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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI



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THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI UNVEILS CLASS III GAMING AMENITIES AT FOUR WINDS SOUTH BEND

SOUTH BEND, Ind. – August 5, 2021 – The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians' Four Winds® Casinos were pleased to unveil the new Class III gaming amenities offered at Four Winds South Bend during a press conference and ribbon cutting ceremony today. Members of the Pokagon Gaming Authority and Tribal Council, along with the Four Winds Casinos management team were accompanied by Indiana Governor Eric J. Holcomb; Sara Gonso Tait, Executive Director of the Indiana Gaming Commission; Ernest "Ernie" L. Stevens, Chairman and National Spokesperson for the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) in Washington D.C.; E. Sequoyah Simermeyer (Coharie), Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission; South Bend Mayor, James Mueller; and Andrew T. Kostielney, President, St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners. Additional attendees included the Pokagon Gaming Commission, Pokagon Elders Council, Pokagon Citizens, Indiana Senators and Representatives, members of South Bend Government, representatives from the St. Joe County Commission, and community and business leaders.

Matthew Wesaw, Tribal Council Chairman of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and CEO of the Pokagon Gaming Authority, said, "Not only is Class III gaming in Indiana a historic and important milestone for the Pokagon Band and our Four Winds Casinos, but the expansion of Four Winds South Bend will create numerous additional economic benefits with the State of Indiana and the City of South Bend. We've also created hundreds of temporary construction jobs, approximately 100 permanent new jobs to support our ongoing operations, and an education program for our Pokagon Citizens to attend state funded institutions of higher education, including 2 and 4 year colleges, plus trade/vocational schools with all expenses covered. It's a great day to be Pokagon and we are very excited for what the future holds."

Four Winds South Bend now offers 16 table games including 21 + 3w/Top 3, Lucky Lucky Blackjack, Baccarat, Craps Bonus, Roulette, Bonus Spin Criss Cross Poker, Progressive Stud, Progressive Three Card with 6 card, and Aruze Roll to Win Craps. Table games are open from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Eastern time, seven days a week.

The installation of popular Class III slot titles is currently underway with some of the most popular games already available including Action Video Poker, Buffalo Link, Dragon Link, Money Link, Dollar Storm, Wheel of Fortune, and The Price is Right. The process of converting all of Four Winds South Bend's 1,400 plus slot machines to Class III will take several months to complete.

Commenting on the Class III gaming amenities, Frank Freedman, Chief Operating Officer of Four Winds Casinos said, "Four Winds Casinos have consistently been ranked among the best gaming destinations in the country and we believe the addition of table games and popular Class III slot titles, combined with our 23-story

hotel tower and several other amenities currently under construction, will bring the guest experience at Four Winds South Bend to another level and deliver on the premium resort-style feel and amenities you'll find at other top resorts including Four Winds New Buffalo. We are very excited for this next phase of development and appreciate all of the hard work and dedication of all Four Winds employees to help us reach this important milestone. We are excited and can't wait to show everyone the finished product once construction is complete."

Four Winds South Bend currently has 140,000 square feet of gaming space and includes more than 1,400 games, four restaurants, a coffee shop, three bars, and approximately 4,500 parking spaces including an enclosed parking structure.

The expansion of Four Winds South Bend is currently underway which includes the construction of a 23-story hotel tower with 317 rooms, including 83 suites. There will also be a spa, convention area, meeting space, a ballroom, lounge, bar & grille, an outdoor roof-top swimming pool, and terraces with spectacular views. Construction is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2023.

About The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians of Michigan and Indiana

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi's sovereignty was reaffirmed under legislation signed into law by President Clinton in September of 1994. The Pokagon Band is dedicated to providing community development initiatives such as housing, education, family services, medical care and cultural preservation for its more than 5,900 citizens. The Pokagon Band's ten-county service area includes four counties in Southwestern Michigan and six in Northern Indiana. Its main administrative offices are located in Dowagiac, Mich., with a satellite office in South Bend, Ind. In 2007, it opened Four Winds Casino Resort in New Buffalo, Mich., followed by Four Winds Hartford in 2011, Four Winds Dowagiac in 2013 and Four Winds South Bend in January 2018. The Pokagon Band operates a variety of businesses via Mno-Bmadsen, its non-gaming investment enterprise. More information is available at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, www.fourwindscasino.com and www.mno-bmadsen.com.

Reservations and Information

To make a hotel reservation at Four Winds New Buffalo or for more information on Four Winds New Buffalo, Four Winds Hartford®, Four Winds Dowagiac® or Four Winds South Bend®, please call 1 (866)-4WINDS1, (866) 494-6371 or visit www.fourwindscasino.com. Additionally, be sure to like Four Winds on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fourwindscasino and follow on Twitter at www.twitter.com/fourwindscasino for information on the latest offers and promotions.

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