upgraded venues require assessment of the technical requirements of the International Federation, proposed Capital Budget, expected date of completion and an Environment Impact Study. The City of Hamilton does not have the necessary information to satisfy the requirements of the RFP for all sports that the City could potentially host. External expertise is required to provide additional information. However, even if Council were to approve and fund external expertise it is unlikely that

the assessment of technical requirements for multiple facilities and sports could be completed prior to the RFP submission deadline of January 31, 2022.

The following events were previously identified by Hamilton100 as part of its initial bid proposal. Pending confirmation of technical requirements of the International Federation, staff believe that it may be feasible to also host the following events, but the venues are considered less “games ready” and would likely require considerable investment (the magnitude of which is not yet known):

- **Athletics (Male and Female)** - a new track and field venue to be located within a City of Hamilton park;
- **Judo (Male and Female)** – renovation of a current City of Hamilton owned arena;
- **Beach Volleyball (Male and Female)** – new construction at a City of Hamilton owned park;
- **Cricket (Male and Female)** – new construction at a City of Hamilton owned park; and,
- **3 on 3 Basketball (Male and Female)** – new construction at a City of Hamilton site.

Accordingly, the City’s proposed submission to the RFP will also include these additional sports and venues noting the limitations and conditions listed above. Should Hamilton100 be interested in including any of these additional sports or venues in their final proposal then Hamilton100 will be invited to precisely outline the scope of that request so that staff may review and report back to the General Issues Committee (GIC) regarding the additional required resources and approvals.