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Mayor proclaims Jan. 29 'Shane Hollander Day' in Ottawa

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'Heated Rivalry' star visits Ottawa as mayor declares 'Shane Hollander Day'

Hudson Williams, star of the hit Crave show 'Heated Rivalry,' is in Ottawa for a major media event. CTV's Rachel Aiello reports from the red carpet.

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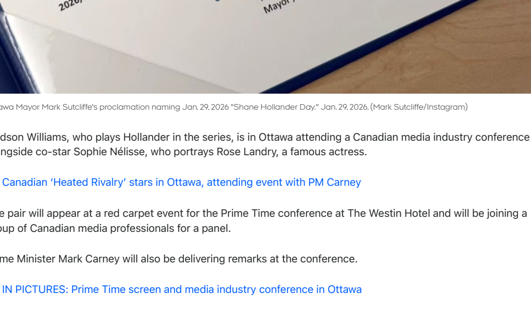
Ottawa mayor proclaims Jan. 29 as 'Shane Hollander Day'

Jan. 29, 2026 is officially Shane Hollander Day in Ottawa.

Hollander is a central character in the international hit TV show "Heated Rivalry" and Mayor Mark Sutcliffe made the proclamation on Thursday, in the presence of the show's creators, to honour the fictional character who is born and raised in Ottawa.

"Whereas Ottawa's Shane Hollander is a hockey sensation and a smokeshow who captured the hearts and minds of hockey fans, hockey moms, and the LGBTQ+ community around the world because of Heated Rivalry," the mayor's proclamation reads.



Ottawa Mayor Mark Sutcliffe's proclamation naming Jan. 29, 2026 "Shane Hollander Day." Jan. 29, 2026. (Mark Sutcliffe/Instagram)

Hudson Williams, who plays Hollander in the series, is in Ottawa attending a Canadian media industry conference alongside co-star Sophie Nélisse, who portrays Rose Landry, a famous actress.

- Canadian 'Heated Rivalry' stars in Ottawa, attending event with PM Carney

The pair will appear at a red carpet event for the Prime Time conference at The Westin Hotel and will be joining a group of Canadian media professionals for a panel.

Prime Minister Mark Carney will also be delivering remarks at the conference.

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The Canadian-made television show follows the romance between two hockey pros — Hollander and Illya Grigoryevich Rozanov — and has gained worldwide attention. The Bell Media production was created for the streaming service Crave, and became a global phenomenon after being acquired by HBO Max.

The show's creators, Jacob Tierney and Brendan Brady, are also currently in Ottawa for the conference.

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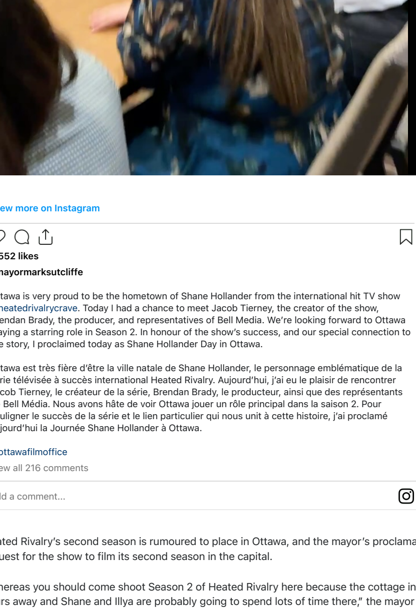

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Ottawa is very proud to be the hometown of Shane Hollander from the international hit TV show @heatedrivalrycrave. Today I had a chance to meet Jacob Tierney, the creator of the show, Brendan Brady, the producer, and representatives of Bell Media. We're looking forward to Ottawa playing a starring role in Season 2. In honour of the show's success, and our special connection to the story, I proclaimed today as Shane Hollander Day in Ottawa.

Ottawa est très fière d'être la ville natale de Shane Hollander, le personnage emblématique de la série télévisée à succès international Heated Rivalry. Aujourd'hui, j'ai eu le plaisir de rencontrer Jacob Tierney, le créateur de la série, Brendan Brady, le producteur, ainsi que des représentants de Bell Média. Nous avons hâte de voir Ottawa jouer un rôle principal dans la saison 2. Pour souligner le succès de la série et le lien particulier qui nous unit à cette histoire, j'ai proclamé aujourd'hui la Journée Shane Hollander à Ottawa.

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Heated Rivalry's second season is rumoured to place in Ottawa, and the mayor's proclamation includes a playful request for the show to film its second season in the capital.

"Whereas you should come shoot Season 2 of Heated Rivalry here because the cottage in Lanaudière is only three hours away and Shane and Illya are probably going to spend lots of time there," the mayor wrote.

Hollander is portrayed by Canadian actor Hudson Williams. Williams and co-star Connor Storrie, who portrays Rozanov, presented an award together at the Golden Globes and were Olympic torchbearers for the Milano Cortina Winter Olympics in February.

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