

**Subject: 2022 Arctic Winter Games Budget****APPROVALS:****Jamie Doyle**\_\_\_\_\_  
Director\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

THAT the 2022 Arctic Winter Games budget in the amount of \$13,589,022 be approved;

THAT funding in the amount of \$4 million be allocated from the Emerging Issues Reserve to the 2022 Arctic Winter Games Host Society; and

THAT funding in the amount of \$1 million be held in the Emerging Issues Reserve to be allocated to the 2022 Arctic Winter Games Host Society for potential costs related to the restart of operations, subject to a revised budget approved by Council.

**Summary:**

A budget has been developed and approved by the Arctic Winter Games Host Society's (Society) Board and is being presented to Council for approval of the release of the \$4 million of funds from reserve to the Arctic Winter Games Host Society.

In addition, a further \$1 million is being requested to be held in reserve for expenses related to restarting the Arctic Winter Games operations group.

**Background:**

In October 2019, the Arctic Winter Games International Committee accepted the Municipality's bid to host the 2022 Arctic Winter Games.

A motion was put forward on October 23, 2018, that funding up to a maximum of \$4 million be allocated from the Emerging Issues Reserve to the 2022 Arctic Winter Games Host Society subject to Council's approval of the proposed games budget and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo being the successful bidder.

On March 3, 2021, it was announced that the Arctic Winter Games were postponed in a planned and proactive response to the global COVID-19 pandemic. The Arctic Winter Games originally scheduled to take place in Wood Buffalo from March 6 to 12, 2022, will be rescheduled to a later date to be announced. Due to this postponement, several

steps are being taken to reduce current expenditures but there is still a need to continue with planning and maintaining plans already in place; therefore, there will still be ongoing expenses. Once a new date is published, there will be a need to re-engage the operating group. The amount of funds required for this restart is not known and therefore is not part of the current budget. To ensure a smooth transition to an active operating group, the monies that have been spent to date are being proposed as the amount to be held in a reserve account. A revised budget will be prepared and presented by the Society.

### **Financial/Budget Implications**

To date, approximately \$1 million has been spent since the inception of the Society in 2019. The postponement will add more expenditures to the overall budget, but the amount is not known as it is predicated by the new date.

### **Strategic Priorities:**

Responsible Government

### **Attachments:**

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