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Subject: BC Sports Hall of Fame - RTS 18684 and 18685

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: RTS 18684 and 18685

On May 19, 2026 you directed staff to work with the BC Sports Hall of Fame (BCSHOF) to explore the feasibility of a temporary pop-up exhibition in the City Hall foyer for the duration of the FIFA World Cup 26 event. (The full copy of the resolutions are shown below.)

I have been in touch with Mr Rob Newman, CEO of Sport BC, who is currently responsible for the day-to-day operations of the BCSHOF. While he and his colleagues greatly appreciate the City's offer, after some deliberation, they have decided to decline this opportunity, mostly due to a lack of capacity on their end and the short timeline, as explained in the attached letter.

All the best,

Karen

Resolutions as passed by City Council on May 19, 2026

RTS 018684 - Showcasing British Columbia's Sporting Legacy During FIFA World Cup 2026 by Temporarily Hosting the BC Sports Hall of Fame at Vancouver City Hall

A. THAT Council direct staff to work with the BC Sports Hall of Fame to explore the feasibility of temporarily hosting a rent-free pop-up exhibition in the public foyer of Vancouver City Hall for the duration of the FIFA World Cup 2026, or for such other period as may be mutually agreed upon.

B. THAT Council direct staff to engage with the BC Sports Hall of Fame and relevant provincial agencies to identify operational requirements associated with a temporary relocation, including exhibit transportation, installation, security, staffing, visitor services, and accessibility considerations.

RTS 018685 - Engagement with Province Showcasing British Columbia's Sporting Legacy During FIFA World Cup 2026 by Temporarily Hosting the BC Sports Hall of Fame at Vancouver City Hall

C. THAT Council request the Mayor, on behalf of Council, to engage with the Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport's office requesting that the Province provide sufficient funding to cover all costs associated with the temporary relocation and operation of the BC Sports Hall of Fame during FIFA World Cup 2026, including moving expenses, exhibit installation, staffing, and related operational costs.

Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the traditional territories of the the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh nations

From: Rob Newman <rob.newman@sportbc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 4:58 PM
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Subject: Thank you

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Karen – attached please find a letter of appreciation from the BC Sports Hall of Fame.

As shared in our conversation – the offer to display is appreciated and we look forward collaborating in the future.

Thank you,

Rob

Rob Newman



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While the work of Sport BC takes place throughout BC, we gratefully acknowledge that our offices are located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands of the Coast Salish, xʷməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and ᓱᓴᓴwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.





BC Sports Hall of Fame
Gate A, BC Place Vancouver, BC

May 27, 2026

Ms. Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager

Sent via E-Mail: karen.levitt@vancouver.ca

Dear Karen,

On behalf of the BC Sports Hall of Fame and our operating partner, Sport BC, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your enthusiastic offer to host a temporary display at City Hall during our temporary closure. We truly appreciate the City's support for sport heritage and the excellence represented by the BC Sports Hall of Fame's Honoured Members and our unique collection.

While we would have appreciated the opportunity to showcase our collection at City Hall, we regretfully are not able to accept this generous invitation due to lack of capacity and the timeline required for adequate preparation. We look forward to re-opening post FIFA and welcoming visitors back to our home at Gate A of BC Place. As a non-profit organization the support of the City of Vancouver along with our landlords and partners at BC Place and the BC Pavillion Corporation are invaluable.

When operations return to normal, we would welcome a conversation about displaying aspects of our collection at City Hall that celebrate the extensive sporting events hosted in the City of Vancouver when and/if appropriate.

Thank you for your understanding and again the offer is so appreciated by everyone involved with the BC Sports Hall of Fame and look forward to possible future collaborations to promote sport history. We wish all the teams, players, guests and of course the host city and host venue the very best for an exceptional competition.

We would like to meet with you in the near future, I can be reached at rob.newman@sportbc.com or 604-340-8432 to make arrangements.

Thank you again for your understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Newman".

Rob Newman

President & CEO, Sport BC