



# EXPLORING POTENTIAL FOR AN OLYMPIC BID: TERMS OF REFERENCE

COC: Canadian Olympic Committee

BOD: Board of Directors

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## INTRODUCTION

The Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) is, effective April 15th 2016, actively exploring the potential for pursuing a Summer or Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games for Canada (the "Games").

The COC seeks to identify legitimate potential Canadian bid cities setting in motion a fair, transparent and open domestic process by which an applicant city can secure the right to be named as Canada's next bid city - Summer or Winter.

Alternately, the COC may determine, following this process, that it will not, at this time, proceed with naming and proposing a bid city as a candidate for an upcoming Games.

***The immediate goal of the COC is to present Canadian cities interested in a 2026 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games or a 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games with information, tools and support they will need to prepare a bid campaign of the quality to compete and succeed at the international level.***

As a result, and given the significance of such an undertaking, the COC Board of Directors has chosen to constitute and mandate a COC Special Committee ("The Committee") to support the process of evaluating the potential for a future Home Games and to effectively transfer available knowledge within Canada to potential host city candidates.

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1. The Committee will be accountable and report to the COC.
2. The COC will appoint the Committee members for their extensive experience in bidding and hosting Games using reasonable efforts to ensure a balanced conflict-free representation. As the Committee will be small, all aspects cannot be represented. The Committee has the right to recruit additional expert assistance if needed.
3. The Committee will be available to assist the cities with the development of their vision and concept sufficient in detail for hosting an Olympic and Paralympic Games
4. The Committee will keep matters relating to the applicant cities' bid proposals confidential. Without limiting the foregoing, the applicant city ideas, concepts and proposals will not be disclosed by the Committee to other applicant cities.
5. The COC will provide if and as needed, confidential technical support to the Committee to ensure the process moves along efficiently and is appropriately supported.
6. To ensure each city's bid is sufficiently comprehensive, the Committee will facilitate on behalf of the cities, as required, access to and the support of the IOC's specialized department responsible for bid relations.
7. The Committee will provide a set of criteria or framework for the benefit of the COC against which the COC can evaluate each city's concept and its potential for success at the international level.
8. The Committee will be available to the COC to answer any questions the COC may have about each cities ultimate submission.
9. Notwithstanding the information and advice it provides, the Committee will NOT make any recommendations to the COC. The final decision(s) will be determined exclusively by the COC Session- the Canadian entity with sole responsibility for all Olympic Games matters in Canada.