

Proposed Recommendations

The City received Calgary Bid Exploration Committee's (CBEC) report on 2017 May 31 with a few sections outstanding. The remaining sections, Recommendations (section 1) and the Risk Assessment (section 12.4, Risks Associated with Not Bidding and 12.5, Risks Associated with Hosting), were received by The City on 2017 July 21.

While CBEC's recommendation suggests that Calgary can host the 2026 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games (2026 OPWG), further work is required prior to determining if Calgary should bid to host the 2026 OPWG. Administration concurs with this finding and the bid exploration is now at a junction with a need to determine if Calgary should not bid or if Calgary should transition to the Invitation Phase. During their presentation to Council, CBEC provided five principles for pursuing the 2026 OPWG and Administration supports an amended version of these principles. Following a review and analysis of CBEC's report, including recommendations and risk assessment, Administration is recommending to Council that The City of Calgary not move forward with a bid unless certain conditions can be satisfied (Option 2), but have provided two options that include detailed recommendations for Council's consideration.

Option 1 – The City of Calgary will not move forward with a bid.

1. Endorse that the Calgary Bid Exploration Committee has fulfilled their mandate through the delivery of their 2017 May 31 Report and subsequent 2017 July 21 Recommendation and Risk Assessment submission.
2. Endorse that once all costs related to the Bid Exploration are paid, that the remaining funds allocated to the Bid Exploration work be returned to the Fiscal Stability Reserve (FSR).
3. Direct Administration to develop a 1988 Olympic facility lifecycle strategy based on Calgary Bid Exploration Committee's Master Facilities Plan and return to Council with a recommendation for sustaining the legacy facilities no later than Q3 2018.
4. Direct the General Manager (GM), Community Services, to the satisfaction of the Chief Financial Officer and City Solicitor, to undertake any activities required for the orderly wind-up and dissolution of the Calgary Bid Exploration Committee (CBEC), including exercising The City's right to vote The City's shares, and ensure that all of CBEC's assets, including its intellectual property, be transferred to The City as per CBEC's incorporating documents and other agreements with The City, such winding-up to be initiated before 2017 August 31.

Option 2 - The City of Calgary will not move forward with a bid unless certain conditions can be satisfied.

1. Endorse that the Calgary Bid Exploration Committee has fulfilled their mandate through the delivery of their 2017 May 31 Report and subsequent 2017 July 21 Recommendation and Risk Assessment submission.
2. Endorse the Principles for pursuing the 2026 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games set forth in Attachment 4.
3. Authorize the General Manager, Community Services, to continue to work with the Chief Financial Officer and the City Solicitor and General Counsel, to undertake any activities required to transition from the Exploration Phase to an Invitation Phase, such activities to include, but not be limited to: transition of the Calgary Bid Exploration Committee, defining a governance structure for the Invitation Phase, development of a workplan, budget, timetable, risk register and description of the human and other resources required to complete such transition and to consult with the Canadian Olympic Committee where appropriate, and provide an update to Members of Council in 2017 September.
4. Approve the use of the remaining bid exploration funds to be applied to the workplan noted in Recommendation 3.