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**Subject:** Memo - Canucks bid to host remaining 2020 NHL games

**Attachments:** CMO - Memo re Canucks bid to host 2020 NHL games - 2020.05.pdf

Greetings Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo regarding the Canucks Sport and Entertainment bid to host remaining 2019-20 NHL season games in Vancouver.

- ☐ As you may have heard, the Vancouver Canucks have proposed Vancouver as a hub-city with the NHL for a compilation of games to complete the 2019-20 NHL Season.
- ☐ Our Sport Hosting team is working very closely with the Vancouver Canucks and the Province of B.C. to establish acceptable parameters and required approvals for this to move forward.
- ☐ Please see the attached memo for a detailed overview for your information.

Should you have any questions, please contact Michelle Collens, Manager, Sport Hosting Vancouver, at [Michelle.Collens@vancouver.ca](mailto:Michelle.Collens@vancouver.ca).

Best,  
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## MEMORANDUM

May 7, 2020

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, Deputy City Manager  
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FROM: Sadhu A. Johnston  
City Manager

SUBJECT: Canucks Sports and Entertainment bid to host remaining 2019-20 NHL season games in Vancouver

Dear Mayor and Council,

Canucks Sports and Entertainment (CSE) have been in discussion with the NHL about Vancouver serving as one of the four markets to restart games in the coming months.

Planning remains fluid due to the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic. However, the current scenario being reviewed is to play out the remainder of the 2019-20 season in four NHL markets that could safely host multiple teams and multiple games daily. Vancouver is a desirable destination for the NHL to host given the current 70-cent Canadian dollar, the Province's favourable response to the COVID-19 pandemic and our infrastructure within close distance including competition arena, hotels and training facilities.

Games would be played in Rogers Arena with no spectators and minimal staff. Testing protocols of players and all staff will be a top priority. An environment would be created where team and officials could isolate themselves in controlled venues where they can live, train, practice and play games safely while minimizing risks of contracting or spreading the COVID-19 virus.

Our Sport Hosting Vancouver team has been working with CSE to establish the collaborative working partnership with the relevant partners required to ensure this event would develop and meet procedures that would be acceptable parameters for local health authorities including the Province of British Columbia, the Provincial Public Health Officer, and Vancouver Coastal

Health. CSE is finalizing an overview of proposed procedures and operational guidelines to provide to the Province for review.

The NHL has indicated guiding principles this event would need to follow including the testing for the teams and staff involved must not reduce public access or put strain on public resources. The NHL has also made it clear they will be paying for whatever testing is required to return to play.

The Vancouver Canucks will request regular game day services and operations traditionally supported through the VPD and our Special Events Office through their normal channels. Our Sport Hosting Vancouver will continue to work closely with CSE and other partners to establish the acceptable parameters and required approvals for this event to move forward. The City of Vancouver is supportive of this event concept if it receives the appropriate approvals from Provincial Government Officials.

If you have any further questions, please contact Michelle Collens, Manager, Sport Hosting Vancouver ([michelle.collens@vancouver.ca](mailto:michelle.collens@vancouver.ca)).

Best,



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