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MONTREAL'S NEW FRIENDSHIP CENTRE FOR ITS ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY TO BE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDSHIP CENTRES

Wendake, July 26, 2012 – In keeping with their ongoing mission to improve the quality of life of urban Aboriginal people and to promote the distinctive nature of Aboriginal culture, the Native Friendship Centres in Canada will have the opportunity to meet with the spokespersons for Montreal's new Multi-Services Aboriginal Friendship Centre at the 41st Annual General Meeting of the National Association of Friendship Centres (NAFC), which is being held this coming July 29 to August 1 in Whitehorse, Yukon.

Steering Committee member Ida LaBillois Montour and Montreal Aboriginal Mobilization Coordinator Éric Cardinal will be on hand as part of Quebec's delegation to initiate a dialogue of cooperation and friendship with the members of the national Movement. The delegation will also include representatives of the Native Friendship Centres in La Tuque, Saguenay and Val-d'Or, along with two youth representatives, to ensure a voice for Quebec at the national meeting. With support from the Regroupement des centres d'amitié autochtones du Québec, our representatives will be there to defend and represent the collective interests of the Quebec Native Friendship Centre Movement, which is an official member of the NAFC Board of Directors.

Quebec will be among the representatives from 119 Native Friendship Centres in Canada brought together by the shared values of our Movement for this important annual meeting of the NAFC. Further to publicly presenting the annual reports on the different actions of the NAFC and electing a new slate of directors, the AGM will provide an opportunity to reflect together on the contributions made by the Native Friendship Centres to the success and growth of their Movement as it stands today.

For the past 35 years, the RCAAQ has been defending the rights and interests of urban Aboriginal people and supporting the Native Friendship Centres in carrying out their mission to improve the quality of life of the urban Aboriginal population, promote culture and foster mutual understanding between peoples. For more information about the RCAAQ, please visit our website at www.rcaaq.info.

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