TO:Mayor and Council
FROM:Cynthia Beach, Commissioner, Sustainability & Growth Group
RESOURCE STAFF:Lanie Hurdle, Director, Recreation and Leisure
DATE OF MEETING:2010-09-21
SUBJECT:2016 Can-Am Police-Fire Games

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Tourism Kingston – Kingston Economic Development Corporation (KEDCO) recently approached City staff to discuss the possibility of submitting a bid to host the 2016 Can-Am Police-Fire Games. Historically the event has hosted 1,000 competitors, 500 volunteers, and 1,500 spectators who are predominantly friends and family members of competitors. The event's average economic impact is $5 million to $10 million with drive-in participants staying an average of three days while fly-in participants stay an average of five to seven days.

This event does not require any financial or in kind support from the City of Kingston at this time, but a resolution of support from Council is required for the bid submission.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve the submission of a bid by the Kingston Economic Development Corporation for the City of Kingston to host the 2016 Can-Am Police-Fire Games.
AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES:

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*(N/R indicates consultation not required)*
OPTIONS/DISCUSSION:
Since 1977, the Can-Am Police-Fire Games have been a showcase for law enforcement, fire service and other agencies and their personnel from across North America to share in the camaraderie of testing their skills in athletic competition amongst their peers. The weeklong event in June or July attracts thousands of competitors from the United States, Canada, and other countries throughout the world.

The Can-Am Police-Fire Games offers over fifty events offering traditional athletic competitions in such sports as swimming, softball, cycling and profession specific events such as SWAT, police service dog, pistol, and firefighter competitions. Previous events have been held in Seattle, Portland, Calgary, London and Saskatoon.

This bid is supported by the Kingston Economic Development Corporation, the Kingston Police Force, Kingston Fire and Rescue Service, Frontenac County EMS, Correctional Service Canada, and C.F.B. Kingston.

Letters of support have been received from the Kingston Police Force, Correctional Service Canada, and C.F.B. Kingston and a letter from the Kingston Fire and Rescue Service is being prepared. A letter from Frontenac County EMS will be forthcoming after a resolution from Frontenac County Council on September 22, 2010.

EXISTING POLICY/BY LAW:
N/A

NOTICE PROVISIONS:
N/A

ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS:
N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:
N/A

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N/A

Others Consulted
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EXHIBITS ATTACHED:
N/A