
Administrative Memorandum

Regular Board Meeting

Date: December 09, 2020
Topic: 2026 BC Summer Games – City of Surrey Bid to Host
Submitted by: D. Greg Frank, Secretary- Treasurer

Background:

On September 14, 2020, the City of Surrey Mayor and Council passed a resolution to endorse a bid to host the 2026 BC Summer Games. City staff are assembling their host bid currently. The bid requires a resolution from the Surrey School Board indicating support to provide school sites as athlete, coach and volunteer accommodations for the Games.

The Games will run July 23-26, 2026. School buildings will need to be available July 16-July 29 to provide time for set up and take down. There will be 3800 athletes/ officials needing accommodation.

In 2010, the Surrey School District previously assisted in hosting the BC Summer Games with the City of Surrey. During those Games, the district provided use of 14 school sites (mostly secondary sites) as places where athletes, coaches and volunteers slept, showered and ate. The City did not pay rental fees in 2010 but they did pay hard costs that arose including janitorial, heating and ventilation, set up and clean up.

Request specifics for 2026

The City of Surrey and the Games Society have requested the following from the district to operate the BC Summer Games 2026:

- Use of school facilities and district busses with no rental fees charged. The BC Games Society will pay for any hard costs that arise including cleaning, set up/take down, heating and ventilation, open and close of sites as needed – hard costs to be determined by the district.
 - Use of 250 classrooms across approximately 14 school sites – using primarily secondary school sites. Athletes, coaches and their team volunteers will be housed together in school district classrooms, organized by sport and zone, with separate wings for male and female participants.
 - Assistance in setting up schools for use by the Games including clearing out classrooms, moving furniture, accepting delivery of bed mats, assisting in set up of Games equipment, support throughout the Games should any issues of building operations, security, repair or maintenance be required.
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- Use of all shower facilities in each school – shower facilities are required in each accommodation building.
- Use of cafeteria seating areas for gathering of teams and Games officials – meals will be served at a separate site.
- BC Games Society will provide volunteers throughout Games at all schools to monitor who is coming and going (all athletes, coaches and volunteers will be required to show tags that they are official participants in the Games before entering the building).
- Use of all district owned school busses with no rental fees. BC Games Society will cover the costs of gas and insurance as required. BC Games Society intends to ask CUPE if they may ask their bus driver members to volunteer their time during the Games to shuttle athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers from accommodation to sport sites.
- Access to parking lots at schools for volunteer parking and for Games shuttles to move in and out of while picking up athletes.
- District staff member to participate on the BC Games Planning Committee and to act as a member of the Accommodation sub-committee.

Please note that should COVID, or a similar situation be a factor in 2026, the District would be able to cancel its participation.

The City of Surrey requires a signed Motion from the Surrey School Board, showing support to provide school sites, with no rental fees (hard costs only to be charged) to act as accommodation for Games athletes and officials.

This Motion is required by the BC Games Society in order for the City of Surrey to submit a bid to host the games in 2026.

It is recommended:

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey), endorse the City of Surrey's bid to host the 2026 BC Summer Games and agree to allow the use of school facilities to accommodate participants, coaches and team volunteers; and

THAT any costs incurred by the Surrey School District in support of the 2026 BC Summer Games be reimbursed by the City of Surrey, and

THAT this endorsement be dated December 9, 2020.
