Minute No. 281
Report – Executive Policy Committee – March 13, 2013

Item No. 8 Contribution to Host the 2017 Canada Summer Games in Winnipeg

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the City of Winnipeg Council support a $3,000,000 capital contribution towards the 2017 Canada Summer Games to be advanced over a 4 year period (2014 - 2017), an equally shared indemnification agreement with the Province of Manitoba, a facilities upgrade program, and a legacy project or projects, that are agreeable to the City.

2. That this contribution to host the 2017 Canada Summer Games as well as a business plan outlining the City of Winnipeg's responsibilities be referred to the 2014 budget process.

3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,

That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 13, 2013, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Canada Games are Canada's largest multi-sport event, occurring every two years, bringing together hundreds (thousands) of aspiring athletes for two weeks of thrilling competition in several (multiple) sport disciplines;

AND WHEREAS the most recent games, the 2011 Canada Winter Games in Halifax attracted 2,700 participants and generated a staggering $130 million in economic activity with over 11,000 out-of-province visitors that came to Nova Scotia to take in the games;

AND WHEREAS the 2017 Canada Summer Games will bring 4,600 of Canada's best amateur athletes, coaches and officials to compete in 19 different sports;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg will have the opportunity to host as many as 20,000 out-of-province visitors and generate an economic return that could be well in excess of $130 million;

AND WHEREAS a process is now underway to assemble a small, but dedicated Winnipeg Bid Committee to begin the process of assembling a Winnipeg Bid Proposal;

AND WHEREAS this committee intends to submit a bid that will not only meet, but exceed Canada Games Hosting Standards;

AND WHEREAS in pursuing a Winnipeg hosted games and assembling the required bid proposal, the City of Winnipeg would be a key and essential partner (other key partners would include: The Federal Government, The Province of Manitoba, The University of Manitoba, Sport Manitoba, and Winnipeg's corporate business community) and Winnipeg's proven track record of hosting major events coupled with the community support of a strong and experienced volunteer sector will all combine to create a recipe for success;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the Canada Games uses a set financial framework for the public funding that supports the games every two years and the following has been approved by both the Government of Canada and the Province of Manitoba as its contribution towards the 2017 Canada Summer Games:

Government of Canada:	$7,350,000 (operating)
Government of Canada:	$3,000,000 (capital)
Province of Manitoba:	$7,350,000 (operating)
Province of Manitoba:	$3,000,000 (capital)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg Council support a $3,000,000 capital contribution towards the 2017 Canada Summer Games to be advanced over a 4 year period (2014 - 2017), an equally shared indemnification agreement with the Province of Manitoba, a facilities upgrade program, and a legacy project or projects, that are agreeable to the City;

AND THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that this contribution to host the 2017 Canada Summer Games as well as a business plan outlining the City of Winnipeg's responsibilities be referred to the 2014 budget process,

and submitted the matter to Council.