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Cc: [Trent Carroll](#)
Subject: 39541 incoming - Canucks/NHL proposal
Date: May 4, 2020 6:19:37 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[NHL Restart Proposal Vancouver May 2020.pdf](#)

Dear Minister Beare,

Thank you for your support and guidance as we have developed our proposal to host NHL games in Vancouver this summer. Attached is our initial outline, including important details about the proposed medical and testing protocols. As stated in the proposal, the NHL's Restart concept shares a commitment to follow local health guidelines and to ensure that testing not reduce public access or put strain on resources.

Given the fluidity of the pandemic, the medical and testing protocols included in this document are a framework. We will continue to evolve and adjust based on guidelines and advice from you and your colleagues in health and elsewhere.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to discussing further very soon.

Thanks,

Chris

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Resumption of Play for the National Hockey League (NHL)

Briefing Note

What:

Phone call with NHL about Vancouver hosting the remainder of the 2019/20 season for the League's Pacific Division.

Who:

Gary Bettman, Commissioner of the National Hockey League.

Executive Summary:

Their criteria to host and B.C.'s capacity to meet those criteria are:

Current COVID context

Note: League may be looking for most recent COVID statistics in B.C. during the call.

- The health and safety of people has been our first priority throughout this pandemic and B.C. would put the same priority on protecting NHL players.
- B.C. is a low risk jurisdiction well suited to host the NHL with:
 - low transmission rates;
 - the lowest mortality rate of comparable jurisdictions across North America and Europe; and,
 - a flattening of the curve at a speed on par with Australia, New Zealand and South Korea.

Support from province, health authorities and City of Vancouver

- B.C. and City of Vancouver enthusiastically support the Canucks proposal.
- Health authorities are working on the Canucks proposal and are supportive of the current approach to the health of players, staff and British Columbians.

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Testing and Monitoring program

- A B.C. public health official would work in collaboration with the NHL medical team to advise and help build the testing, monitoring, and medical protocols needed.
- B.C. has the capacity to provide the approximately 23,500 total daily tests that would be requested and those tests could be completed at one of the 9 labs near Rogers Arena.
- Provincial Ministry of Health Staff have confirmed that daily tests for NHL players (at the NHL's cost), staff and officials could be conducted without compromising the public's access to those tests.
- With proper testing and monitoring protocols in place for early identification of symptomatic staff, health officials see the risk of infection or transmission as very low for players and their staff.
- Anyone associated with the League's play that became symptomatic after the arrival quarantine would need to self-isolate for an additional 10 days.

Arrival Quarantine protocols

- Anyone associated with the League's play that is crossing the border into Canada would need to quarantine for 14 days.
- Vancouver is one of four airports in Canada currently authorized to accept international passengers.
- There are stringent quarantine protocols in place at YVR to ensure the health of the visitor and the safety of the community.

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Hosting Infrastructure

- World-class city with Rogers Arena, numerous practice facilities and host to last June's NHL Entry Draft.
- Spectacular summer location for players, families and staff with opportunities on the ocean, golf courses, mountains and city.

Background:

- On March 12, 2020, National Hockey League (NHL) Commissioner Gary Bettman suspended the 2019/20 season indefinitely due to COVID-19.
- The NHL is currently seeking four cities – one for each of the league's divisions – to host play for the remaining 189 regular season games and the playoffs.
- The Canucks have raised the possibility that the NHL may propose moving straight into playoffs.
- The Vancouver Canucks have submitted a proposal to the NHL to host the NHL's Pacific Division, which includes the Calgary Flames, Edmonton Oilers, Los Angeles Kings, Anaheim Ducks, San Jose Sharks, Arizona Coyotes, Las Vegas Golden Knights, Vancouver Canucks.
- The province has written to both NHL Commissioner, Gary Bettman and Donald Fehr, Executive Director of the National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA) to show British Columbia's support to host the games.

Recommendations:

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BRIEFING NOTE

Briefing on NHL Return to Sport in Vancouver

June 10, 2020 11:30am

What:

Update on the NHL playoff proposal and plans to host in Vancouver.

Who:

Premier John Horgan and Minister Lisa Beare

Executive Summary:

On June 4th, Canucks Sports & Entertainment (CSE) provided the NHL Phased Return to Sport Protocol and Vancouver's NHL Hub City Plan, both of which were discussed with Dr. Bonnie Henry, the DM of TAC and Canucks medical staff and Canucks representatives on June 5th.

Background:

- The NHL is seeking two hub cities for the Eastern and Western Conferences, to host twelve NHL teams each for expanded NHL playoffs.
- Hub candidates include Chicago, Columbus, Dallas, Edmonton, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Pittsburgh, Toronto and Vancouver.
- Hub selection will depend on travel restrictions in place when the league is ready to commence play. Dr. Henry provided support to the 14-day modified quarantine proposed in the Canucks plan (NHL protocols) at the June 5th meeting
- The league has not indicated when it is expected to make its final decision.

NHL Phased Return to Sport Protocol

- The NHL's return is slated through the following phases:
 - Phase 1: Self-quarantine of players and hockey staff.
 - Phase 2: Players are permitted to return to club training facilities for voluntary small-group individualized training activities.
 - Phase 3: Formal training camps begin after medical/civil guidance.
 - Phase 4: 24 teams in 2 "hub" cities compete in seeding round robins, a qualifying round and conference-based Stanley Cup playoffs.
- The NHL Phased Return to Sport Protocol provides the framework for in Phase 2.

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Vancouver's NHL Hub City Plan

- The Plan provides protocols should Vancouver be selected as a hub for the Canucks' training camp (Phase 3) and playoff games (Phase 4).
- In addition to protocols respecting training facilities, arena operations and staffing, the plan outlines a modified quarantine proposal ("cohort quarantine"), which would allow players to proceed with on-ice activities during the quarantine period.
- Under this proposal, players (and their families) would be sequestered in a local hotel, required to take an education session and subjected to rigorous screening, testing, distancing and cleansing protocols when arriving to and from training facilities via secure transport.
- Health has indicated that the PHO has reviewed and is supportive of CSE's plan.
- The June 5th call with Dr. Bonnie Henry indicated support for the modified quarantine plan if family repatriation occurred first (announced today) and that players would not be considered an essential service.

Recommendations:

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June 10, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister,

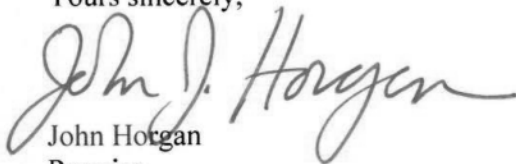
The Vancouver Canucks are currently in discussion with the National Hockey League (NHL) for Vancouver to be a host city for the 2020 NHL playoffs. This letter is to confirm the Government of British Columbia's support for this proposal.

Our shared focus over the last few months has been to contain the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the dedicated efforts of our public health professionals and through British Columbians working together, we have successfully managed to suppress the spread of the novel coronavirus in British Columbia.

As a result, we are now in a position to consider new opportunities that would help revive economic activity and raise the morale of our residents, such as the Vancouver NHL Hub City Plan, prepared by Canucks Sports and Entertainment. British Columbia is strongly committed to the well-being of our residents through enforcement of the 14-day isolation requirement for arrivals to Canada. Our understanding is that the Vancouver Canucks and other NHL teams would be in complete compliance with these requirements through a modified quarantine regime that would involve isolation bubbles in accommodations and arenas, secure transport and testing protocols. This modified quarantine regime would enable NHL teams to resume playing without adverse effects on B.C. residents.

I would, therefore, respectfully request the support of the Government of Canada for the requisite exemptions and modifications to requirements pertaining to the entry of athletes, officials and staff to Canada. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Yours sincerely,



John Horgan
Premier

Enclosure

cc: The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs

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June 10, 2020

Ms. Tina Namiesniowski
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Dear Ms. Namiesniowski,

The Vancouver Canucks are currently in discussion with the National Hockey League (NHL) for Vancouver to be a host city for the 2020 NHL playoffs and this is very exciting news for B.C. and Canada as a whole.

My team and I have reviewed the Canucks Vancouver Hub City plan, which proposes a modified quarantine along with the NHL's Return to Sport Protocol, which outlines the detailed medical and testing protocols and we also had the opportunity for direct discussion with the Canucks medical team last week. Given this opportunity for review and discussion I am now comfortable indicating my support for this initiative as long as a very strict modified team quarantine and testing protocol as outlined in the plans is followed. In addition, the players would not be designated as essential workers.

Please feel free to contact me, if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Bonnie Henry
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Provincial Health Officer

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June 19, 2020

Ms. Tina Namiesniowski
President, Public Health Agency of Canada
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Dear Ms. Namiesniowski,

As mentioned in my June 10th letter to you, the Vancouver Canucks are currently in discussion with the National Hockey League (NHL) for Vancouver to be a host city for the 2020 NHL playoffs and this is very exciting news for B.C. and Canada as a whole.

In addition to their bid to be a host city, I am aware the Vancouver Canucks are in the process of scheduling a training camp. My team and I have reviewed the Canucks Vancouver Training Camp plan, which proposes a modified quarantine along with the NHL's Return to Sport Protocol, which outlines the detailed medical and testing protocols. We also had the opportunity for direct discussion with the Canucks medical team this week. Given this opportunity for review and discussion I am comfortable indicating my support for this initiative as long as a very strict modified team quarantine and testing protocol as outlined in the plans is followed.

Please feel free to contact me, if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Bonnie Henry
MD, MPH, FRCPC
Provincial Health Officer

cc: Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer of Canada
Shauna Brouwer, Deputy Minister, Tourism, Arts and Culture
Bobbi Plecas, Deputy Minister, Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat

From: [Dunnett, Jennifer TAC:EX](#)
To: [Berkes, Andrea TAC:EX](#)
Cc: [Morton, Anna TAC:EX](#)
Subject: Request for Staff and Materials - Briefing for PJH on NHL Updates
Date: June 8, 2020 3:45:33 PM

Hello,

PJH would like a briefing on the latest NHL updates on June 10th from 10:15am – 10:45am. Could I please request staff and materials for this.

PO would also like me to send them the letter or BN that is already drafted with these updates, could you please pass them along to me?

Here are the conference line details for the briefing:

Con Call Details:

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PO will moderate

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Much appreciated,

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Sent: June 8, 2020 1:01 PM
To: Hagglund, Jarrett PREM:EX <Jarrett.Hagglund@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Briefing on NHL Updates

Hi Jarrett,

No problem! I will confirm which staff will participate and let you know. I will also look for the letter/BN and get that to you.

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Subject: Briefing on NHL Updates

Good Day!

Looking to set up a briefing for the Premier on the latest NHL updates. Looking at 10:15am on Wednesday June 10th. Call in below. Can you please let me know if your minister is available and confirm Staff? Also I think there should be either a letter or some sort of BN could you help track that down as well?

Thanks so much!

Jarrett Hagglund | Executive Coordinator to the Premier

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Subject: REQUEST - SUMMARY/BRIEFING NOTE: Canucks
Date: April 28, 2020 5:13:47 PM

Hi Andrea,

We'd like to request a note summarizing s.13
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We will be chatting with the PO tomorrow eod so it'd be great to have this note by 3pm tomorrow if possible.

Let me know? Thanks!

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Daniela Gardea
Senior Ministerial Assistant
Office of the Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture and responsible for Sport and Multiculturalism

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