

Contact: Andrew Heydt
President, MNHHOF
andrew.heydt@mnhhof.com
(612) 208-4306



Contact: Kris Wilson
City Administrator, City of IGH
hof@ighmn.gov
(651) 450-2511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Wednesday, December 17, 2025

CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS SELECTED AS THE FUTURE HOME OF THE MINNESOTA HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

Where Minnesota Hockey Comes Home

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Hockey Hall of Fame (MNHHOF) is excited to announce the City of Inver Grove Heights as the official location of the future MNHHOF, a 120,000-plus square-foot, multi-purpose facility. The project will be located on approximately 40 acres adjacent to Interstate 494 and just east of Vikings Lakes and the Minnesota Vikings training complex.



“Since announcing this legacy project in August, the outpouring of support from players past and present, Minnesota-based companies, and hockey fans statewide has been overwhelming,” said MNHHOF CEO **Natalie Darwitz**. “We’re truly excited to build our permanent home in Inver Grove Heights, honoring the past and inspiring the future of Minnesota hockey.”

The project is a partnership between Consumer Science North, a private Bloomington-based development company, and the MNHHOF, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, which is guided by a diverse advisory board made up of some of Minnesota’s most influential hockey figures, and supported by an ambassador program of more than 150 men and women who have made lasting contributions to the game in Minnesota.

“The City is thrilled that the Minnesota Hockey Hall of Fame has selected Inver Grove Heights as its home, and we look forward to welcoming them to our community,” said Inver Grove Heights Mayor **Brenda Dietrich**. “The site is in our Northwest Area, which has long been envisioned for major development, and the Hall of Fame offers the opportunity for new amenities and attractions that will benefit Inver Grove Heights for years to come.”

“Today’s announcement is the first step of many as the project continues to evolve, and I am excited to see the puck drop,” Dietrich concluded.

More than a museum, the Minnesota Hockey Hall of Fame will function as a dynamic, interactive destination. Current plans include:

- 30,000-square-foot museum featuring a Great Hall and five exhibit wings
- state-of-the-art ice rink
- 20,000-square-foot performance venue
- hockey-themed restaurant and taproom
- multiple signature event and community spaces

“As we evaluated several location options, we kept coming back to Inver Grove Heights. The specific site is a clear fit with our vision, said MNHHOF President **Andrew Heydt**. “Its central location makes it easily accessible for fans and players. Our vision is to create not only a statewide initiative, but a destination for hockey fans across the country and around the world.”

In addition to honoring Minnesota’s hockey heritage, the Hall will focus on advancing the sport through grassroots programming, traveling exhibits, and statewide youth education initiatives.

Consumer Science North and MNHHOF hope to break ground in 2026, with a grand opening projected for late 2028.

For more details, visit mnhhof.com or contact Andrew Heydt at andrew.heydt@mnhhof.com or (612) 208-4306. For more information about Inver Grove Heights, visit ighmn.gov or contact Kris Wilson, City Administrator, at hof@ighmn.gov or (651) 450-2511.

#####