



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

2035 Canada Winter Games Hosting Feasibility Study Process

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS ENGAGEMENT?

The purpose of this engagement is to share findings from the 2035 Canada Winter Games Hosting Feasibility Report, present a range of potential hosting scenarios, answer questions, and gather feedback from partners. Feedback will help inform whether the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) should consider proceeding with the Northwest Territories' bid to host the Games and the level of support for doing so.

HAS A DECISION ALREADY BEEN MADE TO HOST THE GAMES?

While the GNWT submitted an expression of interest in 2022 for the NWT to host the 2035 games, a decision on whether to proceed is now being made. This decision has not yet been made. The feasibility study is intended to inform the GNWT's decision, and engagement is part of ensuring that any decision is informed, transparent, and grounded in partner input.

WHAT DO HOSTING "SCENARIOS" MEAN?

Hosting scenarios are exploratory options only. They outline different ways the Games could be delivered in the Northwest Territories. They are not commitments, approved plans, or preferred options, but tools to support discussion, understanding, and informed feedback during the feasibility phase.

WHY IS THE GNWT TAKING THIS APPROACH?

Hosting the Canada Winter Games would be a once-in-a-generation opportunity, but it would also involve significant responsibility, coordination, and risk. The GNWT is taking the time needed to understand feasibility, capacity, and community interest before deciding whether the Northwest Territories should submit a bid.



WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE WORKING GROUP?

The 2035 Canada Winter Games Hosting Feasibility Working Group provides advice, feedback, and oversight throughout the feasibility process. It helps shape the study, the hosting scenarios under consideration, and the engagement process, and works to ensure the process reflects northern realities, community capacity, and practical considerations.

WHO IS CONDUCTING THE FEASIBILITY STUDY?

The GNWT engaged a contractor with extensive experience in major event operations, including executive roles at previous Canada Games, to lead the hosting feasibility study and provide technical expertise. Their work is informed by input and guidance from the Working Group.

CAN WE ASK QUESTIONS BEFORE THE ENGAGEMENT SESSION?

As the scenarios and information are prepared, questions may arise. Members of the working group may contact community partners for additional information or clarification. Community partners are welcome to submit questions to the working group before formal engagement sessions.

WHAT KIND OF FEEDBACK IS THE GNWT SEEKING?

Community Partners will be asked to share:

- Whether they believe the GNWT should decide whether the NWT should proceed with a bid to host the Games; and
 - Their level of support, including any considerations, conditions, or concerns they feel should be considered.
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WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE ENGAGEMENT?

- Community Partners will have time for internal reflection and discussion
- Feedback, including levels of support and key considerations, will be compiled into a supplementary summary.
- The GNWT will use this input, along with the feasibility study findings, to determine whether to proceed with a bid.

If a decision is made to pursue a bid, broader engagement would follow to further refine hosting concepts, partner roles, and potential community legacy objectives.
