

# City Staff Report

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Original signed by: Deputy City Manager Bolton

**Report Date:** February 11, 2021

**Meeting Date:** February 16, 2021

**To:** City Manager

**From:** Community Development Coordinator

**Subject:** 2024 BC Winter Games Update

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## Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the status of the 2024 BC Winter Games bid.

## Summary

- A Resolution of Partnership was provided to the City from Lhtako Dene Nation.
- Resolutions supporting the City's bid for the Games were provided by School District 28 and Cariboo Regional District.
- Letters of support were provided from all sporting venue holders and sports clubs/organizations, including Troll Resort, Cariboo Ski Touring Club, Quesnel Curling Centre, Quesnel Minor Hockey, Quesnel Technics Gymnastics Club, Quesnel Figure Skating Club, Quesnel River Archers, Quesnel Waveriders Swim Club, and the Quesnel Seniors Centre.
- Due to time constraints, not all the required documentation from partners was received. Without all the supporting documentation, the City cannot submit a bid to host the 2024 BC Winter Games.

## Recommendation

THAT Council direct staff to provide a letter to all partners, and supporting organizations, thanking them for their support, regarding the City of Quesnel 2024 BC Winter Games bid, and updating them on the status of this 2024 BC Winter Games bid.

## Financial Implications

Council's commitment of \$10,000 and the Cariboo Regional District contribution of \$55,000 in cash and in-kind support in 2024 are no longer required.

## Background

- In February, 2020, a report was brought to Council from PABCOM. Council resolved to submit a bid package to host the 2024 BC Winter Games if support from the Cariboo Regional District and Lhtako Dene Nation was achieved. It was discussed that the Summer Games would be too risky to hold due to the potential for wildfire smoke in the summer months.
- Conversations were held with the School District 28 in early 2020 regarding the City's plan to submit a bid package for the 2024 BC Winter Games.

## Concurrence

Manager of Economic Development and Tourism