

## GRANDS PRIX CYCLISTES DE QUÉBEC ET DE MONTRÉAL CELEBRATE 10 YEARS MONTRÉAL RACE TO BE EXTENDED BY TWO LAPS

Montréal, Tuesday, July 2, 2019 – In September 2010, the UCI WorldTour circuit came to the Americas for the first time, as the world’s best road cyclists competed in the [Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal](#) (GPCQM). With the events celebrating their tenth anniversary this year, the organizers are pleased to announce that, with the agreement of the International Cycling Union and the Professional Cycling Council, two extra laps will be added to the [Montréal](#) city circuit, bringing the total race distance of 219.6 km.

“The addition of these two laps provides the 18 WorldTeams with an extra challenge in terms of endurance and resistance, something that the sport’s very best riders welcome,” says GPCQM President Serge Arsenault. “This is fantastic news for both the fans and the athletes striving for excellence, as the features of the Grand Prix Cycliste de Montréal course make it an event suited to the strongest riders, with no downtime in which to recover. So we can clearly expect a spectacular race scenario,” he added.

### MONTRÉAL – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- Competitors will ride the 12.2 km [circuit](#) (elevation gain: 263 m) 18 times for a total race distance of 219.6 km, with a total vertical climb of 4,734 metres, worthy of the great mountain stage of multi-day races.
- 6 hours of effort!
- 2018 PODIUM FINISHERS: Michael Matthews (1), Sonny Colbrelli (2), Greg Van Avermaet (3)

### QUÉBEC CITY – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- Competitors will ride the 12.6 km [circuit](#) (elevation gain: 186 m) 16 times for a total race distance of 201.6 km, with a total vertical climb of 2,976 metres, which favours sprinters and explosive all-rounders.
- 5 hours of effort!
- 2018 PODIUM FINISHERS: Michael Matthews (1), Greg Van Avermaet (2), Jasper Stuyven (3)

### ABOUT THE GPCQM

The Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal, the only UCI WorldTour events presented in the Americas, contribute to fulfilling one of the primary objectives of the International Cycling Union (UCI): the globalization of the WorldTour circuit. These tour stops are in addition to the existing, officially sanctioned events in Europe and Oceania. Since 2010, the organization has been responsible for the planning and conduct of the GPCQM and counts on the invaluable support of public and private partners: the Government of Canada, the Government of Québec, the city of Québec, the city of Montréal, the National Battlefields Commission, Québec City Tourism, Tourisme Montréal, Québecor, Air Transat, and TVA Sports (official GPCQM broadcaster).

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