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The Exploration Place Museum + Science Centre is excited to announce an extension to the showing of the Exhibit *Terry Fox – Running to the Heart of Canada!*

Darrell Fox commented that, "We are thrilled that the residents of Prince George and area have been offered the opportunity to experience the Terry Fox exhibit for another month. The Exploration Place Team has shown a sincere and impassioned appreciation for all things Terry and for this we are eternally grateful."

The Terry Fox Centre has been working towards the establishment of a permanent home for this important Canadian Collection and is still some distance from their funding targets.

"It has become clear, as this collection has toured the country, that Canadians of all walks of life, of all ages and from all backgrounds feel connected to Terry Fox and his story." Said Katherine Scouten, President of the Board of Trustees of the Exploration Place. "To have warehoused this collection for what could be years as the Terry Fox Centre worked to raise the necessary funds to build a permanent home for it seemed a real shame."

Canada's Sports Hall of Fame <https://www.sportshall.ca/?lang=EN> is interested in hosting this exhibit for a long-term run in Calgary. As this idea only coalesced in late 2018, they too are seeking funding to be able to create the necessary space within their footprint and have not managed to confirm that funding in time for the exhibit to be shipped to them this week.

*"We worked closely with the Canadian Museum of History and the creators of our incoming exhibit, *Dishevelled – A Hair Raising Experience*, the Sherbrooke Museum of Science and Nature in Quebec, as well as with our Board other local supporters to find a way to keep this exhibit in place for another month here in Prince George" said Tracy Calogheros, CEO of The Exploration Place.*

With the short notice for this extension the Exploration Place was unable to postpone the arrival of the next exhibit and as such, needed to find secure, heated storage to house those crates and specimens until they can be installed in the George Phillips Exhibit Gallery at the museum later this year. The Terry Fox collection is not only a Canadian treasure, but also contains textiles and other artifacts, making storage for it far more complex.

"While we are very grateful to our partner institutions for their dedication and flexibility, this is after all, what Canada expects of their museum professionals; to safeguard those objects that hold our collective memory," says Calogheros.

Both the Canadian Museum of History and the Sherbrooke Museum of Science Nature have had to make a series of cancellations for exhibit technicians and alter shipping and travel arrangements. The iconic nature of the Terry Fox collection and Canadian's connection to him, inspired everyone involved to go above and beyond to ensure the safe accommodation of both exhibits.

"Perhaps the most gratifying part of this juggling act was the instant support the Museum received from the corporate citizens of Prince George," said Calogheros. "With a quick series of texts and calls, we had both sponsorship and warehousing available to offset the costs to us. As The Exploration Place is also a charity, absorbing additional costs would not have been possible. A huge shout out goes to Scott McWalter and my Board Chair, Katherine Scouten for helping me out with all of this."

Luke Charest, Sales + Service at Mason Lift Ltd. Prince George, stepped up once again and offered the Exploration Place not only a warehouse space for the incoming exhibit but support for Forklift Rentals at both ends of the timeframe. Mason Lift has been a long-time sponsor of the museum.

"Austin Kim, Owner of PG Recycling and Return-it Centre will not only support this extension with a donation, but he will make it possible for the whole community to help out too! He will donate 100% of his charity donation bin program to the Exploration Place from February 1 – April 30 2019. It is projected that these bins will accumulate approximately \$1000 a month. So far, since 2015, these bins have raised over \$45,000 for over a dozen local charities and non-profit organizations," said Scott McWalter.

The PG Recycling + Return Centre has donation bins set up at Canadian Tire, the YMCA, CN Centre, Sign-patico and at their location at 2614 Petersen Road next to Harley Davidson.

"This is a great new partnership for the Museum, said Katherine Scouten. I encourage the whole community to bring out your bottles and cans and help us help Terry Fox!"

Terry Fox – Running to the Heart of Canada is available at the Exploration Place for the next month. Closing dates are yet to be confirmed.
