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Medal Sponsor Announcement and Naming of Symbols

Today The Regina 2014 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) Host Society unveiled both the official medals and the names of the Symbols. The medals were designed by, Regina Company Laurie Artiss- The Pin People, which will be the official supplier of medals.

Regina 2014 NAIG CEO Ron Crowe also announced that the Saskatchewan First Nation CDC Association will be the sponsors of the medals this year. Crowe states *"it's a perfect fit to have the CDCs come on board to support NAIG with the medal sponsorship. The medals not only recognize achievement they acknowledge all the young people participating who will go on to contribute to their home communities"*

Saskatchewan First Nation CDC Association Chair Stan Bobb adds *"These Games represent more than just competition, it is a showcase of our youth displaying virtues of hard work, training, setting and reaching goals. As Community Development Corporations, we work collectively to provide opportunities for our future Leaders"*.

After much consideration and in consultation with Treaty #4 Elders, the two official buffalo symbols and their names were also revealed to the public today. we are pleased to introduce the Symbols for the Regina 2014 NAIG, the adult Symbol will be known as "Paskwa-Moostoos" which is Nehiyawewin (Cree) for "Buffalo" and the Youth Symbol will be known as "Tatanka Ci'Stina" (Chestina), which is Dakota for "Little Buffalo", collectively the symbols will be known as The Gathering of the Buffalo Children. Out of respect for the sacredness of the Buffalo to the North American Plains Indigenous, the icons will be referred to as symbols opposed to mascots.

Regina 2014 NAIG will host the athletes and teams from 26 regions in North America's Indigenous communities as they compete in 15 different sports. It will celebrate and share North American Indigenous cultures through a showcase of language, tradition, art, song, dance and ceremonies. The theme of the Regina 2014 North American Indigenous Games is "Raising the Bar" and we will do this by exhibiting youth excellence in sports and culture.

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