



February 21, 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities is proud to have partnered with the City of Saskatoon and Hoist the Hoops to bring the Pawâtêtân Court to Victoria Park's River Landing.

The proposed name "Pawâtêtân Court" was developed in partnership with Hoist the Hoops lead Michael Linklater, who consulted with the National Survivor Circle from the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, local elders, as well as a Cree linguistics professor from the University of Saskatchewan. As primary funder and project manager, Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities is in full support of this name. We recognize that it originates from Cree, meaning "let's dream together". This is an ideal representation of the impact this court will have on the City of Saskatoon, and a name that recognizes and honours the history, language and culture of Indigenous Peoples in the Treaty 6 Territory.

In addition, after consultation with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation and the Survivor's Circle, Jumpstart and Hoist the Hoops have been approved to move forward with the use of the Survivor's Flag in the court design. It was expressed by the Governance Confidential Secretary for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, that the Survivor's Circle felt the use of the Flag in this way and the project as a whole was "quite commendable and would be an important teaching tool for youth". The Survivor's Circle and National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation approved this imagery, with the full and complete understanding that the logo would be installed on the ground in a high traffic area that will be used by children of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous heritage. It is our hope that, with the support of these groups, municipal approval to move forward with the proposed name and court design will be granted.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to your response on the matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MID", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Marco Di Buono
President, Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities