

### Meeting Backgrounder

**Prepared For:** Honourable Lisa Beare, Minister of Citizens' Services  
and Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

**Meeting Date:** Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-11:30 a.m.

CLIFF #: 47684

**Meeting Connection Details:** Room 151/MS Teams

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### INVITEES:

- Councilor Wilson Williams, Squamish Nation
- Chief Jen Thomas, Tsleil-Waututh Nation
- Chief Dean Nelson, Lílwat Nation
- Chief Wayne Sparrow, Musqueam Indian Band
- Trisha Smith, President, Canadian Olympic Committee
- Andrew Baker, Vice President, Canadian Olympic Committee
- Gail Hamamoto, Vice President, Canadian Paralympic Committee
- Tewanee Joseph, Indigenous Partners Lead, 2030 Feasibility Team
- Matthew Bongiorno, Manager, Government Relations, Canadian Olympic Committee

### ATTENDEES:

#### MINISTRY

#### OTHER

Lisa Beare, Minister

Melissa Farrance, Ministerial Advisor

Neilane Mayhew, DM

Kim Lacharite, ADM

Corinna Filion, Communications Director, GCPE

Geoff Meggs, Chief of Staff, Premier's Office

Don Bain (TBC), Deputy Chief of Staff to the Premier

Sarah Bailey (TBC), Executive Coordinator, Premier's Office

### PURPOSE:

To discuss the province's involvement in the 2030 Winter Olympics and Paralympics bid.

### AGENDA:

TOPIC	LEAD	TIME ALLOTTED (IN MINUTES)
WELCOME	MINISTER BEARE	3 MINUTES
TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	HOST NATION	2 MINUTES
PROVINCE'S ROLE IN 2030 BID	MINISTER BEARE	10 MINUTES
DISCUSSION	ALL	15 MINUTES

**KEY MESSAGES/SUGGESTED SCRIPT:**

- I want to start by thanking you for the work and effort you have put into this project.
- Your leadership and the technical expertise of the COC is clearly evident in the concept you've put together.
- You presented your Hosting Proposal to me and the Premier.
- You asked the Province to support moving the Bid forward.
- I want to respect the Indigenous led approach you've brought to this process and speak with you directly before the provincial government communicates its position around a 2030 Games Bid.
- Our government has considered your Hosting Proposal and decided.
- Now is not the right time for the Province to invest in a 2030 Olympic and Paralympic bid.
- Simply put, the costs are too high and the risks too many.
- s.13; s.17
- You are all aware of the urgent challenges we have in health care, in affordability, in labour supply, in housing.
- s.13; s.17
- Yes, a bid might advance work in some of those areas.
- But, frankly, not enough.
- We are focused on addressing these challenges directly, and not through a 2030 Games bid.
- When this work first started, we had not secured bids for the FIFA World Cup in 2026 or the Invictus Games in 2025.
- We were also very concerned about supporting the Tourism sector's recovery from COVID.
- But that has changed: We have secured the rights for both events and the Tourism sector has rebounded faster than expected from COVID.
- Frankly, our hosting plate is full.
- We are also supporting a bid to host the North American Indigenous Games in 2027.
- Planning and executing these major events take a significant amount of time and resourcing.
- To be successful, we must dedicate provincial resources to these nearer term events.
- We hope you'll join us in that effort.
- We believe these events will bring focus to your Nations and to reconciliation on the international stage.
- I know this has been a lot of work on the Hosting Proposal.
- So, I want to thank everyone involved in this process again for your work and commitment to this project.

## **BACKGROUND:**

### **2030 Games Leadership/Governance**

- The Leadership Assembly is the decision-making body for the project and is comprised of the COC, CPC, four host First Nations, the City of Vancouver (CoV) and Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW).
  - The Hosting Proposal submitted to the Province for consideration came from the Host First Nations with the support of the COC and CPC.
- Neither the province or federal government has been part of the formal decision-making for the project.

### **Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) Support for Bid**

- s.17
- s.16

s.13; s.16; s.17

## **ANTICIPATED MEETING OUTCOME:**

- Understanding of the Province's decision for declining to host the Games.

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Attachment 1: Biographies

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Councilor Wilson Williams

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<p>Copyright</p>	<p>insight into First Nations governance and strengthened her leadership capacity in the community.</p> <p>Her goals for the future are to see all our members thrive; bring our people together for more good times, rather than sad occasions; find more resources for people with disabilities and chronic diseases; learn as much as possible about our members' experiences; and find more training opportunities for members to hold top positions within our nation.</p>
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	<p>the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority. Both of these agreements recognize Musqueam’s ongoing stewardship of their lands and waters, and also prioritize economic, education and training opportunities for members.</p> <p>In 2022, Chief Sparrow was awarded the Rix Award for Engaged Community Citizenship from the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade for his work advancing economic reconciliation and supporting youth and adult athletic programs.</p> <p>In addition to his success in forging relationships and advancing Musqueam’s vision, Wayne is also a commercial fisherman and cultural ambassador.</p>
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