

## SCAHL Memorandum

To: All SCAHL Associations From: SCAHL – Tom Wilkins Subject: SCAHL Status Report Date: June 7, 2024

Hi All:

To start with, we apologize for the lack of communication since the end of the SCAHL season.

In March, the AA Council (the overseeing body for AA Hockey in Alberta) was asked by Hockey Alberta to consider a consolidation of all AA Leagues (SCAHL, Hockey Calgary, Hockey Edmonton and the Northern League).

These discussions were to be concluded by early April, but the determination of the final status has not yet been announced.

The League was asked to refrain from releasing details of the proposed consolidation until it was final, therefore we have not reported to you the matter.

It has become apparent that information on this matter has leaked and many rumors have spread. We would like to clear this up a bit.

Hockey Alberta has proposed a new AA Model. All 4 AA Leagues would be consolidated into one Provincial AA League. The 4 former Leagues would be rebranded as Conferences. The SCAHL would become the South Conference. The League would be nested under the current AAA League, the Alberta Elite Hockey League (AEHL).

Under the proposal all Associations that were in the SCAHL would continue to operate in the same structure as in 2023-24 season. What primarily is altered is the League governance and administration. There would be a Conference Governor (similar to the President in past SCAHL) and Division Directors (similar to Governors of our Divisions in past). Many of the administrative duties would be centralized at the AEHL level. Duties of the Governor and Division Directors would be different from the past.

In short, the operations of your AA programs would not be altered for the 2024-25 season from the past. However, the SCAHL would cease to exist as a League. It is uncertain at this moment when the final decision will be released by Hockey Alberta. Until we are certain of the full details of a new structure, we felt we could not plan for our annual AGM, which our bylaws

call for by the end of June. Once we have this final info, we may need only a teleconference with you all to deal with some final matters.