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## **Partners Sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Regarding Northwest Saskatchewan Golf Course**

The four community partners are delighted to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) regarding the development of a championship 18-hole golf course near the Canoe River on Hwy 155. The partners include Pinehouse, Canoe Lake Cree Nation, Buffalo River Dene Nation, and Ile a la Crosse.

This MoU marks a significant milestone in establishing a collaborative framework for the development of the area beginning with phase 1 (golf course) of a 3-phase plan, phase 2 (lodge, RV sites, experiences, residential), phase 3 (gaming) that will drive tourism, create synergies, and provide new experiences for residents and visitors in Northwest Saskatchewan.

The partnership aims to create a world-class golf course that seamlessly integrates Indigenous culture, sustainability, and tourism. The project will not only provide a unique and immersive golfing experience but also promote cultural awareness, economic growth, and community development.

The designer/developer of the golf course is Graham Cooke, who has designed over 80 golf courses in Canada. He was the designer/developer of the Dakota Dunes Golf Links and will be his second project in Saskatchewan.

The key areas of collaboration in the partnership include:

**Tourism and Hospitality Development:** The partners will pool their resources to explore innovations, new visitor experiences, and a world-class golf course that addresses the evolving needs and wants of our customers.

**Market Expansion:** We will leverage our respective market knowledge and customer networks to identify new growth opportunities, expand market reach, and create mutually beneficial business partnerships beyond the golf course.

**Knowledge Sharing and Training:** The MoU establishes a framework for knowledge exchange, sharing best practices, and conducting joint training programs to enhance professional development and build a skilled workforce.

**Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility:** The partners are committed to promoting sustainable practices, corporate social responsibility, and environmental stewardship. Through joint initiatives, we will work towards a more sustainable future and contribute positively to the communities we serve.

Sakitawak Development Corporation's CEO, Tyler Morin, expressed enthusiasm about the partnership, stating, "We are thrilled to formalize our collaboration through this MoU with our partners from Northwest Saskatchewan. By harnessing our collective strengths and expertise, we aim to unlock new opportunities, drive tourism related economic development, and deliver

an exceptional golf course to our communities. Together, we will make a significant impact on the future of golfing in Northwest Saskatchewan and shape of the tourism industry in our region."

The signing of this MoU is a testament to the shared commitment of all partners towards excellence, innovation, and customer satisfaction. We look forward to a fruitful collaboration and achieving great success together.

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