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CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY CELEBRATES NEW CITIZENS AND HALIFAX MOOSEHEADS' 25TH ANNIVERSARY AT RBC CENTRE

50 new citizens to be sworn in at special ceremony

DARTMOUTH, JANUARY 22, 2019—The Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC), in partnership with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, the Halifax Mooseheads, and the RBC Centre, today will host a special citizenship ceremony to celebrate 50 citizens from 20 countries and the 25th anniversary of the Halifax Mooseheads.

Before the ceremony, the ICC will host roundtable discussions during which the new Canadian citizens and their guests will share their journeys to citizenship and reflect on what Canadian citizenship means to them. The discussions will be led by RBC staff, as well as Halifax Mooseheads hockey players and employees.

“The Mooseheads are excited to be celebrating 25 years of bringing the community together through hockey and to share this sport we all love with new Canadian citizens and make them feel welcome. We are honoured to mark this milestone together with the new citizens,” said Sylvain Favreau, Assistant Coach of the Halifax Mooseheads.

“Hockey is often what many new citizens associate with being Canadian. We know from our research that the majority of new citizens have watched a hockey game and share an appreciation and enthusiasm for hockey as a unifier. So it’s fitting for our country’s newest citizens to be celebrating this day together with the Halifax Mooseheads,” said Amy Matchen of the Institute for Canadian Citizenship.

ICC community citizenship ceremonies are a celebration of Canada’s newest citizens, and offer unique opportunities for new citizens and community members to reflect on the meaning of active, engaged citizenship. Each ICC community citizenship ceremony includes signature ICC roundtables, a citizenship ceremony, and a reception. Everyone is not only welcome but also encouraged to attend a citizenship ceremony. Celebrating new citizens and their stories offers a unique opportunity for all of us to reflect on the rights, duties, and privileges of Canadian citizenship.

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ABOUT THE INSTITUTE FOR CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP

Powered by a passionate and committed national network, the Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) delivers programs and special projects that inspire Canadians to be inclusive, create opportunities to connect, and encourage active citizenship. The ICC is a national charity co-founded by The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson and John Ralston Saul. For more information, visit icc-icc.ca.

ABOUT THE HALIFAX MOOSEHEADS

The Halifax Mooseheads are a major junior ice hockey club based out of Halifax, Nova Scotia, playing in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League since 1994. The Mooseheads won their first Memorial Cup championship in 2013 and will host the 2019 Memorial Cup May 16–26.

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