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Dinosaurs take over Sudbury as special exhibition has world-premiere at both Science North and Dynamic Earth

(Sudbury, ON) – Brave your way through a special exhibition of gigantic proportions! *Dinosaur Discoveries: A Passport Through Time* is ready to offer visitors a roaring good time from February 18 until September 4, 2023 at Science North and Dynamic Earth.

The opening of this special travelling exhibition marks the world-premiere of these life-like animatronic dinosaurs' tour, developed by Dinosaurios Mexico.

The official opening was held today to celebrate the science centre's first dinosaur exhibition since 2013. For the first time, a special exhibition will be hosted at both Science North and Dynamic Earth that includes animatronic dinosaurs, skeleton casts from Research Casting International, and real fossil specimens from the Royal Ontario Museum.

The Science North experience features dinosaurs from around the world, while Dynamic Earth focuses on North American dinosaurs and paleontology. At both sites, visitors can expect to see life-sized dinosaur replicas with ultra-realistic movement and sounds, hands on activities and workshops Dinosaur Discoveries is included with general admission to the science centres.

At Science North, you'll be able to explore the science of many well-known dinosaurs, such as the *Tyrannosaurus Rex*, along with newly discovered dinosaur species. Discover the special adaptations that made these creatures larger than life and the factors that may have contributed to their extinction.

At Dynamic Earth, explore more incredible dinosaurs, including the Canadian-discovered *Zuul crurivastator*, become a paleontologist and uncover fossils, skeletons, and the stories they tell. Compare and analyze what you find and dig up. You might also be one of the lucky few who get to ride inside a Triceratops!

Many exciting events are planned for the run of *Dinosaur Discoveries* including a Family Fun Night with the dinosaurs and special speaker events, including one with Dr. David Evans a world-renowned paleontologist and discoverer of dinosaurs.

To further encourage visitors to see what both science centres have to offer, a special adventure passport will be included with the purchase of a Dino Duo package which includes

admission to Science North and Dynamic Earth over two days along with an IMAX movie and Planetarium show. Dinosaur themed IMAX movies will be playing throughout the run of the exhibition and Whizards gift shop at Science North and the Big Nickel Boutique at Dynamic Earth will have a wide variety of curated dinosaur items for sale.

Science North will also be offering Summer Science Camps for children aged 4-12 yrs with dinosaur themed activities throughout July and August at both Science North and Dynamic Earth.

For tickets, event details, hours of operation, or for more information, visit sciencenorth.ca

Quotes:

"Science North and Dynamic Earth have come together to bring their guests a family-friendly dinosaur experience to remember. Dinosaur Discoveries: A Passport Through Time will educate and excite visitors of all ages and boost Northern Ontario tourism. I invite everyone to visit Sudbury this spring and summer to experience the many dinosaurs brought back to life." – Hon. Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport

"Science North is an extraordinary leader in innovative and interactive learning, and the new Dinosaur Discoveries exhibit is the perfect example. From life-sized dinosaurs to uncovering fossils, this exhibit is the perfect combination for people of all ages to enjoy. Our community looks forward to welcoming families from across the world to experience Science North's Dinosaur Discoveries. I want to congratulate the Science North team for their hard work bringing this exhibit to Sudbury, and for creating exciting, welcoming spaces for all to learn." – Viviane Lapointe, Member of Parliament Sudbury

"Science North has become well known for its spectacular exhibits and this year's "Dinosaur Discoveries: A Passport Through Time" won't disappoint. Congratulations to staff for successfully expanding this exhibit to Dynamic Earth and partnering with the ROM to allow families to explore the world of dinosaurs. I also want to thank all the Bluecoats for your tireless dedication to all visitors. Exhibits like Dinosaur Discoveries play an important role in inspiring young minds to expand their horizons and think about the world around them." – Marc G. Serré, Member of Parliament for Nickel Belt and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Official Languages

"Congratulations to the entire team at Science North and Dynamic Earth on the opening of Dinosaur Discoveries: A Passport Through Time! Once again, Canada's second-largest science centre combines educational and exhilarating content to attract both long-time members and first-time visitors. The City of Greater Sudbury is proud to recognize Science North's contributions to science communication and positive impacts across Northern Ontario." - Paul Lefebvre, Greater Sudbury Mayor

"The ingenuity, creativity, and illusion to bring these fascinating creatures to life, was thanks to sculptors, engineers, and artists. They helped to create this amazing exhibit that will fascinate children and adults." - Adriana Rincon, Marketing Manager – Dinosaurios Mexico.

"We are thrilled to offer our visitors two fabulous unique experiences through Dinosaur Discoveries. 10 years have passed since we last hosted a dinosaur-themed exhibition, and being able to host it at both of our science centres is very exciting. We know that these impressive life-sized dinosaur replicas will be a hit for everyone who comes through our doors. Our amazing Science North team spent months planning and installing this unique exhibition – and we can't wait for our visitors to experience it. This exhibition is sure to bring out your child-like wonder and we look forward to welcoming you to Dinosaur Discoveries: A Passport Through Time." - Ashley Larose, Chief Executive Officer – Science North

About Science North

Science North is Northern Ontario's most popular tourist attraction and an educational resource for children and adults across the province. Science North maintains the second – and eighth- largest science centres in Canada. Science North's attractions include a science centre, IMAX® theatre, digital Planetarium, butterfly gallery, special exhibits hall, and Dynamic Earth: Home of the Big Nickel. Science North, in partnership with Laurentian University, offers North America's first and only comprehensive Science Communication program, a joint master's and Graduate Diploma program. As part of its mandate, Science North provides science experiences throughout Northern Ontario including outreach to schools and festivals, summer science camps and more, and has a permanent base in Thunder Bay providing outreach to the Northwest. Science North is an agency of the Government of Ontario. For information, visit sciencenorth.ca.

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