

NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

ACTION SHEET

DATE: July 6, 2022  
TO: Board of Education  
FROM: Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer  
SUBJECT: Proposed Bid for the 2025 or 2026 BC 55+ Games

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**Recommendation**

***That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) write a letter of support for the City of Nanaimo's bid to host the 2025 or 2026 BC 55+ games (formerly called the BC Seniors Games).***

**Background**

The City of Nanaimo is seeking the Board's support in their bid to host the 2025 or 2026 BC 55+ Games.

The 55+ Games are an annual multi-day, multi-sport competition for athletes age 55 and up. On average, 3,500 – 4,000 athletes attend the games to participate in a minimum of 20 sports, along with opening and closing ceremonies and a social dance. The City of Nanaimo is bidding for either September 9-13, 2025 or September 15-19, 2026.

Given the Board's previous support for initiatives for our government partners (City of Nanaimo, SFN etc), and our many partnerships with the City of Nanaimo staff are supportive of this initiative.

There are no associated costs by supporting this request. However, as with other significant events we would be prepared to open our facilities as required.