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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Community Services Committee
Meeting Date: 12 July 2012
Report Author: Mike Tasman-Jones
Subject: National Special Olympics Summer Games 2017 Hosting Bid

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To inform the Community Services Committee of the preparation of a Nelson Tasman bid to host the National Special Olympics New Zealand Summer Games 2017 and request for Council to support in principle.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 That this report be received
- 2 That Tasman District Council supports in principle the submission of a bid to host the National Special Olympics New Zealand National Summer Games 2017.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Community Services Committee:

- 1 **Receives the National Special Olympics Summer Games 2017 hosting bid report number RCS12-07-01; and**
- 2 **Notes that the bids for National Special Olympics New Zealand National Summer Games close on 27 July 2012; and**
- 3 **Notes that Council has not had the opportunity to develop and formally consider a bid proposal; and**
- 4 **Notes that there is no certainty around whether Council would be asked to contribute financially and, if so, to what level that would be; and**
- 5 **Agrees that staff work with Sport Tasman and Nelson City Council on the bid proposal; and**
- 6 **Agrees to support in principle a bid for hosting National Special Olympics New Zealand National Summer Games 2017, noting that any financial assistance, other than an application to Community Grants, would be subject to consideration through an Annual Plan or Long Term Plan Process.**

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform the Community Services Committee of the preparation of a Nelson Tasman bid to host the National Special Olympics New Zealand Summer Games 2017.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The National Special Olympics New Zealand Summer Games operate on a four yearly basis. In November 2009 the Games were held in Palmerston North and in 2013 they are being held in Dunedin. A host is being sought for a location for the National Summer Games in 2017 and bids close on Friday 27 July 2012.
- 2.2 Sport Tasman are leading the preparation of a hosting bid with the games to be held at Saxton Field and at the ASB Aquatic Centre. These venues largely meet the key requirements of hosting the Games. The event will allow us to showcase the positive steps made towards developing accessible facilities for all members of our communities. The region has a good track record with events of this type - for example the Masters Games which is likely to be comparable in numbers attending. The region also has an environment, climate and culture that will add a lot of value to the Games.
- 2.3 Due to the timing of the bid closing date and time required to prepare the bid, it is not possible that either the Nelson City Council or Tasman District Council will have had an opportunity to formally consider if or how they may wish to support the bid prior to this date. Therefore any potential bid would be subject to gaining Council approval via Annual Plan or Long Term Plan process.
- 2.4 Special Olympics New Zealand is one of the largest multi-sports events in New Zealand attracting between 1,300 and 1,500 athletes, 300 to 400 coaching and support staff and up to 1,000 volunteers, creating a total of 2,500 to 3,000 participants.

- 2.5 The EDA calculates the event would bring a significant economic benefit to the region of approximately \$900,000 of GDP generated.
- 2.6 Participants come from all over New Zealand representing their Club and may be joined by international athletes from the Asia Pacific Region.
- 2.7 The Games are primarily a sports competition that gives athletes with an intellectual disability an opportunity to achieve and to demonstrate these achievements to the community.

3. PRESENT SITUATION/MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

- 3.1 Sport Tasman is leading the preparation of a National Special Olympics New Zealand Summer Games 2017 hosting bid to meet the deadline of 27 July 2012.

4. FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 There is no certainty around whether Council would be asked to contribute financially and, if so, to what level that would be.
- 4.2 Any financial assistance other than an application to Community Grants would be subject to consideration through an Annual Plan or Long Term Plan process.

5. OPTIONS

- 5.1 Option 1 - Council takes a leadership role and agrees to contribute funds to the bid.
- 5.2 Option 2 - Support in principle a National Special Olympics New Zealand Summer Games 2017 hosting bid.
- 5.2 Option 3 - Do not support a National Special Olympics New Zealand Summer Games 2017 hosting bid.

6. PROS AND CONS OF OPTIONS

- 6.1 Option 1 - Council takes a leadership role and agrees to contribute funds to the bid.

Pros – Council support may enhance the prospect of a successful bid.

Cons - Council has no funds allocated to commit to the bid and staff haven't time to take a leadership role. Further staff acknowledge the lack of detail on the bid, currently available, to assess the costs and the business case for the event. Staff are therefore not in a position to recommend this option.

- 6.2 Option 2 - Support in principle a National Special Olympics New Zealand Summer Games 2017 hosting bid. This is staffs preferred option.

Pros - This would strengthen the bid from the Nelson Tasman region by demonstrating support of Tasman District Council as a partner. The investment Council has made in Saxton Fields and ASB Aquatic facilities would be profiled. If successful the games would lead to economic benefits, the EDA calculate the event would bring a significant economic benefit to the region of approximately \$900,000 of GDP generated. Supporting the bid in principle without commitments would enable Council time to consider the developed bid and if /how Council could support it. Noting that any financial support, beyond Community Grants, would need be subject to consideration through an Annual Plan or Long Term Plan process.

Cons - Supporting the bid could lead to an expectation of financial contribution from Council.

- 6.3 Option 3 - Do not support a National Special Olympics New Zealand Summer Games 2017 hosting bid.

Pros - Reduced risk of Council being expected to contribute to the games.

Cons - This would weaken the bid from the Nelson Tasman region and could lead to loss of the benefits identified in 6.2 above. It may create the perception of a lack of support by Council.

7. SIGNIFICANCE

- 7.1 This is not a significant decision under Council's Significance Policy.

8. RECOMMENDATION/S

- 8.1 That this report be received.
- 8.2 That Tasman District Council supports in principle the submission of a bid to host the National Special Olympics New Zealand National Summer Games 2017.

9. TIMELINE/NEXT STEPS

- 9.1 National Special Olympics New Zealand National Summer Games host bid submitted by closing date of 27 July 2012.
- 9.2 26 August 2012 - shortlist finalised.
- 9.3 15 September 2012 - board review shortlist.
- 9.4 26 October 2012 – city visits concluded.
- 9.5 22 November 2012 - Host City presentations to Special Olympics Board.
- 9.6 14 December 2012 - Special Olympics Board announces host city for 2017.
- 9.7 Consideration of inclusion of funding for the event in Annual Plan 2013/2014 or Long Term Plan 2015.

10. DRAFT RESOLUTION

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