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Organizer:

Monday, February 4, 2019

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CONFIRMATIONs: Premier , Evan and Sheena s.22

Check-in required for seating

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Elizabeth-03-02-19

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**Subject:** Accepted: PACIFIC COASTAL: Victoria to Vancouver (7:45 AM)

From: s.17

Sent:February 4, 2019 10:58 AMTo:Aaron, Sage PREM:EXSubject:Re: Gerry Furney tweet

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 4, 2019, at 10:16 AM, Aaron, Sage PREM:EX < Sage. Aaron@gov.bc.ca > wrote:

First cut:

Saddened to learn of Gerry Furney's passing. He represented the town of Port McNeill on council for 46 years, 39 as Mayor – a champion of rural B.C., he will be missed. We shared a birthday and Irish ancestry. My thoughts are with Carmel, James and Liza.

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From: EMBC PDM EMBC:EX

Sent: February 4, 2019 1:26 PM

To: Anderson, Gordon A EMBC:EX; Bates, Stan EMBC:EX; Cox, Monica EMBC:EX; Duffy, Chris D EMBC:EX;

EMBC Logistics; EMBC PECC Planning 1 EMBC:EX; EMBC Social Media; Environment Canada Wx; Forge, Kathryn EMBC:EX; French, Ron EMBC:EX; Gostelow, Tara GCPE:EX; Jones, Kirk EMBC:EX; Lightbody, Ian EMBC:EX; Maley, Madeline L EMBC:EX; McClintock, Carol EMBC:EX; Robins, Shawn GCPE:EX; Singh, Gurdeep FLNR:EX; Tanaka, Sandra EMBC:EX; Thomson, Vanessa EMBC:EX; Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX; Williams, Susan GCPE:EX; Allan, John FLNR:EX; Bain, Nancy TRAN:EX; Baskerville, Shannon AEST:EX; BCP Ministry Advisors; Bond, Allison MCF:EX; Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX; Brown, Tom G EMBC:EX; Cameron, Valerie Z FLNR:EX; Carrelli, John I CITZ:EX; Carroll, Sandra TAC:EX; Caul, Doug D IRR:EX; CITZ Corporate Planning CITZ:EX; Dawes, Jacquie MAH:EX; Donaldson, Doug

FLNR:EX; Farnworth, Mike PSSG:EX; Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX; Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX; Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX; Grant, Nick MMHA:EX; Halls, Lori D EMBC:EX; Hewitt, Jeremy ENV:EX; Hughes, Doug J MMHA:EX; Hughes, Trevor LBR:EX; Kot, Jill CITZ:EX; Kristianson, Eric PREM:EX; Smith, Krystal PSSG:EX; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX; Lenz, Allison GPEB:EX; Liesch, Nancy FLNR:EX; Lloyd, Evan GCPE:EX; MacDonald, Scott D EDUC:EX; Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX; Main, Grant TRAN:EX; Maloughney, Mary Sue LCRB:EX; McAndrews, Caroline GCPE:EX; Mihlar, Fazil JTT:EX; Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX; Pecora, Talea PSSG:EX;

Plecas, Bobbi IGRS:EX; s.17; Rice, Jennifer PSSG:EX; Richter, Kevin J TRAN:EX; Robinson, Selina MAH:EX; Rothe, Karen J EMBC:EX; Shoemaker, Wes AGRI:EX; Sieben, Mark PSSG:EX; Takkar, Nimmi PSSG:EX; Thomson, Vanessa EMBC:EX; Wanamaker, Lori FIN:EX; Williams, Susan GCPE:EX; Woodcock, Danielle EMBC:EX; Wright, Don J. PREM:EX; Yuma Morisho, Okenge PSA:EX; Zacharias,

Mark ENV:EX

**Cc:** Public Safety Canada EM - Pacific

**Subject:** FW: DGIR code 2 - Train derailment - Kicking Horse River - SEA - update 2

#### Update 3

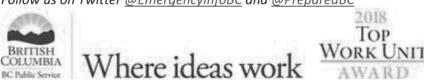
Update 04: At 14:32 ET on 04 February 2019, it was reported that the loaded grain train carrying 112 loads plus 3 units of distributed power (1 at the head, one in the middle and one at the tail end of the train) stopped in crew initiated emergency approximately 10 miles east of Field, BC. The train had been stopped for approximately two hours before it started to move downgrade uncontrolled when the 28 tail end cars derailed. The front portion of the train continued and subsequently derailed the lead locomotive and approximately 70 cars at the Kicking Horse Bridge. Transport Canada Prairie and Northern regional (PNR) inspectors are at the staging site while the Pacific regional inspector is still en route. The PNR team is unable to hi-rail in until the dive team completes recovery efforts ETA 1 hour, could be longer). CP s Laggan subdivision remains closed at this time and there is no estimate as to when operations will resume.

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/train-derailment-cp-railway-field-bc-tsb-1.5004622

Further updates will be provided as information is made available.

Mark Petrovcic | Provincial Duty Manager Emergency Management BC Block A – Suite 200, 2261 Keating Cross Rd Saanichton, BC CANADA V8M 2A5

Ph: 250-952-4278 Fax: 250-952-4872 24 Hour Emergency: 1-800-663-3456



From: EMBC PDM EMBC:EX Sent: February 4, 2019 10:26

To: 'Public Safety Canada EM - Pacific' <ps.box-bc-boite-bc.sp@canada.ca>

Subject: FW: DGIR code 2 - Train derailment - Kicking Horse River - SEA - update 2

#### Update 2

- Interior Health authority has been notified.
- First Nations Health Authority has been notified.
- The following First Nations we're notified via voicemail...Akisqnuk, St.Mary's, and Lower Kootenay Indian Band. The Tobacca Plains First Nations were notified directly.
- The Columbia Shuswap Regional District is aware and is directly linked to the Field Fire Department.
- RAM Environmental is on scene deployment containment boom on water. There is a sheen visible on the water.
- GHD Environmental consultants are on scene and are developing a sampling plan.
- two of the bodies have been recovered this far. Crews are working on recovering the third.
- the local EERO from Cranbrook is monitoring the situation remotely and is in contact with CP Rail as well as the
  environmental consultants.
- Parks Canada with CP Rail are the incident commanders and this is a federal lead.

Further updates will be provided as information is made available.

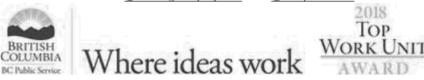
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Initial Report Mon 2019-02-04 4:40

Incident: DGIR Code 2/train derailment/fatalities

Location: Kicking Horse River, mile 130, Yoho National Park, Upper Spiral Tunnel near Field

**Circumstances:** At approximately 01:00 2019-02-04, 30-40 cars total derailed and the locomotive has subsequently fallen into the Kicking Horse River. The train was carrying Canola Oil/Diesel/Grain. Just the locomotive is in the river at this time and the only material of concern presently is Diesel.

Casualties: At this time there are 3 fatalities recorded, who were all located in the locomotive at the time of the incident.

Response: Emergency crews are on scene including CP Police, BCAS, Fire department and RCMP.

Current situation: Recovery is still under way for the three deceased persons.

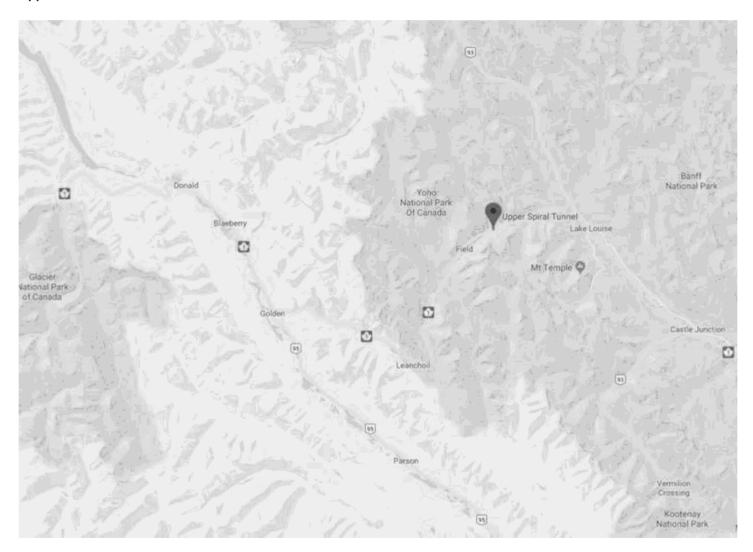
Media: No media has been observed at this time.

Weather:

**Today:** Mainly cloudy. 30 percent chance of flurries early this morning. Clearing near noon. Wind northwest 20 km/h. High minus 15. Wind chill minus 32 in the morning and minus 19 in the afternoon. Risk of frostbite. UV index 1 or low. **Tonight:** Clear. Wind up to 15 km/h. Low minus 20. Wind chill near minus 24.

Further updates should be expected for this incident.

## Approximate location of incident:





David Stanford MA MSc | Provincial Duty Manager

From: s.17

Sent: February 6, 2019 7:18 AM
To: PREM CAL PREM:EX

**Subject:** Declined: Cabinet Pre-brief

From: s.17

Sent:February 7, 2019 5:45 PMTo:Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EXSubject:Re: Hockey and Dinner on Sunday

So was it always the two of us in the mind if the organizers?

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 7, 2019, at 5:00 PM, Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX <Kate.VanMeer-Mass@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

We found this morning about Stew and it had not been mentioned before \$.22 s.22

Carole and Rob are attending the lunar new year dinner. Mitzi and Lana sent regrets.

Kate

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 7, 2019, at 4:46 PM s.17

wrote:

s.22

\$.22 What do the organizers expect? Was he part of it all along or a late addition?

Who else is going to he lunar new year event?

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 7, 2019, at 2:41 PM, Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX < Kate.VanMeer-Mass@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi there,

We've learned today that Stu Young will be a part of the puck drop on Sunday's hockey game. Would you like do the drop with him or would you simply like to attend the game? \$.22 s.22

Secondly, the Lunar New Year dinner on Sunday. The organizers are excited to have you, you would be the first Premier to ever attend the event. Can we confirm that you are attending or are you wanting the evening off?

Hope Washington is going great!

Kate

From: s.17

**Sent:** February 8, 2019 11:53 AM **To:** Fogg, Bruce PREM:EX

**Subject:** Re: Monday Feb 11 - Lorne Underwood

s.22

s.22 I do want to talk with him but would be nice to be specific.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 8, 2019, at 11:42 AM, Fogg, Bruce PREM:EX < Bruce.Fogg@gov.bc.ca > wrote:

Hi. You met Lorne at the Colwood Wild Salmon meeting and said set up meeting before you went to Seattle. Unfortunately earliest I've been able to squeeze him in is this coming Monday morning. But do you still want to meet with him then or delay to another time? I'm not even sure what his issue or advice is.

Lorne Underwood – Wsanec Nation. Thunder and Lightening policy development.

Let me know thanks.

Bruce Fogg Executive Assistant (Constituency) Premier John Horgan, MLA Langford-Juan de Fuca c) 250-208-2179

From: s.17

Sent: February 8, 2019 1:52 PM
To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX
NR

Subject: NR Attachments: NR

From: s.17

**Sent:** February 9, 2019 8:38 AM **To:** Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX

**Subject:** Re: Letter to Ms. Jen Holmwood

Whatever you think is best. The points are important. He may not get it if it is from another staffer.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 9, 2019, at 8:17 AM, Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX < Geoff. Meggs@gov.bc.ca > wrote:

I was going to send a letter from me saying it had been brought to your attention. Do you want it to come from you?

g

From:s.17

Sent: Saturday, February 09, 2019 8:04 AM

To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX

Subject: Fwd: Letter to Ms. Jen Holmwood

Need a response from me to this Monday.

- 1) Jen was responding to multiple media requests for response to Mayor.
- 2) I am ultimately responsible for my staff and government policy. \$.22
- 3) govt heard mayors appeal regarding Bear mountain business model and council resolution and resolved to continue to apply tax in Langford.
- 4) government welcomes discussion with mayors of affected areas on impact of tax following first year of application
- 5) any other points Finance feels we need to make.

Would like to know why no responses were provided to previous correspondence.

Please make this someone's highest priority.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Nash, Amber PREM:EX" < Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca>

Date: February 8, 2019 at 4:24:18 PM PST

To: S.17

Cc: "Fogg, Bruce PREM:EX" < Bruce.Fogg@gov.bc.ca >

Subject: Fwd: Letter to Ms. Jen Holmwood

Most recent correspondence from Mayor Young.

Amber

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX" < Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>

Date: February 8, 2019 at 3:54:53 PM PST

To: "Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX" < Geoff. Meggs@gov.bc.ca >, "Nash, Amber

PREM:EX" < <u>Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca</u>>

Subject: FW: Letter to Ms. Jen Holmwood

FYI

From: Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

Sent: Friday, February 8, 2019 3:34 PM

To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX < Jen. Holmwood@gov.bc.ca >

Cc: Privett, Don PREM:EX <Don.Privett@gov.bc.ca>; Farmer, Susan

PREM:EX <<u>Susan.Farmer@gov.bc.ca</u>> **Subject:** FW: Letter to Ms. Jen Holmwood

Hi Jen! Please see the attached. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance.

From: Sherri Andrews <sandrews@langford.ca>

**Sent:** February 8, 2019 3:30 PM

To: Privett, Don PREM:EX < Don.Privett@gov.bc.ca >

Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX < Premier@gov.bc.ca>;

Minister, FIN FIN:EX <FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca>; Weaver.MLA, Andrew

LASS:EX < Andrew. Weaver. MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: Letter to Ms. Jen Holmwood

Good afternoon Don,

Please find attached a letter addressed to Ms. Holmwood from Mayor Stewart Young. I would very much appreciation confirmation of receipt of this email as well as confirmation that it has been delivered to Ms. Holmwood. If I may ask that this letter be delivered at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards, Sherri Sherri Andrews Executive Assistant, Mayor, Council & CAO

From: s.17

**Sent:** February 10, 2019 11:47 AM

**To:** PREM CAL PREM:EX

Subject: Declined: Attend: Montreal Canadiens Alumni hockey game

From: s.17

Sent: February 11, 2019 12:42 PM
To: McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX
Cc: Nash, Amber PREM:EX
Subject: Re: TS media plan 20190211

I am happy to talk to her this afternoon on the phone.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 11, 2019, at 12:31 PM, McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX < Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca > wrote:

You'll notice there is no CBC morning shows. Would you be willing later this afternoon to do a short phone pre-tape with Tanya, which she can give to the various shows?

If it's by phone you can have the messaging in front of you.

On Feb 11, 2019, at 12:15 PM, Nash, Amber PREM:EX < Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca > wrote:

Received supporting materials – attached here.

Will print copies for you both to have here for tomorrow.

From: s.17

Sent: February 11, 2019 12:05 PM

To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX < Amber. Nash@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX < Sheena. McConnell@gov.bc.ca >

Subject: Re: TS media plan 20190211

Just reviewed the one page many spaces media plan. Besides the dates being wrong, it sort of made sense.

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Throne Speech Media Plan.

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<TS media plan 20190211.docx>

<20190212\_KM\_Throne\_V3.docx>

<20190212\_NR\_Throne Speech\_finaldraft.docx>

<Throne Speech QA v3.docx>

From: s.17

**Sent:** February 11, 2019 4:15 PM **To:** McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX

**Subject:** Re: Chinese media following throne

Sure

Sent from my iPhone

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Travena Lee would like to have you on her show Wednesday morning to discuss throne speech. Would you like to do this? I think it would be good for that community.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Aaron, Sage PREM:EX" < Sage. Aaron@gov.bc.ca >

Date: February 11, 2019 at 3:26:19 PM PST

To: "McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX" < Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca >

Cc: "Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX" <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Chinese media following throne

Sheena, would you please check this with PJH? We will wait to hear back from you before confirming.

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX Sent: February 11, 2019 2:41 PM

To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX < Sage. Aaron@gov.bc.ca >

Cc: McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX < Sheena. McConnell@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Chinese media following throne

Travena Lee, the host of Fairchild's morning show is unable to have PJH on Tuesday, but has requested him for Wednesday at 8:45am for 5 minutes. Please let me know if you'd like me to pursue this.

#### Jen Holmwood, Deputy Communications Director

Office of the Premier | Government of BC

British Columbia Parliament Buildings | 501 Belleville St, Victoria, BC V8V 2L8 | 250-818-4881

From: s.17

**Sent:** February 11, 2019 4:50 PM

**To:** s.22

**Subject:** Fwd: TS media plan 20190211

**Attachments:** 20190212\_KM\_Throne\_V3.docx; ATT00001.htm; 20190212\_NR\_Throne\_Speech\_finaldraft.docx;

ATT00002.htm; Throne Speech QA v3.docx; ATT00003.htm

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Date: February 11, 2019 at 12:15:08 PM PST

To: s.17

Cc: "McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX" < Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca >

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From: s.17

**Sent:** February 11, 2019 9:15 PM

**To:** PREM CAL PREM:EX

**Subject:** Accepted: MEDIA: CHNL with Woodford (pre-tape)

From: s.17

**Sent:** February 14, 2019 8:43 PM **To:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX

Subject: Re: For review: New grant will help northwest communities prepare for growth

Looks good

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 14, 2019, at 2:53 PM, Aaron, Sage PREM:EX < Sage. Aaron@gov.bc.ca > wrote:

For Immediate Release [release number] [February 16, 2019]

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

New grant will help northwest communities prepare for growth

VICTORIA – s.13 s.13

DRAFT<sup>s.13</sup>

A \$100 million Northern Capital and Planning Grant will go to four regional districts (Fraser Fort George, Bulkley Nechako, Kitimat Stikine and North Coast) and their 22 municipalities s.13

This grant fulfils Premier Horgan's commitment to northwest mayors to make sure local workers and communities are able to reap the full benefits of resource development happening in their region.

DRAFT "We've been hearing from local governments in northern B.C. about the challenges they face funding much-needed upgrades to their aging infrastructure, and how it makes it difficult for them to make the most of growth opportunities and holds them back from diversifying their economies," said Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "We know this grant will not only help northern communities meet their infrastructure needs today, but it will also set them up to benefit from development opportunities in the future."

Small communities along the proposed pipeline corridor and within the catchment area will receive a larger proportional share of the grant to compensate for their reduced commercial and industrial tax base.

[Quote - Local government representative — Terrace, Mackenzie — TBC subject to stakeholder engagement]

Local governments may use the grant to meet an immediate infrastructure need for their community, save it for a future opportunity, or leverage it to secure other sources of funding, including borrowing, reserves, and other grant programs, to cover major infrastructure and long-term planning initiatives.

The grant was informed by recent discussions between the Province and the Northwest B.C. Resource Benefits Alliance. The Province also consulted with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, as a change to the Local Governments Grant Regulation is required before the Northern Capital and Planning Grant can be implemented.

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#### **Quick Facts**

- The 22 municipalities will receive a total of \$83.7 million and the four regional districts will receive \$16.3 million.
- Local governments can generally expect to receive the following based on their populations and assessment bases:
  - Municipalities over 10,000 people will receive between \$6 million and \$9 million;
  - Municipalities under 10,000 people will receive between \$1 million and \$6 million; and,
    - Regional Districts will receive between \$1 million and \$6 million.
- s.13
  - s.13 The Northern Capital and Planning Grant will help local governments improve infrastructure and services to serve an influx of new people into the region.
- s.13

Contact:

Melanie Kilpatrick Media Relations Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing 778 698-9176

From: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX
Sent: February 21, 2019 12:05 PM

To: s.17 Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX

Cc: Hockin, Amber PREM:EX

Subject: For review: Rugby 7s NR

#### For immediate release

Rugby Canada wins hosting rights to HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series event for four more years; Grosvenor and Sport Hosting BC re-sign as Premier Partners for the record breaking HSBC Canada Sevens that will continue until 2023.

February 26, 2019, Vancouver, BC – With less than two weeks remaining before the fourth and final year of its four-year hosting agreement with World Rugby, Rugby Canada announced today that Canada will again host one of 10 stops on the HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series from 2020 to 2023. The successful tender comes on the heels of receiving the Tournament Award from World Rugby for the 2018 event based on team feedback scores, and as a result of year-over-year growth and momentum, breaking records as the largest rugby event in Canada for three consecutive events.

"The HSBC Canada Sevens Tournament has been a game changer on so many levels, and we'd like to thank World Rugby, HSBC and the global Series partners for the opportunity to once again host this great event for another 4 years," said Allen Vansen, CEO of Rugby Canada. "The success of this event is due to so many people and organizations. From the world's best athletes and fans who shine on and off the field of play, to the dedicated partners and sponsors who are critical in bringing the event to life, to the staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to make this event world class – a heartfelt thanks to all for their collective commitment to excellence."

Rugby Canada also announced today the re-signing of two tournament Premier Partners - Sport Hosting Vancouver, a partnership between Tourism Vancouver, The Vancouver Hotel Destination Association and the City of Vancouver that works to attract, develop and support world-class sport events in Vancouver; and Grosvenor, one of the world's largest privately owned property businesses who develop, manage and invest in property in more than 60 cities around the world.

"I'm thrilled that B.C. will continue to host the HSBC Canada Sevens tournament for the next four years," said Premier John Horgan. "It's no secret that I am a fan of the game, and I'm pleased to be counted among the thousands of people who travel here for these matches, shop at local businesses and help showcase B.C. as a great host for major sport events like this one."

In its' first three years, The HSBC Canada Sevens tournament has continually raised the bar for rugby in Canada, sparking greater awareness and growth while generating more than \$24M in economic activity in BC on an annual basis. The 2018 event in Vancouver saw more than 5,000 tickets sold to international buyers and those living outside of BC. Annually, the tournament hosts teams from 16 competing nations, including Canada, and books more than 2,300 hotel room nights for teams and tournament staff. Teams spend five days in Vancouver prior to the tournament, and in addition to other community activations, each visits a school, community centre or First Nation during their stay to further promote the sport of rugby.

"The re-signing of Sport Hosting BC and Grosvenor are a testament to the strong leadership they have demonstrated to date, and the important role they will play as we prepare for the next four-year cycle," added John Furlong, Chairman of the Canada Sevens Board of Directors. "We are thrilled to have them back on board, and grateful for their commitment to ensuring that from the moment the worlds' best sevens players touch down at YVR to the moment they leave, they are treated to a uniquely Canadian experience from a world class city with the worlds' best fans!"

#### Government of Canada quote

2019 will mark the fourth year that the HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series will come to Vancouver, and the community continues to respond with enthusiasm. Two action packed days of sport are combined with the city's largest costume party and an international celebration of sport in BC Place stadium. With four more years secured, the event will look to continue its growth and positive impact for the sport of rugby sevens, and for the community at large. Further information on future tournament dates will be released in the coming weeks, as will details concerning the HSBC Canada Women's Sevens, which will be held for a 5<sup>th</sup> year in May, 2019 in Langford.

"insert HSBC quote" (recommend something about commitment to growth globally, and in Canada)

PavCo quote + lines about significance for BC Place

With less than 7 days to go before teams touch down at YVR, Rugby Canada and the Canada Sevens Organizing Committee are working diligently to deliver its "best ever" event on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at BC Place Stadium. Tickets continue to sell fast, with limited inventory remaining, and organizers are encouraging fans to act fast if they don't want to miss the chance to attend what has become a tradition on the Canadian event calendar. For full information on remaining ticket availability, visit www.canadasevens.com.

#### About HSBC Canada Sevens:

HSBC Canada Sevens is a two-day indoor rugby sevens tournament, hosted March 9–10, 2019 at the world-class BC Place Stadium, host venue to Canada's most prestigious events, and will feature 16 of the world's top men's sevens teams. The HSBC Canada Sevens will be the sixth stop in a 10-stop world tour as part of the HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series. Sevens rugby, a fast-paced and shorter version of traditional rugby with only seven players per side, has built a huge international audience through the success of the HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series, which attracts large audiences in markets around the world. The 2019 HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series kicked off November 30<sup>th</sup> in Dubai, and the full ten-stop tour schedule of the 2019 Series can be found at <a href="https://www.world.rugby/sevens-series/calendar">https://www.world.rugby/sevens-series/calendar</a>.

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