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Subject: Update: Information Regarding Invictus Games Invitation & Q1 2025 SHV Event Update

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I have an updated communication regarding your Invictus Games Opening and Closing Ceremonies invitation. The CEO of the Games, Scott Moore, will be **sending to you directly an official invitation for yourself and a guest to attend both the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Invictus Winter Games on February 8 and 16.**

The invitation will come from the protocol team of the Games, and will ask that you please RSVP to their team directly: RSVPprotocol@invictusgames2025.ca. We apologize for any confusion caused by the previous email and appreciate your understanding. Please expect to hear from the Invictus Games team shortly regarding your official invitation.

It was also brought to my attention that there was a typo in the SHV Quarterly Event Update, related to event #6 – Exploring the 2030 ISU Figure Skating World Championships. The edits to the event description have been made and attached.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Margaret Wittgens, GM Arts Culture and Community Services at margaret.wittgens@vancouver.ca and we will provide a response through the weekly Q&A.

Best,
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QUARTERLY SPORT HOSTING VANCOUVER EVENT ROSTER, Q1- January 2025

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TABLE 1. MAJOR EVENTS, EXPLORING, PENDING AND SECURED

Status	Event	Date	Venue	Description/Notes	Sport
Exploring	1. Taekwondo Canada Cup	February 2026	VCC	- Return of the Taekwondo Canada Cup featuring 800 athletes (90% international). Successfully hosted in Vancouver 2023 & 2024. Had to skip hosting in 2025 due to the Invictus Games in VCC venue.	Taekwondo
Exploring	2. UCI City Mountainbike	2026 onwards	Various locations (outdoor)	- High interest from event organizer but staff still evaluating the ROI for travel market. Level of funding support requested from event rights holder not known yet.	Urban Mountain Biking
Exploring	3. International Tennis Federation Coaches Conference & AGM	October 2027	Hotels, VCC TBD	- Biannual coaching conference that will secure over 1000 attendees, has not been hosted in NA in last 10 years. Strategically combining with annual AGM.	Tennis
Exploring	4. 2027 or 2028 NHL All-Star Weekend	Feb 2027 or 2028	Rogers Arena	- The National Hockey League All-Star Weekend is a 3 on 3 exhibition ice hockey tournament between the 4 conference divisions, combined with a skills competition and festival activities that take place across the host city.	Ice Hockey
Exploring	5. Short Track Speed Skating World Cup Series	2026-2027+ (November or February dates)	Pacific Coliseum	- Reviewing the feasibility to use the Olympic venue – Pacific Coliseum – and be awarded a regular rotation of the World Cup series alternating with Montreal.	Short Track Speed Skating

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Exploring	6. 2030 ISU Figure Skating World Championships	March 2030	Rogers Arena	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undergoing feasibility of hosting with Skate Canada and BC/Yukon Section – anticipated competition from both Edmonton and Calgary also expressing interest. - Key marquee event opportunity that will require support and participation from the Province of BC to put in a bid. Bid timeline is June 2025. 	Figure Skating
Exploring	7. Rugby World Cup (2031 and 2033)	Fall (Sept-Oct)	BC Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USA Rugby is submitting bid to host the Men's World Cup in 2031 and the Women's World Cup in 2033 - Vancouver is included as a potential host city 	Rugby 15s
Exploring	8. 2032 IIHF World Juniors	January 2032	Rogers Arena	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Early conversations with Hockey Canada to realize the rotation of World Juniors. - 2027 will be hosted in Alberta, and 2029 will be hosted in the East – with first opportunity to attract to the West in 2032 - 	Ice Hockey
Secured *with first right of refusal – partners to make a decision to renew based on final report stats	9. 2024 FIM Supercross World Championship – Canada GP	Oct/Nov 2026	BC Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Received final report from 2024 event, reviewing tourism impact and community engagement to determine impact and investment. Quick review shows positive return with: 15k in attendance, 55% from outside Vancouver, 92% said it was their primary reason to visit Vancouver – hosted in shoulder season. Working with BC Place to potentially find Nov dates. 	Supercross

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Pending	10. Bell NBA Canada Series – NBA Preseason	Oct 2025	Rogers Arena	- NBA Canada pre-season game – secured, still negotiating SHV engagement and support – anticipated that it is a Raptors vs Denver Nuggets pre-season game.	Basketball
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Secured	11. PWWHL Takeover Tour – Toronto vs Montreal	January 8, 2025	Rogers Arena	- Professional Women's Hockey League – first game in the 'west' – in season game that sold out in 48 hours. - League hosting inseason games to evaluate potential locations for expansion.	Ice Hockey (Women's)
Secured	12. 2025 Invictus Games	Feb 6-17, 2025	Vancouver and Whistler	- International sporting event for wounded, injured and sick servicemen and women, both serving and veterans - Winter Hybrid version	Multi-sport (winter)
Secured	13. World Rugby Vancouver Sevens 2025 & 2026	Feb 21-23, 2025 2026 dates TBC	BC Place	- Reviewing in alignment with other Rugby Canada event asks. - Success factors under the new model will be the destination's ability to 'festivalize' the event outside the stadium/competition	Rugby 7s (men and women)
Secured	14. USports Basketball Championships (men & women)	March 2025	UBC	- First ever combination event to host the men's and women's university championships together	Basketball
Secured	15. BMO Vancouver International Marathon	May 4, 2025	Vancouver	- 53 rd race year – 2 nd largest marathon in Canada. For the 4 th consecutive year the 2024 BMO marathon shattered it's record .with 23,000 participants.	Road running – long distance

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Secured	16. Vancouver T100 Triathlon	June 13-15, 2025	Jericho, UBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - https://t100triathlon.com/vancouver/participate/ - 1 of 7 international destinations to host the T100 series. - Professional race with mass participation multisport festival for amateur athletes - Anticipated 3500 athletes in total with significant impressions and broadcast. 	Triathlon
Secured	17. Gold Cup - CONCACAF	June 2025	BC Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Men's competition – this would be a first round game with Canada Soccer vs. a lower ranked team. - Anticipated to host 4 teams as a double header game. 	Soccer
Secured	18. 36 th Concord Pacific Dragon Boat Festival	June 20-25, 2025	False Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Dragon Boat Festival is on pace to be the biggest race since 2019, with 197 teams already registered (5000 athletes). 	Dragon Boat
Secured	19. WNBA – Seattle vs Atlanta	August 14, 2025	Rogers Arena	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First inaugural inseason neutral site game to be hosted out the USA. - Celebration of women's sport and excitement leading to the inaugural season of the Toronto Tempo. - 	Basketball
Secured	20. Usports Women's Rugby National Championships	October 2025	UBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USports Championships, 8 teams – 4 days. UBC women's won their first rugby championship in 2024 – reigning Champs. 	Rugby 15s
Secured	21. FIFA World Cup 2026	June – July, 2026	BC Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expanding to 48 teams (from 32) - Host countries are Canada, USA and Mexico 	Soccer

Exploring: SHV staff exploring opportunity, internally reviewing alignment with partner priorities and objectives, assessing feasibility to pursue a bid or not.
Decision Pending: Bid documents submitted, pending decision from event right holder to award the event or not.

Secured: *Confirmed event awarded to be hosted in Vancouver.*

TABLE 2. AWARDED – 2024 VANCOUVER COMMUNITY SPORT HOSTING GRANTS

**Next Council review of applications will be April 15 2025*

Event	Dates	Organization	Sport
1. Pac Rim Bonspiel	Jan 12-13, 2025	Vancouver Curling Club Association	Curling
2. Mies Shootman Invitational Swim Meet	Jan 24-26, 2025	Canadian Dolphin Swim Club	Swimming
3. UBC New Year's Championships	Jan 25, 2025	UBC Weightlifting and Powerlifting Club	Weightlifting
4. 2025 First Half	Feb 9, 2025	RUNVAN	Running
5. 2025 BC School Sports Wrestling Provincials	Feb 20-22, 2025	BC School Sports	Wrestling
6. Swim BC Island & Coastal Vancouver Winter Div Champs	Feb 21-23, 2025	Canadian Dolphin Swim Club	Swimming
7. Western Canadian Jr Super Series	Mar 28-30, 2025	Vancouver Lawn Tennis and Badminton Club	Tennis
8. Burnwater Spring Youth Regata	May 3, 2025	Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society	Dragonboat
9. 2025 World Deaf Ice Hockey Invitational	May '7, 2025	BC Deaf Sports Federation	Ice Hockey – Deaf Sports
10. Fred Ritchie Invitational Tournament	May 16-19. 2025	Hastings Baseball Club	Baseball
11. Vessi 500 Championships	May 23, 2025	Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society	Dragonboat
12. Longest Day Road Race	June 28-30, 2025	Vancouver Thunderbirds Track Club	Running
13. Get Ready for World Cup 2026	July 12-13, 2025	Latincoover Cultural & Business Society	Soccer
14. Vancouver Mixed Netball Tournament	July 19, 2025	Vancouver Comets Netball Association	Netball
15. Little League 9/10 Provincial Championships	July 20-26, 2025	Hastings Baseball Club	Baseball
16. Vancouver International Pride Tennis Tournament	Aug 1-4, 2025	Vancouver Gay and Lesbian Tennis Society	Tennis
17. Kitsfest 25	Aug 8-10, 2025	The Canada one Athletic Foundation	Tennis
18. Head Up the Creek	Oct 25, 2025	False Creek Canoe Society	Rowing
19. Birmingham National Wheelchair Tennis Champs	Nov 13-16.2025	BC Wheelchair Sports Association	Wheelchair Tennis

