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TO:	Mayor & Council	DATE:	May 10, 2001
FROM:	General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture	FILE:	0003-009
SUBJECT:	National Consultation on Sport – City of Montreal Brief		

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor write a letter of support for the City of Montreal's brief to Denis Codere, Secretary of State for Amateur Sport, emphasizing the critical role that municipalities play in the sport development process.

BACKGROUND

At the April 23 Regular Council Public Hearing, Council received a letter and attached brief from the Mayor of the City of Montreal. The Mayor of Montreal asked Council to support the proposals in their brief submitted to Denis Codere, Secretary of State for Amateur Sport.

Council referred the submission of the City of Montreal to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for comment. The Commission reviewed the Montreal brief at the May 9 meeting and approved a motion recommending that Council support the proposals and that the Mayor write a letter of support to the Secretary of State of Amateur Sport.

DISCUSSION

The brief prepared by the City of Montreal is well written and thought out. It identifies the key roles that municipal governments play in sport development and sport competition. This role has often not been fully appreciated or understood by senior levels of government or national and provincial-territorial sport governing bodies. It also identifies the need for aging infrastructure to be upgraded and new facilities added.

The consultation process for the Canadian Sport Policy included six regional conferences, including one in Vancouver. Both staff and local Surrey sport volunteers were involved in that event. One of the major outcomes of these consultations was the need to build on the

relationship between active living and sport. The key role of municipal governments and schools in introducing people to physical activity and sport and in supporting participation, was noted across Canada. The points made in the City of Montreal brief reflect the discussions at the various regional conferences.

The regional consultations culminated in the National Summit on Sport held in Ottawa on April 27 and 28. Delegates from across Canada agreed on three broad policy goals: Participation, Excellence, and Capacity Building. The role of municipal government was recognized and it was clearly accepted that municipalities, through the FCM and CPRA, must be included in developing any future action plans.

CONCLUSION

The City of Montreal has developed an excellent brief to the Secretary of State for Amateur Sport. The City of Surrey should support this brief through a letter from the Mayor.

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Parks, Recreation and Culture

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Attachment