



Subject: Selection Committee Recommendations – 2018 Alberta Winter Games

Selection Committee Recommendations:

THAT Amanda Mercer and Mohamed Salem be appointed as Co-Chairs for the 2018 Alberta Winter Games Host Society;

THAT the Selection Committee, in consultation with the Co-Chairs, be authorized to approve the appointment of Directors, and any replacement or additional Directors, as required from time to time, for the 2018 Alberta Winter Games Host Society; and

THAT Administration facilitate the incorporation of a 2018 Alberta Winter Games Host Society once the selection and appointment process is complete.

Summary:

The Selection Committee has made a recommendation pertaining to the appointment of Co-Chairs to the 2018 Alberta Winter Games Host Society. According to the Alberta Games Handbook, the host community is to appoint a Chair or Co-Chairs of the Games.

Background:

On January 14, 2016 the Alberta Sport Connection announced that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo had been selected host the 2018 Alberta Winter Games, the “Games”. As a result, Administration undertook a recruitment campaign that ran from February 10, 2016 to March 12, 2016 whereby applications were received for the Co-Chair and Director positions. A total of ten individuals applied for the positions of Co-Chairs of the Games. The Selection Committee has reviewed the applications received and is recommending the appointment of Amanda Mercer and Mohamed Salem as Co-Chairs for the Games.

Ms. Mercer holds a Bachelor’s Degree of Tourism Management with volunteer experience including current President of the Borealis Canoe Club and Founder of the North Star Women’s Business Network, to name a few. Mr. Salem holds a degree in Biological Sciences with volunteer experience including the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games and Syncrude Boreal Open Golf Tournament (Canada PGA Tour).

Upon appointment of the Co-Chairs, the Selection Committee, in consultation with these Co-Chairs, will review and appoint the remaining Directors to the 2018 Alberta Winter Games Host Society.

Rationale for Recommendations:

In accordance with the Alberta Games Handbook, Council is responsible for the selection and appointment of the Board Chairs/Co-Chairs.

Strategic Plan Linkages:

Pillar 1 – Building Responsible Government

Pillar 7 – Building for a Healthy and Active Lifestyle