

City of Mississauga  
**Corporate Report**



<p>Date: December 14, 2021</p> <p>To: Chair and Members of General Committee</p>	<p>Originator's files:</p>
<p>From: Jodi Robillos, Commissioner of Community Services</p>	<p>Meeting date: January 12, 2022</p>

## Subject

**Request for Proposal to the Hamilton100 Bid Committee for consideration to be a partner host venue site in their Commonwealth Games 2030 Bid.**

## Recommendation

1. That the Commissioner of Community Services be authorized to submit a proposal in consultation with Tourism Mississauga for consideration by the Hamilton100 Bid Committee as a potential partnership host venue for the Commonwealth Games 2030 Bid.
2. That the Commissioner of Community Services be authorized to execute the MOU as a condition of the Request for Proposal.

## Executive Summary

- The City of Mississauga has been offered an opportunity to respond to a non-binding Request for Proposal for potential sites to be considered as a host venue for the Hamilton100 Bid Committee final bid for the Commonwealth Games in 2030.
- Mississauga is a community rich with cultural diversity, inclusion and great civic pride; demonstrated success in hosting international sport events; operational excellence with first-class facilities that position the City as a great hosting partner.
- This provides an excellent opportunity to once again, showcase Mississauga on the global sport stage and additionally support tourism initiatives in cooperation with Tourism Mississauga.
- Proposals submitted may include potential funding requests to levels of government as an opportunity for financial support within the Games preparation window.
- Paramount Fine Foods Centre has been recognized as an established site for previous provincial, national and international sport competitions with recent experience hosting the martial arts sports of Judo and Wrestling at the International level.

- As demonstrated in recent Ontario Summer Games experiences the City also has great outdoor facilities that would meet the requirements of hosting outdoor sport competition.
- The submission from the City would include proposals to be the host sport venue for Judo & Wrestling, Cricket and 3 x 3 Basketball.

## Background

The Commonwealth Games are an international multi-sport event involving athletes from the Commonwealth of Nations. The event was first held in 1930, in Hamilton, ON Canada, and with the exception of a few years, has taken place every four years since then, with 2030 being the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event. The City of Hamilton has a vested group who have established a bid committee to move forward with a competitive bid submission. These Games are taking a regional approach to hosting, similar to what was done for the Toronto 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games.

Hamilton100 Bid Committee has released an RFP inviting surrounding municipalities and/or venue owners to submit non-binding proposals for sports and venues to support their bid for the Commonwealth Games 2030. Presently Hamilton100 is developing a strong and innovative 2030 Commonwealth Games Hosting Proposal, garnering public and government support & commitments. If awarded the Games, they have a long planning & delivery “runway” to community build, inspire a nation and advance the global Commonwealth Sport Movement. The host city is to be named in 2023.

Given the success the City has had hosting provincial, national, international events, and multi-sport games, coupled with the desire to support Sports Tourism opportunities with Tourism Mississauga, the RFP presents an exciting potential partnership on the quest to be a host site for the 100th anniversary of the Commonwealth Games in 2030.

## Comments

A venue and sport proposal is to be submitted to Hamilton100 Bid Committee by January 31, 2022. Staff are committed to work through details of the proposal which will position Mississauga as viable option for inclusion in the Games.

Mississauga’s proposal must be supported by a local, provincial or national governing sport body and must include the following:

- Proposed sport, discipline, event (including para events).
- Projected number of athletes competing (men, women, para)
- Projected number of competition days
- A commitment to equality (equal number medalling events for men and women)
- National and/or international level experience staging the proposed sport in the proposed venue within the last 10 years
- A signed Hamilton100 Commonwealth Games Bid MOU is also required

- Potential new build or major renovations to facilities should also be identified and include a description on how the proposed new venue(s) fit into the future needs of the sport and the community

Signing of the MOU is non-binding. By entering as an applicant the City agrees to be recognized as an intended participant in all Games programs and will be included as a member of the Bid Committee. It also acknowledges that the City agrees, in principle, to the Venue Operations Requirements and/or Venue Design Build Requirements as outlined by the Bid Committee. Should Canada be successful with the bid, the MOU will serve as the basis for, and be superseded by an Agreement with the Games Organizing Committee.

Staff from Tourism Mississauga and Community Services have examined the sports included in the 2030 Games roster and believe that the City possesses a strong ability to host three sports within the Games; Martial Arts, Cricket and 3x3 Basketball, all of which will include coordination and staff supported by Culture, Parks and the Recreation Divisions.

When proposing these additional sports staff took into consideration the possibility of the City being competitive to win the sport / venue host submitted. It is important to recognize the assets and facilities that the host location, Hamilton has, such as the outdoor sports stadium (Tim Hortons Field), and the expectation that they would utilize their sites before considering other neighbouring municipalities.

### **Sport and Venue Overview**

#### **Martial Arts (including Judo, Boxing, Wrestling and Weightlifting)**

The Paramount Fine Foods Center (PFFC) has been the site of previous national and international martial arts events. In its current state it meets the requirements of the sport specifications and has the potential to provide a first class experience for the participants.

The facility is over 20 years old and the games bid may provide an opportunity to fund the refurbishment and modernization of aging amenities that would further support the facility to remain competitive as a spectator venue of choice within the GTA market. Based on historical involvement, staff position Judo and Weightlifting to be the sports included in the specific proposal for the Games.

#### **Cricket**

The high level of demand for cricket pitch time, as well as the number of sport stakeholders that the City currently works with, provides a significant advantage for a proposal of cricket as a sport/venue host in the City of Mississauga for the 2030 Commonwealth Games. Supporting diversity, and a passionate group of local organizations that Parks and Recreation staff have an established relationship with further enhances this opportunity. The Recreation & Parks Future Direction Study have recommendations specific to the development of the sport and capital dollars identified in the budget to continue to meet the growing demand for cricket pitch access.

The recent construction of 2 natural turf pitches at Danville, as well as the dollars allocated in the 2023 budget for the inclusion of lighting of both pitches, the Danville site would create a 'one of a kind' experience for the participants of the Commonwealth Games 2030. Further examination of the proposal may allow the City the opportunity to have additional funding support if the Bid was successful.

### **Basketball 3x3**

The newly constructed Paul Coffey Park basketball courts, in partnership with the Superfan Nav Bhatia Foundation, would provide a perfect site for a host venue in the new sport of 3x3 basketball. As an additional benefit the courts are also lit. Future expansion and inclusion of washroom amenities would make the site further desirable for such an event. Further enhancements of temporary spectator seating and lighting coupled with the significant support for basketball in the City creates a strong case for a successful proposal in hosting this sport.

## **Engagement and Consultation**

Community Services staff will work with appropriate staff and stakeholders to meet the requirements as identified in the RFP for local, provincial and national Sport Organizations involvement and support in principle.

## **Financial Impact**

Should the Bid be successful, a detailed budget will be brought forward for Council's consideration and approval prior to any formal agreement with Hamilton 100 Bid Committee.

## **Conclusion**

Staff are confident that the City will be well positioned to bring a solid proposal for consideration by the Hamilton100 Commonwealth Games 2030 Bid Committee for three sport venue host sites. The inclusion of Martial Arts, Cricket, and 3x3 Basketball sports each align with the City's Future Directions Master Plan and priorities. This RFP provides a significant opportunity to advance the Sports Tourism Initiatives by Tourism Mississauga.

## **Attachments**

Appendix 1: 2030 Commonwealth Games Bid Request for Proposals

Appendix 2: Commonwealth Addendum



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