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Hi, a quick update to let you know we understand FIFA will be making this announcement later in the day today, not at 8 am PST as originally indicated.

Thanks,

Karen

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am pleased to share the exciting news that Vancouver has been selected as the successful host of the FIFA Congress 2026, to be held at the Vancouver Convention Centre the week of April 27, 2026.

The FIFA Congress is the top legislative body of the association, and at this event all FIFA member associations gather annually to make decisions about the future of the game, with the 211 member associations having one vote each.

- Expected attendance is approximately 1,600, drawing largely international guests from the 211 member association countries.
- The event is not open to the public.
- FIFA plans and delivers this event with a dedicated Congress team.

- The agreement between FIFA and PavCo allow for all costs related to this event to be funded by FIFA, and there are no event-related costs anticipated to be borne by the FWC26 Host Committee or the City of Vancouver. This event will receive support from Destination Vancouver and the Vancouver Hotel Destination Association.
- The Vancouver Convention Centre intends to handle this event as it would any other normal convention business.
- The expected total room nights is approximately 8,600.
- The estimated local economic impact is approximately \$4.9 million.

FIFA's President, Gianni Infantino, will announce this publicly tomorrow morning (approximately 8 am PST) at the FIFA Congress 2025 event taking place in Paraguay. We ask that you keep this information **confidential** until it is made public tomorrow morning.

If you receive any media requests once this news is public, please refer these to media@vancouver.ca, as staff will be coordinating responses with FIFA Canada, PavCo, the Province and Destination Vancouver.

All the best,

Karen

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