

STATEMENT

NIPISSING FIRST NATION CHIEF ASKS FOR RETURN OF HEADDRESS

March 11, 2023 – While in Mississauga to host the Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) tournament, Nipissing First Nation Chief Scott McLeod’s vehicle was stolen from the Sandman Signature Mississauga hotel in the early morning of Saturday, March 11. Of greatest concern is the loss of the Nipissing First Nation Chief headdress that was in the vehicle.

“I ask that the perpetrators of this theft find it upon themselves to kindly return the headdress, this can be done anonymously, to the Sandman Signature Mississauga hotel or to one of the arenas where the event is taking place,” says Chief Scott McLeod.

The LNHL tournament kicks off on Sunday, March 12 with opening ceremonies at the Paramount Fine Foods Centre at 4 p.m. Games take place from March 13-15 at Paramount Fine Foods Centre, Iceland Arena, Tomken Twin Arena, Meadowvale 4 Rinks, and Erin Mills Twin Arena. Championship games take place on March 16 at Iceland Arena.

The Nipissing First Nation headdress was reconstructed following more than two years of research by elders, academics, historians, and geographers (all familiar with the resources available 100 years ago). The beadwork style represents the women’s roles in supporting the leader wearing the ceremonial headdress. The 7 white eagle feathers signify the commitment that a leader makes to lead with responsibility following the 7 grandfather/grandmother teachings.



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