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RE: OLYMPIC BID PLEBISCITE FOR THE 2017 MUNICIPAL ELECTION
COUNCILLOR SEAN CHU

WHEREAS the City of Calgary has committed significant resources (a \$4.7 M budget) to the work of the Calgary Bid Exploration Committee (CBEC);

AND WHEREAS CBEC has completed a wide ranging and comprehensive study in order to determine the feasibility and prudence of a potential Olympic bid across five lines of investigation: Master Facilities Plan – Security – Public Engagement and Community Impact – Stakeholder and Government Relations – Finance and Investment;

AND WHEREAS CBEC at the Strategic Session of Council on June 19th 2017, presented an update on the Olympic Bid Exploration findings to date, and allowed Council to ask questions and/or request additional examination as needed;

AND WHEREAS CBEC and Administration, at the Regular Meeting of Council on July 24th 2017, will present a final recommendation to Council that addresses two questions: "Is it feasible for Calgary to host the 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games?" and "Is it prudent for Calgary to submit a bid to the International Olympic committee (IOC) to host the 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games?";

AND WHEREAS in order to fully address the prudence question, the residents of Calgary, as a whole, given the current tough economic climate, should have the opportunity to be consulted and provide their opinion on the question of whether they support the City committing upwards of \$4.6B to host the 2026 Winter Olympics;

AND WHEREAS an election plebiscite is one of the most efficient and effective methods of collecting city wide opinion;

AND WHEREAS after conversations with Elections Calgary, in order for a plebiscite to occur, the July 24th Council meeting is the last opportunity for Council to decide if a plebiscite on this important issue should be held in order to allow Elections Calgary to prepare a ballot, and appropriate measures;

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AND WHEREAS after talking to Elections Calgary, a plebiscite does come with a large cost of nearly \$390,000;

AND WHEREAS the cost of such a plebiscite is dwarfed by the \$2.6B in costs estimated as the City of Calgary's share of the overall \$4.6B costs of hosting the 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

AND WHEREAS the 2026 Olympic bid is a core issue in the upcoming Municipal election on October 16th 2017;

AND WHEREAS Council is voting on the continuation of the bid process for submitting a 2026 Olympic bid submission on July 24, 2017;

AND WHEREAS the final decision of an official bid for the 2026 Olympic Games has to be made before October, 2018

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to create a 2017 Civic Election plebiscite ballot so that all Calgarians have an opportunity to provide their opinion on whether they think it would be prudent, at this time and in these current economic circumstances, for the City to submit an application to host the 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council, after the plebiscite is conducted, utilize this information in conjunction with existing analysis done by the CBEC, and Administration, in making a final decision on submitting an application to the IOC.



Sean Chu

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