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Abbotsford to welcome hockey royalty for Rogers Hometown Hockey 2019

ABBOTSFORD – Sept 10, 2019: The City of Abbotsford will be one of 25 communities across Canada to welcome Sportsnet hosts Ron MacLean and Tara Slone on the national Rogers Hometown Hockey Tour starting on October 5th 2019. The tour will be in Abbotsford on December 15th 2019.

This will be the second time that Abbotsford has hosted Rogers Hometown Hockey. The last visit was in 2016 and included a weekend outdoor hockey festival, activities and live music, and a visit from Kirk MacLean and local Canucks player, Jake Virtanen.

Abbotsford is home to the *Abbotsford Pilots*, a junior B hockey team that has been in our community since 1988.

Quotes:

“On behalf of the City of Abbotsford, I’m extremely pleased that Rogers Hometown Hockey will be back for another year in our community. The power of sport is something that our residents know well as numerous high profile events have been held in Abbotsford – from the BC Summer Games to the Western Canada Summer Games. I look forward to welcoming Tara and Ron and seeing everyone out to enjoy the fun of Canada’s favourite sport!”

Henry Braun

Mayor, City of Abbotsford

“As the Abbotsford Minor Hockey Association celebrates its 50th Anniversary season, we are honoured and thrilled that Abbotsford has been selected for Rogers Hometown Hockey! Hockey is a big part of Abbotsford, and as the hockey season begins, the community grows and comes together. Hockey is so much more than a sport; it’s where friends are made, family traditions are born, and memories are created.”

Kathy Doull

President, Abbotsford Minor Hockey

Background:

The Rogers Hometown Hockey Tour is the ultimate NHL® fan experience. Sportsnet hosts Ron MacLean and Tara Slone will travel across the country, making stops in 25 different communities to celebrate local hockey stories, and the game’s biggest stars.

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