



City of Regina



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Regina to host 2019 Tim Hortons NHL Heritage Classic

Regina, Saskatchewan – During today’s broadcast of the NHL Winter Classic®, Regina was announced as host city for the 2019 Tim Hortons NHL Heritage Classic. The game will take place Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019, in Mosaic Stadium at Evraz Place and will feature the Calgary Flames and Winnipeg Jets.

The 2019 Heritage Classic will be the first-ever regular season outdoor NHL game played in the province. Tourism Saskatchewan, the City of Regina and the Regina Hotel Association provided cash and in-kind sponsorship funding to bring this historic event to Regina. The event is expected to return approximately \$15M to our local economy through visitor spending that creates income and jobs in our community.

“Hockey is part of Saskatchewan’s DNA, and we are excited to host the NHL Heritage Classic. This event provides a unique opportunity to showcase our province to a national and international audience, and will promote Saskatchewan as a major event-hosting destination,” said Premier Moe. “Saskatchewan’s warm people and generous hospitality will provide a great welcome to some of the world’s best hockey players as they hit the ice outdoors in our new Mosaic Stadium.”

The 33,000-capacity Mosaic Stadium that opened in 2017 will play host to the Tim Hortons NHL Heritage Classic. Mayor Michael Fougere is looking forward to welcoming hockey fans to the Queen City to celebrate the best hockey in the country’s best stadium.

“The NHL Heritage Classic will be an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many people to see two great Canadian teams in action, right here at home,” said Mayor Fougere. “This is an amazing way for our community to demonstrate our civic pride and showcase Mosaic stadium across North America and the world. The fan experience at Mosaic Stadium is spectacular with great views from every seat, wide concourses, a variety of hospitality offerings and premium seating areas that provide an incredible hosting experience.”

Visitor spending on accommodations drives significant economic impact for our city. Tracey Fahlman, President and CEO of the Regina Hotel Association, says that Regina will benefit from up to 5,000 hotel nights because of the outdoor game.

“We expect thousands of out-of-town guests will attend the game, along with hundreds of NHL crew and media personnel,” said Fahlman. “Our 23 member hotels and their 1,400 employees are excited to welcome the NHL and its fans to Regina and provide the warm, home-town hospitality Regina is known for.”

Tim Reid, President and CEO of the Regina Exhibition Association Limited, is excited about the opportunity to host such an historic event at Evraz Place.

“Evraz Place is Regina’s hub for major events, and we’re thrilled to welcome the 2019 Heritage Classic to our event property,” said Reid. “We’ve successfully hosted a number of large sporting events – most recently the 2018 Tim Hortons Brier and 2018 MasterCard Memorial Cup. We’re excited to work with the NHL to offer a unique experience to the people of Saskatchewan.”

Tickets for the 2019 Tim Hortons NHL Heritage Classic will go on sale in February or March 2019.

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