

## Media Release

## Host Site announced for the 2021 Men's and Scotties Provincial

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The Northern Ontario Curling Association is pleased to announce that Curling Kenora has been awarded the 2021 Men's and Scotties Provincial Championship. The event will take place January 26-31, 2021, at the Kenora Recreation Centre.

"The Host Bid Committee awarded this event to Curling Kenora after careful evaluation of all bids received" states Karen Saarimaki, NOCA Competitions and Host Bid Committee Chair. "We are confident that Curling Kenora will provide an excellent event building on the success of the 2015 Travelers Men's Provincial Championship hosted by the Keewatin Curling Club at the Kenora Recreation Centre."

Curling Kenora is a joint steering committee which partners the Keewatin and Kenora Curling Clubs, and the City of Kenora (Lake of the Woods Development Commission). The three organizations have a detailed plan for this championship with a goal of hosting more curling events, provincial or national, in future years.

Josh Szajewski and Tracy Stasiuk, Presidents of the two curling clubs, comment "The Keewatin and Kenora Curling Clubs are thrilled to be working with the Curling Kenora Committee in bringing the Northern Ontario Curling Association Provincial Championships back to the City of Kenora."

Szajewski notes "The inclusion of the Scotties event is an exciting addition to the Championship that will increase the prestige and entertainment value of the competition. We can't wait to reintroduce the best curlers in Northern Ontario to our great city and are delighted to be a part of sending Team Northern Ontario to the 2021 Scotties Tournament of Hearts and Tim Hortons Brier."

"The Lake of the Woods Development Commission is very excited to be collaborating with both the Kenora and Keewatin Curling Clubs to bring the 2021 NOCA Men's and Scotties Provincial Championships to Kenora" states Josh Nelson, Tourism & Recreation Division Lead, City of Kenora.

"This event will have a positive economic impact on our community and help us expand our winter and sport tourism product."

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