



# GLOBAL ORIGINAL SERIES *BIG BROTHER CANADA*ANNOUNCES EIGHT SPONSORS FOR ITS SUPERSIZED EIGHTH SEASON

New Sponsors Expedia, Kraft Dinner, and First Choice Haircutters Join Season 8 with First-Time Integrations

Wendy's®, OLG, SkipTheDishes, Summer Fresh, and Skechers® All Return for Another Season of Shocking Twists and High-Stakes Challenges

Grand Prizing Includes \$100,000, \$10,000 Worth of Groceries Courtesy of Summer Fresh, and a Vacation for Two Anywhere in the World from Expedia

Big Brother Canada Begins March 4 at 7 p.m. ET/PT on Global

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TORONTO, February 25, 2020 – Global is thrilled to announce eight sponsors, three new and five returning, for Season 8 of *Big Brother Canada*. Known for delivering some of the most cutting-edge in-show integrations on TV, this season *Big Brother Canada*'s sponsors are tapped to elevate the show's epic twists, challenges, prizing, and more. The hit series, which averaged 1.2 million total viewers per episode last season, welcomes the return of Wendy's®, Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG), SkipTheDishes, Summer Fresh, and Skechers®, and ushers in new sponsorships with Expedia, Kraft Dinner (KD), and First Choice Haircutters.

"Hot on the heels of the show's highest-rated season to date, client demand is at an all-time high for *Big Brother Canada*," said Barb McKergow, Senior Vice President, National Advertising Revenue. "This series allows for the most clever and customizable in-show integrations where sponsors become integral to the show – both with our houseguests and our audiences on-air and online."

**Returning** for a third consecutive year with the show, **Wendy's**<sup>®</sup> heats up the house with a new special power. The coveted and satisfying "Drive Thru" pantry is also back with fan-favourite items including fresh never frozen 100% Canadian beef hamburgers, Spicy Chicken Sandwiches, Frostys<sup>®</sup>, salads, and more. Additional integrations allow fans to join the action on social media for tons of giveaways, surprises, and more!

**New** this season, **Expedia** joins the *Big Brother Canada* family as a grand prize contributor with a dream vacation for two. In addition to participating in a custom challenge, houseguests can enjoy hanging out in a new room – a departure lounge fit for take-off.

Additional **returning** sponsors include **OLG**, putting houseguests' skills to the test during a first-of-its-kind lottery-themed challenge takeover week. Then thanks to **SkipTheDishes**, over the course of the season *Big Brother Canada* viewers will have the chance to vote on treating an otherwise unlucky have-not with a special delivery. And **new** sponsor **KD** also stocks the #BBCAN house, in addition to serving up a custom cheesy challenge.

Fueling the houseguests again this season, pantry favourite **Summer Fresh returns**, awarding the Season 8 winner with \$10,000 worth of groceries while the entire house enjoys scrumptious dips, snacks, and salads all season long.

Looking and feeling your best is an essential part of the houseguest journey! Coming to houseguests' aid with their DESIGNLINE haircare and styling products is **new** sponsor **First Choice Haircutters**, and **returning** sponsor **Skechers**® outfitting the weekly HOH winner with the hottest footwear styles for the entire season.

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). Season 8 houseguests are competing for a 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.

#BBCAN8 extends from series to site at <u>BigBrotherCanada.ca</u> with free live feeds, hit-and-miss moments from the show, 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>GlobalTV App</u>.

Another exciting announcement is just a day away! Stay tuned to learn who is joining the supersized Season 8 of *Big Brother Canada* on Wednesday, February 26.

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Source: Numeris PPM Data, Total Canada, SP'19 (1/7/2019 - 6/2/2019) - Confirmed Data, Ind. 2+ AMA(000)// Most watched stat: 2/1/13 – 6/2/19, Global Total & Slice

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