

Federal Involvement in the 1976 Olympic Games -  
Third Status Report

Participation du fédéral aux jeux Olympiques de 1976 -  
Troisième rapport de situation

The Cabinet had for consideration the third regular Situation Report on this topic signed by the President of the Treasury Board (Cab. Doc. 438-74) and a Report of the Cabinet Committee on Government Operations (438-74CR).

In discussion of this item Ministers were asked if they have an interest in the possibility of the Winter Olympics being held in British Columbia. Premier Barrett in B.C. has indicated that his government is not interested in sponsoring those Games. This is in contrast to the position of the City of Montreal and the Government of the Province of Quebec which have explicitly assumed responsibilities for part of any eventual deficit of the 1976 Games.

The Prime Minister asked if the next report on the Montreal Games could cover all aspects of them since the time may be approaching for the federal government to take a more positive attitude towards the Games than in the past.

The Minister of Manpower and Immigration indicated that his Department had been receiving reports of possibilities that serious security problems might be associated with the 1976 Games. He indicated that he is proposing to bring a paper on this subject to the Special Committee of Cabinet on Security and Intelligence Matters.

The President of the Treasury Board said that the government should be giving some attention to the possibility of continuing a national lottery to succeed the series of Olympic Lotteries that are now in train.

The Cabinet agreed that:

- (1) the President of the Treasury Board should undertake a study of the desirability of organizing a national lottery to succeed the series of 1976 Olympic lotteries when that series terminates;
- (2) the Minister of National Revenue should, after consultation with his colleagues from the West Coast and other interested parties, submit to Cabinet at an early date his view on the nature and extent of any federal government support for the proposal to hold Winter Olympic Games in British Columbia.

The Cabinet also noted the third status report on federal involvement in the 1976 Olympic Games.