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Quebec lightens restrictions on sports

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Last Friday the provincial government announced that gyms will be able to reopen and some no-contact sports will be able to resume practices across Quebec as of March 26. The announcement, made by junior Education Minister and Brome-Missisquoi MNA Isabelle Charest, allows all indoor facilities to reopen for individual practice or training, in groups of two, or between members of one household, even in red zones. Outdoor activities in red zones will also be authorized for groups of up to eight people.

In orange zones, like the Eastern Townships, the cap on participants in one activity outdoors will be increased to 12, and indoor activities will be permitted for a group of up to eight, provided that physical distancing is maintained and a registry is kept of participants' contact information.

Charest also reiterated the fact that extracurricular activities and field trips will be permitted within stable class groups as of Monday, March 15, but added that as of March 26, students from different class groups will be permitted to engage in interscholastic, no-contact activities together so long as they respect the established participant caps of 12 outdoors and eight indoors. Despite this change, games and competitions between teams and schools remain off-limits for the time being.

The announcement also indicated that lifeguard training and other similar courses for safety personnel are now permitted.

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And the winner is...volunteer centre draws winner of Weber jersey



COURTESY JENNIFER MCGEEAN

Mable Hastings (CABMN Executive Director), Deborah Harding (Assistant to the ED) and Stephane Quintal (Retired Montreal Canadiens defenseman) draw for the winning ticket of the Shea Weber autographed hockey jersey

By Mable Hastings

On Saturday, March 13 the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) in Mansonville held a drawing for the winner of the autographed number 6, Shea Weber (Montreal Canadiens hockey team captain) jersey donated by the Montreal Canadiens Foundation.

Thanks to retired Montreal Canadiens defenseman, Stephane Quintal, who got the jersey following a request from CABMN Executive

Director, Mable Hastings, donors were asked to donate in \$25 increments to a fundraiser that will enable the CABMN to purchase skates, hockey sticks, helmets and other equipment for youth to sign out on loan. With Potton's new multi-functional shelter and skating rink, it was important to the CABMN, and more specifically its Youth Program, that youth who did not have equipment be able to access what they needed to share in the joy of using the rink and the various activities with their friends, family and neighbours.

All those who donated received entry to the draw according to each increment of \$25 contributed.

Quintal, who has purchased a home in the area, was more than willing to come and draw the winning name over the weekend.

"I'm really impressed that this initiative has raised over \$4000 to purchase equipment for the kids," said Quintal on Saturday. "That amount demonstrates the interest and enthusiasm for hockey in the area," he

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