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Canadian Francophone Games in Victoria in 2020 – A Real First!

Vancouver, March 1st, 2017 – The Conseil jeunesse francophone de la Colombie-Britannique is pleased that Victoria has been nominated as the host region for the next edition of the [Canadian Francophone Games](#) in 2020. This event, organized by the Fédération de la jeunesse canadienne française (FJCF), will be a defining moment for all youth and the Francophone community of British Columbia.

A Celebration of Francophonie

The Canadian Francophone Games are one of the biggest Francophone youth gatherings in the country, with more than 1000 youth and 700 volunteers from the thirteen Canadian provinces and territories. This [Fédération de jeunesse canadienne française](#) initiative, which has been in existence since 1999, is a celebration of French-speaking youth in Canada. The JeuxFC showcase their cultural pride, self-confidence and leadership skills in the context of a healthy competition around thirteen disciplines in arts, sports, and leadership.

The Conseil jeunesse francophone de la C.-B., Proud Partner of the Games

The Conseil jeunesse francophone de la C.-B. will lend its full support to the Canadian Francophone Games as a proud partner of the FJCF and this event. The Conseil jeunesse would like to thank in particular the 2020 Victoria Bid Committee consisting of four stakeholders from the community, Marie-Pierre Lavoie, Pauline Gobeil, Shadie Bourget and Rémi Marien, for their dedication and efforts in order to show all assets of this candidacy. The Conseil jeunesse would like to recognize the leadership of Mrs. Lavoie in this matter.

A Strong Impact

This event, which will be organized by the Greater Victoria community, will have an important identity, cultural and economic impact on the development of francophonie in British-Columbia. This will be the first time that this event will be organized in British Columbia. The Conseil jeunesse is delighted about this great news for youth as this will be a strong unifying moment that will also benefit future generations, as stated by Rémi Marien, General Manager of the Conseil jeunesse: “The Canadian Francophone Games will represent an invaluable legacy for the community, and also a defining moment for identity affirmation for French-speaking youth in our province.”

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The Conseil jeunesse francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (CJFCB) is an organization managed by and for youth. Its mission is to promote, develop and represent the interest of young Francophones and Francophiles in British Columbia by developing the French language and Francophone culture, as well as hosting province-wide youth events. The CJFCB has been working in the community since 1989.