



BREAD NOT CIRCUSES OLYMPIC REPORT CARD

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Subject	Jan	Feb	Nov	Jan	Comments
A. Public Participation Full information, public meetings, intervenor funding, Standards, accountability.	D-	F	F	F	Questions raised by the public have not been answered, instead we are asked to take a leap of faith. Bid organisers refuse to enter into public debates with those raising critical concerns (CBC forum) , and meetings where concerns might be raised, are poorly advertised (despite a multi-million dollar advertising budget) and therefore poorly attended.
B. Financial Guarantees Commitments, recovery of public funds, indep. accounting, corporate share of risk, clean bid.	F	D-	F	F	With a month left before Council votes whether to proceed with the bid, financial guarantees that council itself has required have not been put in place. Bid organizers still refuse to acknowledge that their plans are influencing infrastructure costs that could run into the billions. Bid members should declare their financial interests in the Games.
C. Social/Gender Equity Representation, hsg., protection for the most vulnerable, harassment and violence free.	F	E	F	E	ASSIGNMENT LATE! Although the TO Bid has commissioned a social impact study, it will not be completed until <u>after</u> City Council votes to proceed with the bid, contrary to Council's own requirements. Ideas like "residents' bill of rights" and affordable housing are used to sell the bid, without any ideas about implementation.
D. Environment Health Environ. assessment, air and water quality, conservation, green construction.	F	E	F	D-	Although the Environment Committee of the bid organization has made some strong proposals, bid organizers refuse to be tied to any sort of performance expectations regarding the environment. If, as they have claimed, the bid will be "environmentally progressive" they must <u>exceed</u> the standards set by the Sydney Games
E. Employment No job loss, protect industrial lands, union hiring, contract compliance, wage protection.	F	F	F	F	Claims of employment gains are exaggerated by in the inclusion of volunteer labour. No guarantees provided to date that building project would require unionized labour - will costs of the facilities be controled by limiting the wages paid as they were in Atlanta? Master plan represents a loss of jobs in the Port area.

Comments to Citizens: *If the bid proceeds, city council will be under increasing pressure to approve the plans proposed by bid organisers for the Port area, without having carried out any public process. The master plan represents the gentrification of the port area. Hosting the Olympics is not about a 16 day sports event, it is about urban development (that is why the private sector is so interested). Will we allow the planning to be carried out by private corporations for benefit of a few?*

Bread Not Circuses is a coalition of Toronto groups and individuals concerned about the Toronto Canada 2008 Olympic Bid