

Subject: 2022 Arctic Winter Games Co-Chair Appointments**APPROVALS:****Annette Antoniak**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

THAT Melissa Blake and Nicole Bourque-Bouchier be appointed as Co-Chairs for the 2022 Wood Buffalo Arctic Winter Games Host Society; and

THAT Administration be directed to facilitate the public recruitment for the 2022 Wood Buffalo Arctic Winter Games Host Society Director positions and bring forward all applications to Council, in consultation with the Co-Chairs, for review; and

THAT Administration facilitate the incorporation of a 2022 Wood Buffalo Arctic Winter Games Host Society once the selection and appointment process is complete.

Summary:

Administration and Council has made a recommendation pertaining to the appointment of the Co-Chairs to the 2022 Wood Buffalo Arctic Winter Games Host Society. According to the Arctic Winter Games Staging Manual, the host community is to appoint a Chair or Co-Chairs of the Games.

Background:

On February 6, 2019 the Arctic Winter Games International Committee announced that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo had been selected to host the 2022 Arctic Winter Games (the "Games"). As a result, Administration along with Mayor and Councillors undertook the task of recruiting for the positions of Co-Chairs.

Ms. Blake served two terms as a municipal councillor for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo beginning in 1998, before running for Mayor in 2004 and holding that office until 2017. She was appointed to the Independent Advisory Board for Senate Appointments in 2018 and is also on the Alberta Order of Excellence Council. Ms. Blake has been honoured with several awards, including Woman of Inspiration by Girls Inc. of Northern Alberta. She was also honorary Co-Chair of the Northern Kickoff in 2015, the most northern CFL game in history.

Ms. Blake has experience with the 2004 Arctic Winter Games, 2015 Western Canada Summer Games and 2018 Alberta Winter Games. She was also on the Bid Committee for the 2022 Arctic Winter Games.

Ms. Bourque-Bouchier is co-owner and Chief Executive Officer of The Bouchier Group, one of Alberta's largest Indigenous-owned and operated companies. She has been honoured with numerous awards and accolades, including Woman of Inspiration by Girls Inc. of Northern Alberta and Rotary Club of Fort McMurray Oilsands Integrity Award. In 2015 she was named one of the Top 100 Most Powerful Women in Canada by Scotiabank.

Ms. Bourque-Bouchier has served on many non-profit organizations and currently sits on the Keyano College Board of Governors, co-chairs the Pacesetter & Leadership Committee for the Northern Lights Regional Health Foundation and is a member of the newly-formed Alberta First Nations Economic Security Council.

Upon appointment of the Co-Chairs, Administration will facilitate a public recruitment and following close out of that recruitment, the applicants for Director positions will be reviewed by Council, in consultation with these Co-Chairs, and a future report will proceed to Council for the appointment of the Directors to the 2022 Wood Buffalo Arctic Winter Games Host Society.

Rationale for Recommendation:

In accordance with the Arctic Winter Games International Committee, Council is responsible for the selection and appointment of the Co-Chairs.

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government