

**WORLDS COLLIDE WITH THE FINAL GROUP OF
HOUSEGUESTS ANNOUNCED FOR GLOBAL'S *BIG
BROTHER CANADA* SEASON 5**

Returning Houseguests Ika Wong, Dallas Cormier, Sindy Nguyen, and
Cassandra Shahinfar Compete Against New Houseguests This Season

First Time Houseguests from Edson, Victoria, Madoc and Port Coquitlam
Set to Enter the *Big Brother Canada* House

#BBCAN5 Premieres Wednesday, March 15 at 9 p.m. ET/PT on Global



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TORONTO, March 9, 2017 – The past continues to collide with the present as **Global** reveals the final four returning houseguests back in *Big Brother Canada's* orbit, along with the final four new houseguests boarding the *BBCAN* Odyssey. Now a total of eight returning houseguests have a second

chance to rewrite their *BBCAN* history, and eight new houseguests have the chance to write it for the first time, when *Big Brother Canada* returns to Global on **Wednesday, March 15 at 9 p.m. ET/PT**.

Second chance houseguests fighting for intergalactic glory include: Ika Wong from Thornhill, ON; Dallas Cormier from Edmonton, AB; Sindy with an “S” Nguyen from Toronto, ON; and Cassandra Shahinfar from Winnipeg, MB. These returning favourites are going head-to-head with new houseguests including: Demetres Giannitsos, a blue collar contractor from Edson, AB; Karen Singbeil, a real estate broker from Victoria, BC; Dillon Carman, a heavyweight boxing champion from Madoc, ON; and Jackie McCurrach, a professional pizza maker from Port Coquitlam, BC.

[Meet the final eight of this season's 16 houseguests:](#)

SECOND CHANCERS:

Ika Wong

Age: 32

Hometown: Montego Bay, Jamaica

Currently living: Thornhill, ON

Occupation: Financial Services Manager

BBCAN background: This sassy and unapologetic Season 2 houseguest is responsible for one of the most talked about moments in *BBCAN* history – shredding her fellow houseguests’ letters from loved ones in exchange for \$5000. But Ika shredded her chances to win along with those letters and was ultimately evicted in near unanimous vote.

Second chance strategy: “The last time I played, I was like, I’m going to win! I’m going to slay them. This time, I just don’t want to go home first! I’m going to take it week by week. Last time I couldn’t shake my strategy and I think that hurt me.”

Dallas Cormier

Age: 25

Hometown: Saint John, NB

Currently living: Edmonton, AB

Occupation: Lobster Fisherman and Welder

BBCAN background: Dallas’ fatal move was not participating in fellow houseguest Tim’s nomination process, which gave each houseguest nomination points in the form of gummy koalas. As a result, Dallas received the most koalas of any houseguest, he was put on the block, and his alliance was targeted, making him the first male evicted in Season 4. Who knew gummy koalas could be so dangerous!

Second chance strategy: “You can’t have a stone cold strategy before you see your fellow houseguests. You have to be a chameleon and adapt to your surroundings in the *BBCAN* house. I’m really going to try to get to know people better this time because the people I thought I knew well last time were the ones who voted me out.”

Sindy Nguyen

Age: 27

Hometown: Huntsville, ON

Currently living: Toronto, ON

Occupation: Beauty Queen

BBCAN background: Despite being a competition beast, Sindy’s self-assured attitude and cocky demeanour put a target on her back from day one. She was one of the first five evicted houseguests in Season 3, and holds the record for the most eviction votes ever received by a houseguest in a single eviction.

Second chance strategy: “I’m more aware of how to compete. Hopefully I won’t go in and make myself such a target this time. I really want to work on my social game and improve how I approach relationships in the house.”

Cassandra Shahinfar

Age: 23

Hometown: Winnipeg, MB

Currently living: Winnipeg, MB

Occupation: Marketing Manager

BBCAN background: A strong social game couldn't save Cassandra from the dreaded triple eviction. After the brothers won the Power of Veto Cassandra found herself on the block with Tim and ultimately evicted.

Second chance strategy: "I still want to ride the middle, and analyze everyone in the house. I still want to say what I need to say to get through each week, and play to each person. But I want them to think I'm this new, different, settled person. Everyone knows how I do things, so that will be my biggest challenge."

FIRST TIMERS:

Demetres Giannitsos

Age: 24

Hometown: Edson, AB

Currently living: Edson, AB

Occupation: Oil Field Instrument Technician

This confident, self-professed beefcake nicknamed "The Greek" loves to workout and grab attention from the ladies, but he's looking to align with fellow alpha males early in the competition to make it to end.

Karen Singbeil

Age: 53

Hometown: Kansas City, MO

Currently living: Victoria, BC

Occupation: Real Estate Broker

Having lived on both sides of the border, this mother of three thinks her ability to adapt will give her an edge in the BBCAN5 house, with her personal motto of "go hard, go big, or go home" keeping her going.

Dillon Carman

Age: 30

Hometown: Madoc, ON

Currently living: Madoc, ON

Occupation: Heavyweight Boxer

This professional boxer and current Canadian Heavyweight Champion is a strong and powerful competitor, but a teddy bear at heart. But houseguests shouldn't let his soft side fool them – Dillon works best under pressure and his mental strength matches his physical strength.

Jackie McCurrach

Age: 22

Hometown: Port Coquitlam, BC

Currently living: Port Coquitlam, BC

Occupation: Professional Pizza Maker

Fun, outgoing, and silly, this fiery redhead is a guys' girl that's focusing on keeping her head in the game and improving her mental strength when she gets into the BBCAN house.

Airing exclusively on Global, *Big Brother Canada* plucks a group of hand-picked strangers from their homes, sequesters them from the outside world, and places them inside a house outfitted wall-to-wall with cameras and microphones that capture their every move. The houseguests compete for a grand prize of \$100,000, a \$30,000 home furnishing makeover from The Brick, and a new 2017 Toyota 86.

Big Brother Canada premieres Wednesday, March 15 at 9 p.m. ET/PT and continues to air Wednesdays at 9 p.m. ET/PT, Thursdays at 8 p.m. ET/PT, and Mondays at 9 p.m. ET/PT on Global. Viewers who miss the premiere can catch up on *Big Brother Canada* following the broadcast the next day on GlobalTV.com and [Global Go](http://GlobalGo). And for even more behind the scenes action, fans can watch the live feeds on BigBrotherCanada.ca.

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