

Notice of Motion
Toronto City Council
December 15-16, 1999

Moved by: Councillor Walker

Whereas, the Auditor for the Australian state of New South Wales conducted an accounting review of the costs of the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games; and

Whereas, the Auditor reported in his January 8, 1999 that the net cost to the Government of the Games was Australian Dollars 2,300,000,000; and

Whereas, the Auditor has reported that the financial impact of the games on the budgets of government and governmental agencies was ignored in the bidding process; and

Whereas, the recent Master Plan for the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games ignores the guidelines of Sport Canada, Ministry of Canadian heritage concerning the need for estimating full costs of a major sporting event; and

Whereas,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:

1. The City of Toronto Finance Department be directed to distribute the Olympic Master Plan to the Finance Directors of each City Department and to each agency of the City of Toronto;
2. The estimates, in particular of the Police, Fire and Ambulance services; Solid Waste Services; the Canadian National Exhibition and the Toronto Transit Commission, be specifically requested.
3. Request preliminary estimates (with disclosed assumptions) of the additional activities and the additional equipment which will be required if Toronto is the host city for the 2008 Games which will be incurred by those departments and agencies.
4. Request estimates of the costs required for those services, activities and equipment, using Year 2000 dollars;
5. Review those estimates in order to ensure they are complete, objective and attainable.
6. The City of Toronto Finance Department provide a report to City Council on the expected costs of the Olympics to Toronto