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Nike announces it will permanently end sponsorship of Hockey Canada

Nike announced Monday that it will permanently cease its sponsorship of Hockey Canada in the wake of its handling of a high-profile alleged sexual assault case.

The sportswear giant first announced a temporary suspension of support in October of last year, at a time when corporate sponsors Chevrolet Canada, Scotiabank and Canadian Tire had also pulled their financial support.

"Nike is no longer a sponsor of Hockey Canada," a company statement issued Monday said.

"We will continue to provide on-ice product for Hockey Canada athletes as part of our partnership with the International Ice Hockey Federation, but our individual partnership with the federation has ended."

Hockey Canada has been embroiled in controversy for more than a year over its handling of a \$3.5 million lawsuit.

A young woman filed a statement of claim last year alleging eight hockey players sexually assaulted her after a 2018 Hockey Canada gala in London, Ont.

The London Police Service is currently investigating after reopening the case amid significant public interest following an eight-month investigation that originally closed without charges in February 2019.

Unsealed court documents last year



revealed London police said they had reasonable grounds to accuse five young junior players of sexual assault.

Using registration fees to settle complaints

The woman, who was 20 at the time, alleges eight unnamed CHL players - including some on Canada's U20 men's world junior hockey team - sexually assaulted her on June 19, 2018, according to her statement of claim filed in April 2022.

Hockey Canada was accused in the statement of claim of failing to address systemic abuse in its organization and condoning a "culture and environment that glorified the degradation and sexual exploitation of young women."

The claims have not been proven in court.

Last year the Globe and Mail reported that a senior employee at Nike Canada was seen buying drinks for national junior hockey players just before the alleged sexual assault,

according to unsealed court records.

During the controversy, hockey parents were outraged to learn that Hockey Canada had quietly paid \$8.9 million to 21 complainants since 1989 using the national equity fund made up of players' registration fees without their knowing.

Hockey Canada's entire board of directors and CEO resigned last fall after months of public scrutiny, and calls from politicians of all stripes and the minister of sport and the organization to overhaul its leadership. Hockey Canada appointed Katherine Henderson as its new president and CEO earlier this month.

Hockey Canada told CBC that it respects Nike's decision to end their partnership.

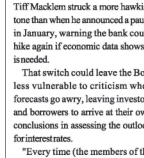
"Hockey Canada is appreciative of the longstanding partnership we had with Nike for over two decades and respects their decision not to continue as a Hockey Canada partner," an emailed statement said.

The Bank of Canada has shifted to a less prescriptive messaging strategy than it used in January when it signaled a rate-hike pause that reignited the housing market, which added to inflation and the need to resumptightening five months later.

Last week after lifting rates to a 22-year high of 5.0 percent, Governor Tiff Macklem struck a more hawkish tone than when he announced a pause in January, warning the bank could hike again if economic data shows it needed.

That switch could leave the BoC less vulnerable to criticism when forecasts go awry, leaving investors and borrowers to arrive at their own conclusions in assessing the outlook for interest rates.

Bank of Canada's latest rate hikes are signs it made a 'mistake': analysts



"Every time (the members of the governing council) try to provide that hand-holding forward guidance, it doesn't work," said Derek Holt, vice president of capital markets economics at Scotiabank.

Central bankers around the world have underestimated inflation and grappled with communication.

Macklem came under a rare attack last year from opposition politicians for misjudging inflation and looking in to rigid forward guidance.

"We are turning the corner on inflation," Macklem told reporters in January when the BoC became the first major central bank to announce a pause. "If economic developments and - in particular - if inflation comes down in line with our forecast, that will confirm that we have likely done enough."

The markets quickly priced in a half-percentage-point in cuts by the end of the year, and the slumping housing market recovered. The average sale price of a home increased

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19 per cent between January and May, according to the Canadian Real Estate Association.

That jump in housing prices "is likely to persist and boost inflation by the end of 2023, compared with the January outlook," the BoC said last week.

"I made sense"

Last week, Macklem defended the decision.

"It made sense to pause," he said, to assess the effect of the most rapid increase in rates in the BoC's history. But then the economy outperformed the bank's expectations, he added,

which is something that has happened repeatedly in recent years.

The central bank's tightening campaign is a major concern for Canadians who loaded up on cheap mortgages and took on credit card and other debt in recent years. Household debt as a proportion of disposable income rose to 184.5 per cent in the first quarter, near a record high, which means there is \$1.85 in debt for every dollar of household disposable income.

Macklem did not use the word "pause" while announcing last week's 25-basis-point hike, the second in as many months, though some analysts

now expect the bank to do just that.

"Now maybe you're getting a certain maturity of the central bank that says, 'We're not going to do that again,'" Holt said.

Though many economists are doubtful another rate hike is coming, money markets are still not shifting their bets toward a possible cut as they did in January, both because of the uncertainty of the inflation outlook and the bank's threat to raise again if needed.

Macklem has delivered misleading messaging before.

He assured Canadians during the pandemic that rates would rise only in 2023 when it expected the economic slack to be absorbed, but the central bank began hiking rates in March 2022 as inflation spiked.

In October 2021, Macklem forecast inflation would return close to the central bank's two per cent target by the end of 2022, only to push back that goal in January of this year to end 2024. Last week, the bank further delayed that target to mid-2025.

Marc Chandler, chief market strategist at Bannockburn Global Forex L.L.C., said the fact that the BoC hiked not once, but twice starting in June after announcing the pause is evidence that it knew there was ground to be made up.

"The June hike wasn't a one-off... it wasn't just an insurance policy, but (a sign) they think that they made a mistake."

CRA watchdog flooded with complaints from Canadians still being pursued after repaying CERB

Canada's taxpayers' ombudsman says his office is being flooded with dozens of complaints from Canadians who say the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is still asking them to repay pandemic-era benefits they've already paid back.

François Bellavance said since the end of tax season this spring, his office has heard from an unusually large number of Canadians who say they had their tax returns clawed back.

"This is highly unusual for our office. This is the first time ever where we've under immense pressure," Bellavance said.

In December, Canada's auditor general found that roughly \$4.6 billion in pandemic benefits such as the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) had been sent to ineligible individuals.

Many Canadians have seen their tax refunds withheld after the CRA deemed them ineligible for benefits they received. The agency said in May that \$237 million had been collected from about 775,000 Canadians by clawing back tax refunds and other benefits.

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Canada lifts education requirement for Hong Kong immigrants

Vancouver resident Calvin Wong says he can finally start picturing a future in Canada after the federal government announced it was dropping educational requirements for Hong Kongers seeking permanent residency in the wake of the Chinese city's crackdown on dissent.

Wong, 28, had graduated from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology with a computer science degree in 2017 before moving to Canada on a work permit in 2021, looking for a life where he could enjoy "political freedom."

But immigration pathways for Hong Kong residents that have allowed thousands to settle permanently in Canada excluded Wong because it has been more than five years since he graduated.

That will change from August 15, after Ottawa announced on Tuesday it would remove all educational requirements for people with at least a year of work experience in Canada.

Immigration consultants say the move effectively opens pathways for Hong Kongers of all ages, instead of the current focus on students and

recent graduates. They said they had been flooded with inquiries since the announcement.

"It's a very great move by the Canadian government and I can eventually get permanent residence here, contribute and live in Canada safely," said Wong, his voice breaking with emotion.

The store clerk said the chance to secure permanent residency came as a "huge relief," and his decision to move to Canada was something he would "never regret."

In 2021, the federal government created two immigration pathways for Hong Kong residents who had either worked or studied in Canada.

The pathways were in response to a crackdown on political dissent after protests drew millions onto Hong Kong's streets in 2019, followed by the introduction of a harsh new national security law in 2020.

Stream A applies to former Hong Kong residents who graduated from a post-secondary institution in Canada within three years. People with at least one year of work experience in Canada who graduated from a foreign

or Canadian institution within five years could apply for Stream B.

The changes open up Stream B to anyone with a year of work experience in Canada, regardless of education.

Sean Fraser, minister of immigration, refugees and citizenship, said the change was a "win-win situation."

"It means that we can welcome more Hong Kongers to Canada who need our support, while simultaneously helping Canadian businesses fill labour gaps with workers who already have work experience here," he said in a statement.

The announcement by Fraser's ministry said Canada "continues to stand by Hong Kong residents, and supports their freedom and democracy."

Canada has welcomed 3,122 permanent residents under the two pathways as of April 30, 2023.

Wong said that being excluded under the current rules had left him depressed.

"I felt it was really difficult to plan my future at that time. I was

thinking, 'where should I go? Should I try my best to stay in Canada or go to the United Kingdom?'" said Wong.

Wong said he can now make plans for the future and would submit his immigration application as soon as he completes his one year of work experience in Canada.

Vancouver-based Immigration consultant Peter Pang said the move is a "huge change," opening up more opportunities to Hong Kongers to contribute to Canada.

Richmond, B.C., immigration consultant Ken Tin Lok Wong said that while the current rules do not ban older people, the time limits since graduation had effectively set a bar.

To have graduated in the past five years generally meant applicants to Stream B were not particularly old, and were "of working age," he said.

Wong said he had some clients who were ready to pack their bags and leave Canada. But they now felt like they had "hit the jackpot."

"The announcement feels like Canada is helping to retain Hong Kongers regardless of their education," he said.

"So, if you happen to be a legal worker in Canada, if you happen to obtain one year of work experience, then you are through."

As immigration debate rages on, new report makes the case for more newcomers

At a time when skeptics are questioning Canada's plan to ramp up immigration, a new report argues the country needs to welcome a lot more newcomers to counter-balance its aging demographic.

A Desjardins report released Monday analyzes how much population growth among working-age Canadians is necessary to maintain the old-age dependency ratio, which refers to the ratio between 15 to 64-year-olds and those aged 65 and older.

It finds that the working-age population would have to grow by 2.2 per cent per year through 2040 to maintain the same ratio that existed in 2022.

And if the country wanted to go back to the average old-age dependency ratio it had between 1990 and 2015, that group of Canadians would have to grow by 4.5 per cent annually.

"I feel like the discussion around immigration levels in Canada, by and large, focuses on the immediate impact on the Canadian housing market," said Randall Bartlett, Desjardins' senior director of Canadian economics.

"And so what I wanted to do was sort of zoom out and provide some broader economic context around immigration and why immigration to Canada is important."

The prospective ramp-up of immigration levels has sparked debate on whether the country can handle higher flows of newcomers amid a housing crisis, and what the total economic impact of having more people in the country would be.

Canada's population grew by more than one million people last year, a record for the country. Its total population grew by 2.7 per cent, the fastest since 1957.

The strong population growth comes as the Liberal government eyes higher annual immigration targets, which would see the country welcome 500,000 immigrants per year by 2025.

Proponents of higher immigration argue that the labour market is able to absorb more workers, and the country needs more working-age Canadians to support the tax base as more people retire.

"We need immigration at a relatively high rate, actually, in order



Desjardins estimates the country would need to build 100,000 more units every year to offset upward price pressures caused by having a higher number of permanent residents in the country.

to offset the economic impacts of aging – to be able to pay for the health care that Canadian seniors are going to need," Bartlett said.

A recent Desjardins analysis finds Canada's plan to increase immigration could boost gross domestic product per capita if newcomers continue to have the same success getting work that they've enjoyed recently.

GDP per capita is the size of a country's economy divided by its population. Many consider it to be a better measure of a country's living standards than the overall GDP figure.

The employment outcomes of recent immigrants, particularly those brought in through the economic stream, have improved compared to those of previous cohorts. That's in part because of changes to federal immigration policy.

In 2018, the median wage of economic immigrant principal applicants surpassed that of the Canadian population by the time they had been in the country for one year, according to Statistics Canada.

"We're bringing in very, very talented people," Bartlett said. "They are able to find jobs and 'generate earnings very quickly' that are outpacing the Canadian average," he added.

But critics argue that relying on immigration to supply workers for the economy can also serve as a disincentive for businesses to invest in technology that would boost labour productivity and reduce dependency on workers.

Bartlett said the federal government could moderate the flow of temporary foreign workers so as to encourage such investments.

But he conceded that housing

serves as a major hurdle.

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A recent analysis by BMO found that for every one per cent of population growth, housing prices typically increase by three per cent.

The influx of newcomers into the country is already having an effect on the housing market, which rebounded this year despite interest rates being at their highest level in decades.

At its last interest rate decision, the Bank of Canada flagged population growth's effect on housing prices as one of the factors feeding into inflation.

"Strong population growth from immigration is adding both demand and supply to the economy; newcomers are helping to ease the shortage of workers while also boosting consumer spending and adding to demand for housing," the central bank said in a press release on its latest rate hike.

Bartlett warned the erosion of housing affordability amid record population growth could damage public support for immigration and warrants swift action from government.

"There's a risk Canadians could become less open and less positive... toward immigration," Bartlett said.

"If that leads to scaling back immigration in a meaningful way, then that means Canadians are gonna be facing a significant bill going forward to meet the rising costs of older Canadians."

New investment for JVS Toronto to provide pre arrival services for newcomers

Toronto, Ontario-Pre-arrival settlement services are key to setting newcomers up for success in Canada. They provide newcomers with the information and support they need to make informed decisions about their new lives in Canada before they arrive, which helps them successfully transition into their communities and find their feet.

Today, the Honourable Marco Mendicino, Minister of Public Safety, on behalf of the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Citizenship, Refugees and Immigration, announced an investment of over \$2 million in JVS Toronto to help deliver important pre-arrival services to new immigrants. This is part of overall settlement funding extensions that were previously announced.

Minister Mendicino visited JVS Toronto, one of 15 service providers that offer information, orientation and referrals to newcomers. This organization offers online services to newcomers before they arrive in Canada, including information about the Canadian workplace, soft skills development and employment counselling, as well as services tailored to refugees that help them prepare for jobs in Canada.

Investments in pre-arrival services and organizations like JVS Toronto are investments in the newcomers and families joining Canada's diverse communities, and help them grow while strengthening Canada's economy.

Quotes:

"Pre-arrival services provide permanent residents with the resources to make informed decisions about their new life in Canada. This new funding will deliver consistent, high-quality, client-centred services to people around the world. With our investment, this organization can continue supporting the needs of newcomers by offering helpful online and in-person services."

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Ontario man, 50, identified as victim of Mont Tremblant gondola crash

The Quebec Coroner's office has identified the man who was killed after he was ejected from a gondola at Mont Tremblant on Sunday morning as Sheldon Johnson, 50, from Kingston, Ontario.

And earlier on Monday, Quebec provincial police confirmed that the type of construction equipment involved in the crash that killed Johnson and seriously injured a woman, also in her 50s, was a drilling machine belonging to a third party.

"The woman, she's still in critical condition this morning in a Montreal area hospital," (SQ) spokesperson Audrey-Anne Billoreau said, and she was expected to have surgery.

Police say the woman is also from Ontario but they do not know yet how the two gondola passengers are related to one another, if at all.

The two were in the gondola mid-way up the mountain when the impact of the machine ejected them

from the cabin. They fell many metres to the ground, police said, unable to confirm the exact distance.

The gondola struck the machinery about halfway up the mountain at the popular ski resort about 105 kilometres northwest of Montreal, police later adding that two gondolas were in the area at the time.

Billoreau said it's still unclear why a drilling machine was operating near a moving gondola.

"Still a lot of possible witnesses to meet, including of course the man who was operating this drill. He was in a state of shock following this," she said.

MULTIPLE INVESTIGATIONS
Along with police, Quebec's workplace health and safety board (CNESST) is also investigating, as is the Régie du Bâtiment du Québec (RBQ).

Billoreau said before police can contemplate if they will lay any criminal charges, they will question

the drill operator when his state has been moved up the mountain and the construction equipment itself will be inspected to see if there was a "mechanical problem."

CNESST spokesperson Cindy L'Heureux told CTV that there are currently two employees at the scene investigating. They will focus on how any work involving the drilling machine was being carried out, from a safety perspective, she said.

L'Heureux said the board has ordered that neither the drill nor the gondola be moved from the scene of the collision until further notice.

Later Monday afternoon, the RBQ explained it will only be able to decide whether an investigation is warranted after more information is gathered. Two inspectors are at the scene.

A spokesperson with the RBQ, a construction industry regulatory body, explained in an email they plan to inspect the aerial car to ensure it was compliant with the regulations

only be made available to students and staff members who are part of the Western community, instead of publicly available online, for example.

"If you're not a member of the Western community, it's very easy to search and find out where certain classes will be held on campus," she said.

Following the stabbing at Waterloo, Alan Shepard, president of Western University, issued a statement calling the act "appalling."

"Some on campus may be feeling particularly vulnerable right now," he said. "I want to assure you that Western will continue to prioritize the well-being and safety of our students and employees - and, in light of the incident at Waterloo, we have put additional security measures in place across campus."

The stabbing is an example of how hate crimes play out when there is a pushback against historical norms, Green-Bartlett said.

"The amount of hate crimes in gender-based violence has always been high," she said. "I think that what we're seeing now is a pushback against the rights that LGBTQ+ people have earned and as historically happens. When those who are in power feel like power is being taken away from them, they react."

Saddened but not shocked: Gender studies professor concerned about fallout from triple stabbing in university classroom

When Miranda Green-Bartlett heard about the triple stabbing that took place in a gender studies classroom at the University of Waterloo in Ontario last month, she says she was "saddened" but "not shocked."

The professor and undergraduate chair of gender, sexuality and women's studies at the University of Western Ontario says threats, harassment and intimidation often happen when teaching the subject.

"I have gotten hate mail, I have gotten hateful tweets on Twitter. All of my colleagues have received similar things. Many do not have social media profiles associated with their profession for these reasons," she told CTV's Your Morning on Monday. "It's just not surprising."

The attack at the University of Waterloo June 28 killed two students and their professor with non-life-threatening injuries. Police

have since arrested Geovanny Villalobos Aleman, 24, in connection with the stabbing.

He faces three counts of aggravated assault, four counts of assault with a weapon and two counts of possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

He also faces a charge of mischief under \$5,000, which police told CTV News Kitchener is in relation to a ripped Pride flag.

After the stabbing, Green-Bartlett said her faculty is planning to evaluate safety in classrooms over the summer.

"My department is in the faculty of arts and humanities, and the faculty has moved up a planned safety audit that was to occur in the fall, it's going to now take place on this, over the summer. I do know that there are meetings that are happening with student administration, my department has been consulted," she said.

Professors in the gender studies program at Western University, Green-Bartlett said, are asking for classrooms with an entrance and exit to "increase safety without compromising pedagogy."

An advocacy group for Canada's universities says post-secondary institutions will be re-evaluating their security after the stabbing. About 100 institutions and seeking to address polarization on their campuses.

"Universities by their very nature are places of inquiry and academic freedom... where ideas need to be discussed, they need to be argued, they need to be countered, they need to be thoroughly examined, but in a place of safety and in a place of tolerance," Philip Landon, CEO of Universities Canada, told The Canadian Press.

Green-Bartlett says she also hopes classroom numbers and locations will

Is the Bank of Canada making things worse?

Canadian households are reeling after what the Bank of Canada calls the fastest series of interest rate hikes in this country's history. The central bank says those hikes will cause pain but are necessary to rein in inflation.

Not everyone agrees.

"I don't think these latest increases were helpful," Jim Stanford, economist and director of the non-partisan research institute, Centre for Future Work, told CBC News.

"And I don't think they will work." The Bank of Canada started boosting rates in March 2022. Back then, its key overnight lending rate was at 0.25 per cent. By June of that year, the year-over-year rate of inflation peaked at 8.1 per cent.

Since then, the consumer price index (CPI) has decelerated sharply and rates have gone up 10 times. The bank's key interest rate now stands at five per cent. The last CPI came in at a year-over-year rate of 4.4 per cent.

The next batch of inflation data will come in next week, and early forecasts show it may fall as low as 3.1 per cent.

And yet the central bank says rates must go higher.

"We are trying to balance the risks of under- and over-tightening monetary policy," Bank of Canada governor Tiff Macklem told a news conference Wednesday.

"If we do not do enough now, we will likely have to do even more later. If we do too much, we risk making economic conditions unnecessarily painful for everybody."

"Broader toolkit" needed to fight inflation
Many economists have said the bank has already done too much.

CBC's senior economist Andrew Grantham said in a note on July 3 that another hike would be "at best unnecessary, and at worst a mistake."

If the bank's decision to increase rates isn't the best option, what is? Stanford says the fact is that central banks have a limited range of tools they can use.

"I think part of our problem is that we said inflation is the Bank of Canada's job and that's it," he said. "Whereas we should be bringing a broader toolkit... to the problem, including measures the federal government itself should take, rather than saying it's just up to the Bank of Canada."

Monetary policy (interest rate hikes and bond purchases by the Bank of Canada) and fiscal policy (spending



and taxation by various levels of government) are supposed to work hand in hand.

Stanford says this inflation crisis is different from those in the 1970s, '80s and '90s. The current episode was sparked by supply chain disruptions during COVID-19 lockdowns, Russia's invasion of Ukraine and climate issues impacting global agriculture.

So policy-makers need to think differently, he says, noting the federal government should do something about the surge in corporate profits.

"We've seen Canadian corporate profits reach their highest level as a share of GDP ever, because in some sectors - not all, but some sectors - companies have taken advantage of this inflation to widen the profit margin," he said.

Stanford says Australia and some European countries have capped energy prices that soared after Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. Many Canadians may bristle at the notion of something like price caps. But he says this country already has some price controls on milk and dairy supplies. Why not on other products?

"The concept isn't as far-fetched as you think - and international experience is suggesting that might have been a better way to approach the problem, rather than trying to slow down the whole economy with an interest rate hammer," he said.

High food and housing costs
Armine Yalnizyan, an economist and Atkinson Fellow on the Future of Workers, says there are loads of small things that governments in Canada can do to help alleviate the pressures of the cost-of-living crisis without adding to inflation.

She says many households have struggled to keep up with the cost of food.

"In Canada, we are the only country in the advanced economic world to not have a school food program that is national," she told the CBC

podcast Front Burner.

Yalnizyan says there are different food programs from province to province, but there is no single national program to help ensure that no child goes hungry.

"We've been expecting to see something happen since food prices took off, and so far, crickets. So that's definitely something that could be done immediately," she said.

Housing is also key.
Mike Moffatt, an economist and senior director at the University of Ottawa's Smart Prosperity Institute, says there are a series of actions governments could take to help address housing affordability, including some immediate and simple ways to incentivize developers to build the right stock.

Governments could waive the HST on purpose-built rentals, and cities could relax stringent zoning laws, Moffatt says.

Another solution to the housing crisis comes via immigration, he says: "How many electricians and plumbers are we going to bring in versus how many university professors?"

Moffatt, who is an assistant professor in business, economics and public policy at Western University's Ivey Business School in London, Ont., says his father was a sheet metal worker.

"For the last 40 years, our immigration system is biased towards bringing in guys like me, and biased against bringing in guys like my dad. And we absolutely need to flip that," he said.

If Canada wants to build enough housing stock, it needs to make sure it has the skilled labour to do that.

Moffatt says small changes on the margin can add up quickly to help in the fight against inflation. While he agrees that monetary and fiscal policy should work together, he says that's not always as easy as it sounds.

"It's always easier at the bottom of the business cycle," he said.

How to watch the GT20 Canada cricket tournament in Brampton

Some of the world's biggest cricket stars are coming to the GTA as Brampton hosts the GT20 Canada cricket tournament, running from July 20 to Aug. 6.

The action-packed tournament includes six teams from across Canada: the Mississauga Panthers, Toronto Nationals, Brampton Wolves, Montreal Tigers, Vancouver Knights and Surrey Jaguars.

Here's how to watch:
Streaming
CBC Gem is your home for the GT20 Canada cricket tournament. CBC Toronto and CBC Sports are media partners for the event.

All 25 games will be streamed live on CBC Gem for free.
The tournament finals will air on CBC Television. Those games take place on Aug. 5 and 6.

How the tournament works
Games are played in a "20-over" format, which is a shortened version of cricket.

The tournament will follow a round-robin format in the league stage. Each team will play seven games, with the top four teams qualifying for the playoffs.

The starpower
International stars will showcase their skills in Brampton, but there's plenty of homegrown talent, too. Each team is eligible to have six international players including two marquee stars, four players from associations, and six Canadians.

Brampton's Saad Bin Zafar will take the pitch for the Toronto Nationals. He is the first Canadian player to be drafted for this year's tournament by the Nationals.

He is also captain of Canada's men's national cricket team.
Canadian national men's cricketer Harsh Thakur is also playing for the Vancouver Knights in his second GT20 tournament.

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