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Science North and Indigenous Tourism Ontario host special viewing of travelling exhibition in Temiskaming Shores

(Temiskaming Shores, ON) – Mayor Jeff Laferriere and special guests attended a viewing of Anishinaabewin Maamnindimowin: Pane Gii-Bite (*Indigenous Ingenuity: Timeless Inventions*), this morning at the Lawrence “Bun” Eckensviller Community Hall. Guests in attendance were treated to hand drumming performances, followed by a chance to explore the exhibition.

Indigenous Ingenuity, presented by Indigenous Tourism Ontario and Science North, is currently on display at the Lawrence “Bun” Eckensviller Community Hall until September 17. Admission and parking are free of charge and visitors can experience the exhibition Monday to Friday 11:00am to 7:00pm and Saturday to Sunday 10:00am to 6:00pm.

Temiskaming Shores is the eighth stop of the tour, having already made a recent stop in Parry Sound. Until fall of 2024, the exhibition will be travelling to approximately 30 communities across the north, presenting a clever and novel mix of science and culture intended to stir a sense of pride among First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities.

Elements of the main 500 sqm exhibition have been redesigned into a tour-sized format capable of efficient travel, easy to install and host while maintaining an impactful and engaging visitor experience. In addition, this version adds new content inclusive of Northern Ontario, including content that was developed in close collaboration with Science North's Indigenous Advisors. The northern tour of this exhibit will create a significant economic impact in the north through the growth and diversification of the tourism sector and job creation at Indigenous Tourism Ontario, Science North, and partner attractions.

The *Indigenous Ingenuity: Timeless Inventions* travelling exhibition was developed in consultation with the Montreal Science Centre and is proudly supported by the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario, and the Government of Canada. For more information about the Indigenous Ingenuity tour and upcoming stops on its tour, visit sciencenorth.ca/indigenous-ingenuity

The Igloo installation in the exhibition is an original creation by the National Film Board, directed by Dan Thornhill, designed to bring to life the richness of Canadian Inuit culture. For more information, visit NFB.ca/Unikkausivut.

Quotes

It is great to see this fantastic event making its way to Temiskaming Shores. Science North and Indigenous Tourism Ontario have organized an exhibit that will leave a lasting impression on our constituents. Museums and travelling exhibits play a key role in preserving our heritage, supporting innovation, and fostering a greater sense of understanding and pride among Canadians of all ages and backgrounds. I encourage all residents throughout Nipissing-Timiskaming to take the time to experience this interactive exhibit. - Honorable Anthony Rota, Member of Parliament for Nipissing-Timiskaming

Thank you to Science North and Indigenous Tourism Ontario for partnering to bring the Indigenous Ingenuity: Timeless inventions exhibition to the City of Temiskaming Shores. I encourage visitors and everyone in our community to take the time to see this fantastic exhibit that showcases the many innovative ideas that have been created by Canada's Indigenous peoples - Jeff Laferriere, Temiskaming Shores Mayor

We are excited that people will learn about many of the crucial contributions, innovations and methods that Indigenous peoples have created and shared with the world. It's an important step to see tourist attractions like Science North feature exhibitions that highlight Indigenous successes. – Kevin Eshkawkogan, President and Chief Executive Officer of Indigenous Tourism Ontario

We are grateful to the community of Temiskaming Shores for receiving Science North with open arms. Last year, we brought the Great Northern Ontario Roadshow to Temiskaming Shores, and we're pleased to bring another one-of-a-kind exhibition to this community which will help educate, highlight, and share the contributions of Indigenous peoples. I want to highlight the incredible team at Indigenous Tourism Ontario for all their efforts in bringing the tour of Anishinaabewin Maaminendimowin: Pane Gii-Bite (Indigenous Ingenuity: Timeless Inventions) to life. Thank you also to the fantastic team at the City of Temiskaming Shores for working so diligently to ensure this exhibition was brought to your community. - Ashley Larose MSc, CEO – Science North.

About Indigenous Tourism Ontario

Indigenous Tourism Ontario (ITO) is the province's first and only dedicated Indigenous tourism organization that focuses on uniting communities, Indigenous organizations, and industry leaders to support the growth of Indigenous tourism in Ontario. Through product development and marketing of authentic Indigenous experiences, ITO establishes a platform for Indigenous cultural expression and preservation through tourism.

ITO is recognized by the Chiefs of Ontario (COO), the Government of Ontario and ministries for their work therein. For more information about ITO and their initiatives please visit:

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About Science North

Science North is Northern Ontario's most popular tourist attraction and an educational resource for children and adults across the province. Science North maintains the second – and eighth-largest science centres in Canada. Science North's attractions include a science centre, IMAX® theatre, digital Planetarium, butterfly gallery, special exhibits hall, and Dynamic Earth: Home of the Big Nickel. Science North, in partnership with Laurentian University, offers North America's first and only comprehensive Science Communication program, a joint master's and graduate diploma program. As part of its mandate, Science North provides science experiences throughout Northern Ontario including outreach to schools and festivals, summer science camps and more, and has a permanent base in Thunder Bay providing outreach to the Northwest. Science North is an agency of the Government of Ontario. For information, visit sciencenorth.ca.

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