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Fort McKay First Nation receives generous donation from local entrepreneur *The Bouchier Group donates Zamboni for new arena in Fort McKay*

Fort McKay, Alberta – Fort McKay First Nation and the Bouchier Group are pleased to announce the donation of a Zamboni machine from the Bouchier Group for the upcoming new arena in Fort McKay. The Zamboni was delivered to Fort McKay on April 1 in anticipation of the new arena's grand opening slated for later this spring. The new arena will serve residents within the regional municipality, and offer a range of recreational opportunities for the entire community, including an NHL ice surface rink.

Fort McKay First Nation Chief, Jim Boucher, remarked, "We're very excited about this new arena, and the positive impact it will have on our community members—of all ages. And we thank David Bouchier and his company for giving back to the community through their kind donation of a Zamboni for the arena's ice rink."

"As a youth growing up in Fort McKay, I fondly remember my late brother and I shoveling the outdoor arena that was next to the fire hall every morning at 6:00 am before school started, without fail," said David Bouchier, President of the Bouchier Group. "After school, the whole community would then get together to play hockey. With this donation, I wanted to still contribute my part—like I did as a kid—for the community's benefit. Now instead of shovels, we have a Zamboni! It is my aim to help the community thrive, and I am proud to make this donation to Fort McKay's new arena in support of the amazing recreational opportunities that will be available to our community members."

Construction on the new arena began in September 2010, with an expected capital cost of approximately \$6 million. Fort McKay First Nation will fully fund both the construction and operating costs. Grand opening of the Fort McKay Arena is slated for late April/early May.

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