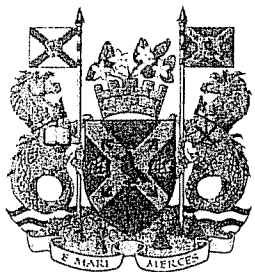


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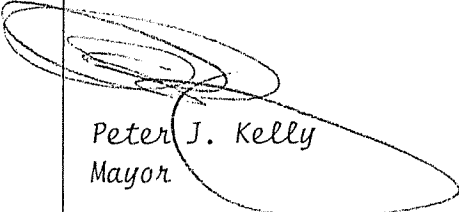
Dear Chairman and Committee Members:

As you are aware, there has been increasing demand from the public, particularly over the past few weeks, for greater transparency with regards to the Bid and Games budgets. As someone who answers to the taxpayers and as a taxpayer myself, I have also been quite eager to get more answers about spending. While I recognize there are issues pertaining to Bid competitiveness and regulations regarding Games budgets that necessitate a degree of confidentiality, there simply has to be more information that can be shared with the public.

With close to \$5 million spent to date, it is past time for the Bid Committee to share with taxpayers information on where and how money is being spent. I am asking you to provide this information in a timely fashion; it is the responsible thing to do and it is what the taxpaying public deserves. After all, they are funding the majority of the money being spent.

I look forward to seeing this information released to the public in the coming days.

Respectfully, I remain


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