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VICTORIA 2020 CANADIAN FRANCOPHONE GAMES POSTPONED TO 2021

Ottawa, March 27th, 2020 – The Fédération de la jeunesse canadienne-française (French-Canadian Youth Federation – “FJCF”) and the local Organizing Committee (OC) of the 8th edition of the Canadian Francophone Games (Victoria 2020 CFGames) decided today that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CFGames will not take place in July 2020.

The FJCF and Victoria 2020 OC are working on options to hold the event in 2021. Official dates are to be confirmed later this year. After careful analysis, the best possible option is to postpone the event. Our concern for the health and safety of those involved, as well as the participants, is of great importance.

The two organizations are working closely to postpone all events planned for this summer. Planning is well underway and will continue, however several details are still unknown. Work will continue in the coming weeks to confirm as much as possible including funding, human resources and other logistical details surrounding the postponement.

Funding and community partners, as well as suppliers, have shown great flexibility so far and we would like to sincerely thank them for their commitment to the Games.

We would also like to thank the provincial and territorial teams, the mission staff, the volunteers and all the participants for their understanding.

The FJCF will address the 9th edition of the CFGames later this year. The event is scheduled to take place during the summer of 2023.

The [FJCF](#) is a national organization managed by and for youth, made up of eleven youth associations from nine provinces and two territories. Established in 1974, the FJCF defends the interests of Canada's French-speaking youth and helps them reach their full potential.

The [Victoria 2020 Canadian Francophone Games Organizing Committee](#) is tasked with delivering the CFGames to contribute to the sociocultural development and identity building of young Canadians aged 14 to 18 who speak French. During the CFGames, those young Canadians will take part in more than 70 events in 13 disciplines in arts, leadership and sports. The events include visual arts, public speaking, athletics and volleyball. Culinary arts and sailing will also be part of the program during the 2020 CFGames as demonstration disciplines.

The CFGames are among the largest gatherings of Canada's French-speaking youth. In addition to encouraging hundreds of young people to exercise their talents in one of three sectors (arts, leadership and sports), the Games showcase cultural pride, self-confidence and leadership abilities in a friendly, competitive setting. The CFGames are a [Fédération de la jeunesse canadienne-française](#) (FJCF) initiative, financed in part by the [Government of Canada](#).

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