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MAYOR KEITH HOBBS SUPPORTS STAAL FOUNDATION OPEN PRESENTED BY TBAYTEL

JORDAN STAAL VISITS CITY HALL TO ENCOURAGE VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

Thunder Bay, ON (May 29, 2014) Mayor Keith Hobbs and Jordan Staal teamed up with event organizers today at City Hall pledging support and encouraging the community to come out and volunteer for the Staal Foundation Open presented by Tbaytel July 14-20 at Whitewater Golf Club in Thunder Bay.

"We are excited that our community will be hosting this great event," said Mayor Hobbs. "Our administration has worked diligently with event organizers supporting their efforts from transportation and marketing to welcoming players and officials in the great way Thunder Bay is so known for. Sport tourism is a growth area for our community and the Staal Foundation Open presented by Tbaytel will also have a significant economic impact."

Event organizers are pleased with the level of enthusiasm shown so far and want to encourage those that are thinking of volunteering to visit staalopen.ca to officially register. Volunteer Chair Gloria Sherban and Caddie Chair Rick Bevilacqua both say that activity on the web has been encouraging thus far but registering early will help to ensure that individuals seeking specific jobs will get their preferred pick. "We have many positions available including scoring, hosting, transportation and caddying to name a few," said Sherban. "We are confident we can accommodate specific requests."

Local NHL star and Staal Family Foundation representative, Jordan Staal, also visited City Hall today personally lending his support to the event organizers and encouraging community involvement. "Thunder Bay is our home and our family couldn't be happier supporting an event that will bring national and international attention to our community while doing such important charity work," said Jordan. "Our whole family will be participating in the week-long event. We are really looking forward to it."

The Staal Foundation Open presented by Tbaytel is the sixth tournament on the 2014 PGA TOUR Canada schedule. "The start date is getting close," said Scott Smith, Executive Director. "The excitement is growing and although there is a lot of work to be done, our Committee is extremely dedicated to making certain everything is done well and on time. I can't thank them enough."

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