Entertainment

Heated Rivalry hitting theatres this November

Cineplex plans 2-episode and full-season marathon screenings next month

CBC News · Posted: Oct 22, 2026 9:40 AM MST | Last Updated: 3 hours ago

Listen to this article
Estimated 2 minutes



From left, Hudson Williams as Shane Hollander and Connor Storrie as Ilya Rozanov face off in the official poster for Heated Rivalry. The hit series is bringing their on-ice rivalry — and off-ice heat — to theatres this November. (Crave)

Buckle up *Heated Rivalry* fans, we're heading back to the cottage — though this time, the date is actually at a movie theatre.

Cineplex says it will screen all six episodes of the hit queer romance across the country in early November — part of a broader deal that will also put *Heated Rivalry* on the big screen in the U.S., the U.K., Australia and New Zealand.

Canadian audiences can watch the entire first season in marathon screenings on Nov. 8 and 17, or two episodes together on Nov. 6, 10 and 11. Cineplex added more locations and screenings on Friday, following its initial announcement the day before. Details are on its website.

Participating theatres will give fans the chance to "reheat" the Canadian-made Crave/HBO show — their slang for rewatching an episode or the season.

In the U.S., screenings of all six episodes are planned in more than 650 theatres, starting Nov. 6.

Based on Rachel Reid's novel, *Heated Rivalry* follows opposing hockey stars Shane Hollander (Hudson Williams) and Ilya Rozanov (Connor Storrie) whose on-ice competition unfolds alongside a private relationship.

Mixed reactions

Fans shared their excitement, and reservations, about the screenings on social media.

It's "a dream come true," one X user wrote, asking why fans don't get "more opportunities to experience their favorite streaming shows on a massive cinema screen."

Another wrote that they're "taking the afternoon off for the cottage episodes. Big screen Hollanov" — the couple-y name for the two characters — "is going to ruin me in the best way."



X user @solaledz is excited for Heated Rivalry's big-screen run. (solaledz/X)

Others complained about the price of tickets. "Paying for a movie ticket to watch two TV episodes is a bold ask," said one X user.

Another grumbled that reselling a TV show as a movie ticket is: "Better upsell than anything I've seen at a dealership."



X user @JustinW44998468 questions charging money for a TV show. (JustinW44998468/X)

The screenings also offer a refresher ahead of the second season, planned for spring 2027 though an exact premiere date has not been announced.

Series creator Jacob Tierney also recent published *I'll Believe in Anything: The Making of Heated Rivalry*, a behind-the-scenes book featuring annotated scripts and material about the show's production.

Advertisement - Report