



CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: General Manager of Olympic and Paralympic Operations
SUBJECT: Resort Municipality of Whistler 2010 Partnership Agreement

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That Council approve the attached 2010 Partnership Agreement between the Resort Municipality of Whistler and the City of Vancouver.
- B. That Council authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign the attached Partnership Agreement.
- C. That no legal rights or obligations will be created by the adoption by Council of recommendations A and B, nor will any legal rights or obligations be created by the execution by the Mayor and City Manager of the Resort Municipality Partnership Agreement.

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The General Manager of Olympic and Paralympic Operations RECOMMENDS approval of the forgoing recommendations.

COUNCIL POLICY

There is no applicable Council Policy.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council authorization to enter into a 2010 Partnership Agreement outlining opportunities for cooperation with the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) prior to, during and after the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

BACKGROUND

The 2010 Partnership Agreement is one in a series of agreement and MOU's with our 2010 partners to establish cooperation protocols on area of mutual interest and to develop a framework to achieve mutual benefits. Previously the City entered into agreements with Tourism Vancouver, the Four Host First Nations and most recently with the Canadian Olympic Committee. It is expected that there will be further agreements with Olympic and Paralympic partners and stakeholders.

All of the previous agreements are consistent with and reinforce the principles as outlined in the City of Vancouver's Strategic Plan for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. These principles in part include the following:

- develop sport, recreation and community legacies
- achieve sustainability, accessibility and Inclusivity objectives
- create lasting partnership and knowledge transfer
- encourage civic pride and citizen engagement.

The City of Vancouver and RMOW have a special partnership as Host City and Host Mountain Resort. Both communities were strong participants in the bid process and are signatories to the Multi-Party Agreements. This early collaboration continues to this date as we move from the strategic planning and venue development stage into operational planning for the 2010 Winter Games.

DISCUSSION

The proposed Partnership Agreement between Vancouver and the RMOW lays out guiding principles, areas of collaboration and mechanisms for cooperation in order to further our collective interests. A Partnership Agreement will help the City achieve its Strategic Plan objectives in a number of areas.

There are numerous areas of collaboration between City and RMOW staff as we engage the other partners most notably the Government of Canada, Province of British Columbia, and VANOC. The Councils have also met and discussed issues of common interest and areas where cooperation can achieve greater mutual benefits. The Partnership Agreement builds on these past relationships by highlighting areas of future cooperation.

While there is interaction between Vancouver and RMOW on many levels and on a broad range of issues, the Partnership Agreement highlights the following:

- coordination in the delivery of municipal services during the Games
- cooperation on the delivery of our Live Sites
- advancing our interests in improved accessibility and the Measuring Up Program
- ensuring the Paralympic Games experience is integrated and profiled

- using the Games to advance our mutual interest is sustainability in all its dimensions
- encouraging all cultures to ensure that these are an inclusive Games
- maximize the tourism and brand awareness opportunities.

Both host communities want to deliver an extraordinary Games experience for residents, visitors, athletes and officials. Of particular interest is the desire to expand the third pillar of the Olympic and Paralympic Games from “environment” to “sustainability”. In this way, all of the dimensions of sustainability can be captured in the third pillar (along with sport and culture).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from the Partnership Agreement with the RMOW. If specific projects develop, they would be reported to Council as part of the regular budget and reporting process.

CONCLUSION

The Partnership Agreement between the City and RMOW lays out areas for further collaboration with respect to the delivery of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Collaboration will create benefits for the City and RMOW, and will help achieve the City’s objectives for the Winter Games as outlined in the City’s Strategic Plan.

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Resort Municipality of Whistler
City of Vancouver
2010 Partnership Agreement

Whereas the City of Vancouver is the Host City and the Resort Municipality of Whistler is the Host Mountain Resort for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games;

And Whereas the City of Vancouver and the Resort Municipality of Whistler have formed a strong partnership which led to the development of a successful bid and now carries forward to the delivery of outstanding Winter Games venues and programs;

And Whereas the City of Vancouver and the Resort Municipality of Whistler look forward to delivering an extraordinary Games experience for their residents, visitors, Olympic and Paralympic families and for the athletes;

And Whereas the City of Vancouver and the Resort Municipality of Whistler share a commitment to moving toward environmental, social and economic sustainability;

And Whereas the City of Vancouver and the Resort Municipality of Whistler share the goal of creating lasting legacies from the Games for their respective communities, Canadian sport and athleticism, British Columbians and Canada that contribute to a sustainable future;

Therefore, the two parties to this Agreement consent, in the spirit of cooperation, collaboration and commonality to form a partnership to share expertise and explore and coordinate complementary initiatives.

Specifically, the two Partners will:

- Coordinate and share expertise in the delivery of municipal services.
- Work together and share resources and expertise in the planning and delivery of Live Sites.
- Share information and expertise in the delivery of the Measuring Up Program to improve accessibility.
- Work together to create an integrated Paralympic Winter Games experience for both athletes and spectators.
- Use the Games to accelerate our collective journey toward environmental, social and economic sustainability.
- Work together to support inclusivity commitments associated with the Games.
- Encourage diverse cultures to engage in the hosting opportunities associated with the Games.
- Work together to maximize the tourism opportunities and brand awareness leading up to and during the Games.

As Partners, we are each other's champions in the preparation and delivery of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games for the benefit of our respective communities, and for all British Columbians and Canadians.

Signed this __ day of _____, 2007.

Sam Sullivan
Mayor
City of Vancouver

Ken Melamed
Mayor
Resort Municipality of Whistler