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MKO Proudly Recognizes Athlete Trina Ross: Pimicikamak Cree Nation Citizen Brings Eight Medals Home to Canada

Treaty Five Territory, Thompson, MB – Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc. (MKO) is pleased to recognize Ms. Trina Ross of the Pimicikamak Cree Nation (PCN) as she returns to Canada with eight medals (three gold, two silver, and three bronze) following her participation in the 2022 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships in the Czech Republic as the only Indigenous woman who was part of Team Canada.

“We are so very proud of one of our own being a successful athlete on the world stage,” shared **Grand Chief Garrison Settee**. “Congratulations to Pimicikamak Cree Nation member Trina Ross on your accomplishments as part of Team Canada. You have made us proud. You show that when someone puts their mind to it, they can accomplish anything.”

A number of First Nations leaders greeted Ms. Ross as she arrived at the Winnipeg airport following her journey home from the Czech Republic. Leaders presented her with flowers, gifts, and wrapped her in a star blanket made to reflect the Pimicikamak Cree Nation flag.

“Trina Ross has worked tirelessly to achieve her lifelong dream and I know she won’t stop here! I know Trina as she lives down the road from me in Pimicikamak Cree Nation,” stated **PCN Councillor Shirley Robinson**. “Being part of Team Canada and bringing home all these medals is an amazing accomplishment. I had butterflies when I saw her coming down the escalator at the airport this morning. We are all so extremely proud and Trina should also be proud because she is the only Indigenous woman who represented us as part of Team Canada. To see our own Nations’ flag hoisted in the Czech Republic is something else!”

“As the Chief of Pimicikamak Cree Nation, I extend my gratitude to Trina Ross for her hard work. She has made us all so proud today,” stated **Chief David Monias**. “I want to thank Trina because she is serving as a role model for everyone in Pimicikamak and in all First Nations. Trina, you will inspire so many people to follow in your footsteps. Keep up the good work and I look forward to witnessing your continued success.”

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