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## Wings rolling into Kelowna

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The 2008 Stanley Cup champions will make the Okanagan their temporary home for three days later this month.

The Kelowna Rockets this week announced that the NHL's Detroit Red Wings will be holding two practices at Prospera Place, including an open practice session on Wednesday, March 17.

The Wings, led by Canadian Olympic gold-medal winning coach Mike Babcock, are using Kelowna as a stopover between two scheduled games in Western Canada — Calgary on March 15 and Edmonton on March 19.

"The Red Wings contacted us about coming in because it didn't make sense for them to go back to Detroit," said Rockets' president and general manager Bruce Hamilton. "We felt it was a great opportunity to have them in Kelowna. It's another event that is in our building and we're looking forward to it."



**Ken Holland**

The public is welcome to attend the March 17 practice session from 11 a.m. to noon.

Doors will open at 10 a.m. and the Kelowna Food Bank will be on hand to accept donations as admission to the event.

Joining members of the Food Bank will be stu-

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dents from Okanagan College's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) program who will receive course credits for helping out.

The Red Wings connection to the Okanagan is well-known.

General manager Ken Holland is a Vernon native, while former Kelowna Rockets assistant coach Jeff Finley is a scout for Detroit and resides in Kelowna.

Babcock played for the Kelowna Wings during the 1982-83 WHL season.