

March 13, 2020

## **FHA's March Auction Will Proceed as Scheduled**

With encouragement from the trade, FHA's March 24-26 auction (on show from March 20) will be conducted as scheduled. In light of COVID-19, and to ensure the health of our customers and staff, which remains our paramount concern, multiple measures have been implemented.

### Advice from Health Officials

FHA is continuously monitoring the advice and direction of Canadian health officials, and is implementing their recommendations.

### Access

Access to the building will be limited to buyers/brokers/customers, auction house staff and a very limited number of pre-approved and necessary visitors. Access will be denied to those who have not pre-registered. Only buyers/brokers/customers and auction house staff will be permitted in the auction room.

### General Health

FHA continues to monitor and abide by the recommendations of Canadian health officials. Those who feel ill should not attend the auction. Masks will be provided for all those who wish to have them, although Canadian health officials advise that the use of masks is not recommended for healthy individuals. Commonly touched surfaces, such as door handles and keyboards will be disinfected frequently. Hand sanitizer will be provided, and reminders regarding personal hygiene will be prominently posted.

### Food and Beverage

There will be no self-serve access to food and beverage. Cafeteria staff will dispense all food and beverages, including bottled water.

### Hotels

We have been in touch with area hotels, including the Crowne Plaza Airport, where the majority of our customers and staff will be staying, and they have indicated that they are closely monitoring the situation and are complying with Canadian health guidelines.

We appreciate the ongoing support of the trade as we work through this difficult situation together.

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View Canada's response to COVID-19:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse.html>

View FHA's auction schedule, order of sale and projected quantities:

[http://furharvesters.com/pdf/pressreleaseMAR5\\_20.pdf](http://furharvesters.com/pdf/pressreleaseMAR5_20.pdf)