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Attn: Executive Committee

As you are aware, the Mayor of Montreal, the Honourable Denis Coderre, recently announced his decision to cancel Montreal's successful bid to host the 2017 World Police and Fire Games (WPFG), following the call for an international boycott by the Montreal Police Brotherhood and the Montreal Professional Firefighters Association due to the frustrating labour relations environment that currently exists in the city.

While both organizations hoped that the call for a boycott would encourage Mayor Coderre to return to the negotiating table, the Mayor instead chose to cancel Montreal's involvement with this important international sporting event. The wide international support and participation in these games makes the WPFG one of the largest sporting events in the world, and there is no question that these games provides a significant economic benefit to the host city, with first responders from around the globe visiting, staying in local hotels and eating in local restaurants. Further, many participants extend their stay beyond the games themselves, bringing their families to enjoy the hospitality of the host community.

While the circumstances in Montreal were unfortunate, we are excited by the possibility that the City of Toronto could host the 2017 WPFG and keep them in Canada. As such, I can assure you that the Canadian Police Association, on behalf of our 60,000 civilian and sworn members, wholeheartedly endorse and support your efforts to secure the games in Toronto.

I wish you the very best in this endeavour and would be pleased to assist you in any way you might think is most useful.

Regards,

Tom Stamatakis
President
Canadian Police Association