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Dear Days Hotel & Suites Lloydminster :

Thank you so much for your generosity to the Saskatchewan First Nation Winter Games 2016 as our host hotel.

As you know the large scale sporting event brought thousands of people together from all over Saskatchewan for 6 great days. The games were organized and managed by the Saskatchewan First Nation Winter Games committee. The games offered competition in 6 main sports (basketball, badminton, curling, broomball, hockey, volleyball) and 1 demonstration sport (table tennis). The 2016 Games brought over 4,000 athletes, 1,200 chaperones/coaches/& managers, 50 officials, 500 volunteers and close to 2000 parents and spectators.

With the opportunity as Days Hotel & Suites Lloydminster as being the host hotel the Saskatchewan First Nation Winter Games committee we were able to commit many of the venues and services that were needed to run the Games. We would like to thank you for the many services that Days Inn provided

- Accommodations of 60 plus rooms for our staff and other tribal councils. Staff were very polite and professional. With that many participants staying at the Days Inn you still managed to keep the operations running smooth and efficient.
- The availability of the meetings room for the week were a blessing. Because we were able to hold all the headquarters in one place it made our jobs as coordinators easier and the communication between our areas was a success. Security (Alberta Room), Medical (Saskatchewan Room), Volunteer (Canadian Room), VIP/Elders/Coaches banquets, Results (Room 119) and SCRYB meetings (118). The daily morning meals were delicious and coffee was always available. A big thank you for Days Inn compensating these meeting rooms!!! With our tight budget were able to run a successful event with more money to spend in our areas like feeding 5000 participants 3 times a day.
- Our VIP and our Elders banquet was amazing. The food was incredible and the staff was so respectful. I hope they liked the entertainment. The atmosphere really made it inviting and there was more than enough room to hold such a big event. Thank you for allowing us to put on banners to showcase our sponsors.

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- My staff (Kerry, Tamara and myself) were so grateful the Days Inn Hotel Manager, Sonja, was so great to us. She did not make us feel like customers, she made us feel like family. She was a joy to work with. We loved the wine and the words of encouragement attached (almost there, break in case of emergency, congrats you did it, etc.), this is what Days Inn promoted, Sonja went above and beyond just to make the Saskatchewan First Nation Winter Games 2016 staff feel like Queens. Thank you for allowing us to join your top secret club 😊. She will always have a place in our hearts.
- The rooms manager, Chris, was a gift sent from above. He managed our rooms with ease, very organized and his attention to detail was at expert level. The communication between Chris and our team were so strong that we knew who was staying where and for how long. To manage at full capacity hotel, he did an excellent job.
- The food manager, Shirley, was so sweet to us. She managed our daily breakfast for our meetings, the VIP banquet, and Elders banquet. With the games changing everyday with plans Shirley would email us to see if there were any changes. She accommodated our changes and made suggestions that actually made better sense than what we had, so that was great. When Sonja was busy, she was our go to lady, she even went above and beyond to check the accounting area which really made our jobs way easier.

Days Hotel & Suites Lloydminster is a place where family is made. They took care of us with their excellent services, very polite and respecting how we did our practices in our First Nation Culture. They accommodated our Games with professionalism with their inviting smiles making every room they entered a pleasant atmosphere to work in.

Thank you again, and it was a pleasure working with Days Hotel & Suites Lloydminster. I would recommend this hotel to anyone passing thru to stay here. 5 Stars from Saskatchewan First Nation Winter Games 2016.

Sincerely,

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