



Victoria to co-host 2019 World Juniors Hockey

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VICTORIA, BC – Hockey Canada, in collaboration with the Canadian Hockey League, announced today that Vancouver and Victoria will host the 43rd edition of the 2019 IIHF World Junior Championship. The international tournament will start in December 2018 with the gold medal game in January 2019. The city will host 14 games which will be played at the Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre.

The City of Victoria partnered with the Province of British Columbia and the Sport Hosting Vancouver Partnership, which includes the City of Vancouver/Park Board, Vancouver Hotel Destination Association, Tourism Vancouver, BC Pavilion Corporation and the University of British Columbia. Tourism Victoria, RG Properties and SportHost Victoria were also contributors to the successful bid.

"We're thrilled to be selected along with Vancouver to host the world junior hockey tournament here in Victoria," said Lisa Helps, Mayor of Victoria. "This is a very exciting opportunity for our community, which is sure to both entertain and inspire fans of all ages. The passion we have for hockey at all levels, from youth leagues to the WHL, runs deep. We look forward to welcoming the world in 2019!"

"This win is one more example of how, by working together, Victoria is raising the bar in order to win large conferences and events that put business on the books while generating positive global exposure," said Paul Nurse, President and CEO of Tourism Victoria.

The City will contribute \$100,000 to the event, which is expected to bring significant revenue for the city, from the visiting teams and spectators. Hosting the tournament will also generate positive global exposure, support youth sports and keep Victoria vibrant.

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