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## **Opening Ceremony Launched PGA TOUR Canada Golf Event in Style**

### **Fort William Historical Park presentation headlined morning event**

Thunder Bay, ON (July 14, 2014) Whitewater Golf Club was the site of Fort William Historical Park Pageantry this morning at the grand opening of the Staal Foundation Open, presented by Tbaytel. Singers, drummers and historical interpreters were on hand to give a historical perspective and presentation to the week-long golf event. The ceremony continued with speeches by local dignitaries, including members of the Staal family, and culminated with a ceremonial first drive.

The opening marks the official start of the Staal Foundation Open, presented by Tbaytel continuing today with the Porter Airlines Celebrity Pro-am at Whitewater and the PGA TOUR Canada Qualifier at Fort William Country Club. Tomorrow will see the Can-Op Pro-am with the first day of official competition beginning on Thursday at 7 a.m.

"We are ready," said Scott Smith, Executive Director and lead organizer. "The course is in great shape, volunteers are ready to go, parking arrangements are all up and running and the competition is ready to begin."

"We're thrilled to be here in Thunder Bay for the inaugural Staal Foundation Open presented by Tbaytel," said PGA TOUR Canada President Jeff Monday. "Right from the announcement in September, the community support for this event has been outstanding and we can't wait to get underway this week."

The Staal Foundation Open, presented by Tbaytel will run throughout the week and culminate in the finals next Sunday. (July 20) Visit [www.staalopen.ca](http://www.staalopen.ca) for schedule details and ticket information.

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