



# GLOBAL ANNOUNCES 16 NEW HOUSEGUESTS SUITING UP FOR AN EXTRAORDINARILY SUPERSIZED SEASON OF *BIG* BROTHER CANADA

Extended For Two Additional Weeks, Season 8 Delivers More Hours for More Gameplay and Drama than Ever Before

Season 8 Jumpstarts with the Fans: Vote Now at <u>BigBrotherCanada.ca</u> to Protect Houseguests from the First Eviction

Further Details About the #BBCAN8 Theme Revealed During *ET Canada*'s One-Hour Primetime Special this Sunday at 8 p.m. ET/PT on Global

Watch the Two-Night Premiere Beginning March 4 at 7 p.m. ET/PT on Global



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**TORONTO, February 26, 2020** – *Big Brother Canada* bounds to new heights with a supersized season where 16 Canadians embark on an unforgettable and extraordinary journey. Debuting **Wednesday, March 4** at **7 p.m. ET/PT**, this season's houseguests face the biggest test yet: an extended season lasting two extra weeks – creating more hours spent in the house than ever before, allowing for more challenges, more twists, and of course...more drama! Whether it is physical strength, mental prowess, or social dominance, houseguests must hone in on their super strengths – and perhaps even morph their identities – to become the ultimate winner and claim the #BBCAN8 title!

This season is the origin story of *Big Brother Canada*'s next batch of superheroes and they come from all walks of life including: a blue collar lobster fisherman and first-ever houseguest from P.E.I.; a powerlifting champ and father of two from Alberta; a risk-taking, self-proclaimed chameleon from Quebec; a professional wrestler who prides himself on his strong mental endurance from Ontario; a tough and determined disability caregiver from British Columbia; and a "brain transformation specialist" from Ontario.

Starting **today** until **Saturday**, **February 29**, Canada has the power to keep their favourite houseguests safe from the first eviction by voting on <a href="BigBrotherCanada.ca">BigBrotherCanada.ca</a>. Fans can vote as often as they like to attempt to save their favourite houseguests. Then, watch the voting results play out during the premiere on Wednesday, March 4 at 7 p.m. ET/PT to see which houseguests receive the fewest votes and find themselves in immediate danger.

For an exciting look into the new season, watch *Big Brother Canada's Supersized Season 8 Preview with ET Canada* airing **Sunday, March 1** at **8 p.m. ET/PT**. *ET Canada*'s one-hour special features interviews with this season's new houseguests, a catchup with Season 7 winner Dane Rupert in his hometown of Kelowna, B.C., an exclusive tour of the new #BBCAN8 house led by host Arisa Cox, and a special sneak peek into this season's theme.

Meet the 16 houseguests entering the #BBCAN8 house and competing for the grand prize of \$100,000, \$10,000 worth of groceries courtesy of Summer Fresh, and an unforgettable dream vacation for two anywhere in the world from Expedia:

## **SEASON 8 HOUSEGUESTS**

Click <u>here</u> to download photos of the Big Brother Canada houseguests and visit <u>BigBrotherCanada.ca</u> for full bios and exclusive online videos



Angie Tackie Age: 33

Hometown: Winnipeg, Man.

**Occupation**: Communications Officer

**About**: Coming from a family of over 70 people, this outgoing communications officer plans to soak up

every moment of the BBCAN experience.



Brooke Warnock

**Age**: 26

Hometown: Calgary, Alta.

Occupation: Social Support Worker

**About**: This intelligent and adventurous social support worker knows how to thrive under chaos and believes her fellow housequests will

underestimate her social game.



Carol Rosher Age: 44

Hometown: Nanaimo, B.C.



Christopher "Chris" Wyllie

Age: 28

Hometown: Markham, Ont.

Occupation: Disability Caregiver

**About**: This loyal, fun, and unpredictable disability caregiver is one tough cookie who will have no problem backstabbing an alliance but will remain true to her ride-or-die.



Hira Deol Age: 30

**Hometown**: Brampton, Ont. **Occupation**: Accountant

**About**: As the first Canadian Sikh on #BBCAN, this caring husband and father wants to play an honest and integral game, but watch out for his competitive





John Luke Kieper Age: 22 (turning 23 on May 7) Hometown: Kamloops, B.C. Occupation: Journalist

**About**: John Luke may seem like a laidback, carefree guy, but don't peg him for a floater. This extremely athletic scholar plans to downplay his intelligence by outsmarting the houseguests.



Madeline Di Nunzio

Age: 30

**Hometown**: Toronto, Ont. **Occupation**: Substitute Teacher

**Occupation**: Brain Transformation Specialist **About**: Both brains and brawn, Chris believes he has the right balance of intellect and strength to influence the house and win the game.



Jamar Lee Age: 23

Hometown: Ajax, Ont.

Occupation: Warehouse Worker

**About**: Confident and competitive, Jamar plans on winning as many comps as he can to become

a #BBCAN legend.



Kyle Rozendal

Age: 31

**Hometown**: Okotoks, Alta. **Occupation**: Electrician

**About**: This 10-time National Powerlifting Champion may look like an alpha male at first glance, however this husband and father of two has a sensitive side that may affect his game.



**Micheal Stubley** 

Age: 25

**Hometown**: Prince George, B.C. **Occupation**: Military Infantryman

**About**: This bubbly animal lover plans to persevere through each competition, using her competitive mentality and never giving up.



Minh-Ly Nguyen-Cao

Age: 28

**Hometown**: Montreal, Que. **Occupation**: Flight Attendant

**About**: This feisty world-traveller isn't afraid of taking any risks but plans on using her social skills to build a reliable and trustworthy alliance.



**Rianne Swanson** 

Aae: 29

**Hometown**: Chetwynd, B.C. **Occupation**: OR Nurse

**About**: This OR nurse is a social butterfly and will have no problem maintaining a persuasive game.



Susanne Fuda Age: 24

**Hometown**: Vaughan, Ont. **Occupation**: Corporate Recruiter

**About**: With Special Forces Selection training, this proud military infantryman plans to use his athleticism, intellect, and charm to take down the house and be the last houseguest standing.



Nico Vera Age: 31

Hometown: Toronto, Ont. Occupation: Sales Manager

**About**: A long-time lover of BBCAN, Nico is here to put the super in superfan! This charismatic sales manager plans to balance staying out of the spotlight while using his charm

to become a superstar houseguest.



**Sheldon Jean** 

Age: 24

Hometown: Ottawa, Ont.

Occupation: Professional Wrestler

**About**: This professional wrestler believes he has the full package to win *Big Brother Canada* with his killer combo of physical, social, and

mental strength.



Vanessa Clements

Age: 26

**Hometown**: Mill River, P.E.I. **Occupation**: Lobster Fisherman

**About**: This petite firecracker plans to rely on her social skills at the start, and then pull out the comp wins as she gets further in the game.

**About**: This proud lobster fisherman is excited to represent P.E.I. and plans to trap the houseguests into underestimating her mastermind abilities.

Big Brother Canada's two-night premiere airs Wednesday, March 4 at 7 p.m. ET/PT and Thursday, March 5 at 8 p.m. ET/PT, followed by the dramatic fallout on Sunday, March 8 at 8 p.m. ET/PT. New episodes continue to air Wednesdays (7 p.m. ET/PT), Thursdays (8 p.m. ET/PT), and Sundays (8 p.m. ET/PT).

#BBCAN8 extends from series to site at <u>BigBrotherCanada.ca</u> with free live feeds, houseguest interviews, live show votes, and more, beginning early March. Stream Season 8 along with past seasons for **FREE** on <u>GlobalTV.com</u> and the <u>Global TV App</u>.

Commissioned by Corus Entertainment, Season 8 of *Big Brother Canada* is produced by Insight Productions Ltd. in association with Corus Entertainment and Endemol Shine. Executive Producers are John Brunton and Erin Brock.

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