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Paul Henderson, Vellacott's recommendation for the Order of Canada, will be in Saskatoon on March 20th with 1972 Summit Series hockey memorabilia

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SASKATOON – I have recommended to the Governor-General for Paul Henderson to receive the Order of Canada and have argued for him to be inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame. He has not yet received these honours. I continue to believe Paul is a worthy recipient of these awards.

In the 1972 Summit Series, the best players from hockey's two superpowers, Canada and the Soviet Union, faced off for the first time ever. Coming from behind to win the last three games, Team Canada demonstrated our country's hockey supremacy and brought us together as a nation.

In Canada's four wins in that series, three game-winning goals were scored by Paul Henderson, including the game-winning goal with 32 seconds remaining in the eighth and final game.

The jersey worn by Paul in that decisive game was given to a team trainer, and later ended up in the hands of an American collector. It remained in the US until last summer, when Mitchell Goldhar, owner of SmartCentres and a life-long hockey fan, brought it home to Canada.

Henderson's iconic number "19" jersey, along with other memorabilia from the 1972 Summit Series, will be visiting across Canada. On March 20th, they will be in Saskatoon. They have built a traveling exhibit that contains the jersey, Paul's stick and gloves, other series memorabilia and information about what Canada was like in 1972. To date, the exhibit has been well received in the communities where it has visited. The exhibit is free to everyone.

The public is invited to visit the exhibit when it comes to Saskatoon on March 20th at the Square at the Farmer's Market (corner of 19th Street and Avenue A) from 12pm-4pm. Paul Henderson will be present from 1pm-3pm. Everyone is welcome.

For more information about the visit or the tour, check out their website at www.hendersonjerseytour.com.

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