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Grand Opening of Multi-Sport Simulator at Fort McKay Arena

Fort McKay, Alberta (February 2, 2024) – In partnership with Bouchier, Fort McKay First Nation is excited to announce the grand opening of a state-of-the-art multi-sport simulator at the Fort McKay Arena. The event, held on January 31, 2024, showcased the recently renovated facility, and highlighted the positive impact of collaboration and charitable contributions on the development of indigenous youth through sports.

“This is a very exciting time for our community as we see a growing list of state-of-the-art facilities serving Fort McKay,” said Chief Raymond Powder. “David and Nicole Bouchier have played a key role in helping us get to where we are today, helping us reach our goals while supporting our youth. On behalf of our Nation, I thank them for their hard work and for their commitment to always doing their best for our community.”

The grand opening event featured a variety of distinguished guests, including a blessing by Elder Clara Boucher and a warm welcome from Chief Powder. The event also included speeches emphasizing the importance of community engagement and the significant role that sports play in the lives of young indigenous individuals. Fort McKay Recreation expressed their gratitude to Bouchier and the Wahkohtowin Sports Circle Foundation for their generous support, as well as to the community members, stakeholders, and dignitaries who attended the grand opening event and championed the cause of empowering indigenous youth through sports.

"Youth are the future of our communities, and sports provide them with the opportunity to learn valuable life skills, foster a sense of teamwork, and promote physical and mental well-being. We are proud to contribute to the positive development of indigenous youth through our donations to Fort McKay Recreation and the Wahkohtowin Sports Circle Foundation," says David Bouchier, Founder and Owner of Bouchier.

Bouchier's generous donation of \$100,000 in 2023 to Fort McKay Recreation has provided the necessary support for the establishment of the multi-sport simulator. Additionally, Bouchier has also contributed \$10,000 to the Wahkohtowin Sports Circle Foundation, formerly know as Fort Mac Hockey Bros. WSCF gave back by donating \$5,000 towards the purchase of archery equipment for Fort McKay Recreation.

The grand opening event culminated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony, symbolizing the official launch of the multi-sport simulator. The simulator is now open to the community and will kick off the first annual Bouchier Golf Tournament in February.



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About Fort McKay Recreation:

Fort McKay Recreation is dedicated to providing meaningful recreational opportunities for the residents of Fort McKay First Nation. Through various programs and facilities, Fort McKay Recreation promotes physical and mental well-being, community engagement, and the overall development of indigenous youth.

About Bouchier:

Bouchier is a leading general contractor providing civil contracting and facility services in the oil sands. With a focus on safety and over 25 years of excellence, Bouchier is committed to making a positive impact in the lives of others and investing in the community.

About Wahkohtowin Sports Circle Foundation:

The Wahkohtowin Sports Circle Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering indigenous youth through sports. By providing financial support, equipment, and mentorship, the foundation aims to promote physical activity, teamwork, and personal development among young indigenous individuals.

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