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ACE HARDWARE CELEBRATES GRAND RE-OPENING IN WIKWEMIKONG

Andy's TRU Hardware is Now Andy's Ace Hardware

Winnipeg, MB, **June 21, 2016** – The most celebrated "helpful place" will celebrate a grand reopening June 21 to 24th in Wikwemikong, Ontario. Andy's Ace Hardware store, located at 2174 Wikwemikong Way offers the company's unique blend of personal, knowledgeable and helpful service paired with quality home maintenance expertise and products to the community.

Andy's Ace Hardware is owned and operated by the Manitowabi family. James Manitowabi and his 5 siblings took over the operations after their father Andrew retired in 1997. "We were all put in charge of a different department," explained James. Today, he is responsible for Grocery, Hardware and General merchandise, sister Jennifer is the office and administrative manager, and niece Shannon is the General Manager.

"They are a great family," said Remi Bourgeois, district manager for Ace Canada. "They are deeply respected in the community; customer service is their focus and their customers are loyal to them because of that."

Wikwemikong is located at the eastern end of Manitoulin Island, the largest fresh water island in the world. The store has served the community since Andrew opened the business in 1966.

The 10,000 square foot store is packed with thousands of essential products and supplies, including some of the most respected brand names and best-selling items to help people take care of their homes. This store has a unique blend of hardware, grocery, and general merchandising items to help serve the community.

The grand opening festivities will kick off on Wednesday June 21st in conjunction with Aboriginal Day. Activities include a BBQ, cake and coffee for customers, as well as a sidewalk sale.

Andy's Ace Hardware Store Information:

- Address & Phone: 2174 Wikwemikong Way, 705-859-3788
- Store Management: Jim Manitowabi, Jennifer Manitowabi and Sharon Manitowabi

About Ace Canada

For 90 years, Ace Hardware has been known as the place with the helpful hardware folks in thousands of neighborhoods globally, providing customers with a more personal kind of helpful. With more than 5,000 hardware stores locally owned and operated around the globe, Ace is the largest retailer-owned hardware cooperative in the world. In Canada, RONA inc., a wholly owned Lowe's subsidiary, has the master license agreement for the Ace brand. Ace Canada is proud to be part of Lowe's Canadian businesses, which together operate or service more than 600 corporate and independent affiliate dealer stores in a number of complementary formats under different banners. For more information on Ace in Canada, visit www.ace-canada.ca.