



MEMORANDUM

June 20, 2023
Regular Board Meeting

TO	Board of Trustees
FROM	Lorraine Stewart, Board Chair
ORIGINATOR	Lorraine Stewart, Board Chair
RESOURCE	Board of Trustees and Executive Team
GOVERNANCE POLICY	Board Policy 2: Role of the Board Board Policy 7: Board Operations Board Policy 12: Role of the Superintendent
ADDITIONAL REFERENCE	BP 2: Collaboration <i>Education Act</i>
SUBJECT	SUPPORT FOR THE TRI-MUNICIPAL BID TO HOST THE 2026 ALBERTA WINTER GAMES.

PURPOSE

For approval. A recommendation is required.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees supports, in principle, the local Tri-Municipal bid for the 2026 Alberta Winter Games, with the caveat that further conversation is needed with the three municipalities regarding limitations and restrictions on what supports Parkland School Division could provide.

BACKGROUND

The Board collaborates with municipalities, other boards and community-based service agencies in order to effectively address the needs of all students and manage the use of public resources [Education Act s. 33(1)(f)].

The Board is charged with the responsibility of providing, for its students and their parents or guardians, an education system organized and operated in their best interests. It exercises this responsibility through setting of local educational policy and the wise use of resources.

The conditions of Parkland School Division's support are currently being determined under the requirements of Board Policy and the *Education Act*, and with the acknowledgement that the depth to which the Division can support the event, can in no way negatively impact those requirements. Areas that are yet to be determined, include, but are not limited to the level of access to PSD facilities for hosting athletes, ceremonial and sporting events, volunteer requirements, insurance and liability requirements, among any other potential issues.

REPORT SUMMARY

The Parkland School Division (PSD) Board of Trustees received a letter from the City of Spruce Grove Mayor, Jeff Acker, seeking support on behalf of the Division, for the City's bid, in partnership with the Town of Stony Plain and Parkland County, to host the 2026 Alberta Winter Games. In 2012, Parkland School Division and Evergreen Catholic Separate School Division partnered with the tri-municipality to host the Winter Games through use of their facilities to host events and provide accommodations for the student athletes.

PSD is excited at the opportunity to showcase school aged athletes in the Winter Games alongside its community partners, while maintaining the mandates outlined in Board Policy and the *Education Act*. The Board conditionally supports this bid in order to fully weigh both the positive impact and any challenges this obligation may have on its students and staff, as well as any financial impacts in maintenance of those facilities used during events and / or for accommodations.

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