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From: Angela Gauld [angelag@shaw.ca]  
Sent: Monday, 1 October 2007 11:09 AM  
To: MayorandCouncillors  
Subject: Seniors Games: your request for comments from the Seniors Advisory Cttee  
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Brodie

Olive Bassett passed on your request to me. I did a quick e-mail and telephone survey of Seniors Advisory Committee members and, while most would have preferred more information on which to base their opinion, the majority of the responses seem to be in favour of waiting until 2011--only two of our members think that we should try for 2009.

Here are the written comments in response to my e-mail:

**In favour of 2011:**

€ 2011 would be the more appropriate date. My reason is that City Staff are too busy with the Oval in preparation of 2010 and would not be able to dedicate their time. Even prior to 2011 games, there will still be a lot of City Staff time required to prepare a submission in acquiring the 2011 games.

€ Off the top of my head, my inclination would be to wait until 2011 to learn from 2010 games and to be sure to have an experienced pool of volunteers/staff.

€ I think we should try for 2011, provided the City and other appropriate people are on board. Much further discussion would be required as to the role the Seniors' Advisory Committee would be expected to play.

**In favour of 2009:**

€ The idea is great (for 2009, rather than 2011). The games fatigue may set in after the 2010 Winter Olympics and it may become more difficult to attract volunteers for 2011. However, it is a huge undertaking. The question is: What role does the City expect the RASC to play?

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My own view is that while holding the games in 2009 would be a useful exercise in terms of "rehearsal" for the Olympics, the City is already juggling a great many major projects. Perhaps City staff should be allowed to concentrate on the success of those projects already underway. Besides, the Olympics are sure to create interest in Vancouver and Richmond, and the Seniors Games could capitalise on that interest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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