



## HOCKEY OUTAOUAIS COMMUNIQUÉ [Translation]

### Allegations of gestures of a sexual nature – Intrépide de Gatineau coaching staff member

Gatineau (QC), Saturday, November 4th, 2017 – Following allegations of gestures of a sexual nature against a coach of l’Intrépide de Gatineau’s integrated structure, Hockey Outaouais would like to reiterate that the organization takes these allegations very seriously.

The criminal background check concerning this coach was done and no criminal record was discovered. Today, Hockey Québec has taken the following step: the name of the coach has been deleted from the Canada-wide minor hockey associations (MHA) database.

Also, a reminder has been published to reiterate that the federation’s policy stating that two staff members (including the coaches) must always be present in any situation in which minor age hockey players are concerned.

Hockey Outaouais insists on the importance to inform and denounce any event considered improper or unacceptable to the police department or the minor hockey association.

Anyone wishing to communicate with the police department to denounce or signal inappropriate gestures should contact Detective Sergeant Éric Poisson by phone (819-243-2346, ext. 6566) or by email ([poisson.eric@gatineau.ca](mailto:poisson.eric@gatineau.ca)) or Detective Sergeant Karen Sommerville, by phone (819-243-2346, ext. 6446) or by email ([sommerville.karen@gatineau.ca](mailto:sommerville.karen@gatineau.ca)).

Any player or volunteer who feels that he or she may need psychological support or help should contact Mrs. Laudalina Santos, Director of member services, Hockey Outaouais, by phone (819-775-5671), who will refer the player or the volunteer to the appropriate service.

The Kids Help Phone service is also available; this resource is completely anonymous and confidential. The Kids Help Phone service is the only Canada-wide counselling and reference service available 24/7 by phone (1-800-668-6868) and Internet ([https://kidshelpphone.ca/?\\_ga=2.211355669.1201950384.1509897987-1341017323.1509897987](https://kidshelpphone.ca/?_ga=2.211355669.1201950384.1509897987-1341017323.1509897987)).

Hockey Outaouais will not provide any further comment concerning this case, given that a complaint may have been filed with the police department.

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