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## CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

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The 2018 Western Legacy Chairman's Award honours the long-standing relationship between tipi holding families from Treaty 7 nations in Elbow River Camp and the Calgary Stampede. It recognizes family members—past, present and future—for their significant contributions to the legacy and treasured partnership that allows us to gather together and celebrate at Elbow River Camp.

Since 1912, this unique partnership has been built upon a shared dedication to preserving and promoting western heritage and cultures and sharing them with visitors from around the world. The prestigious Chairman's Award is being awarded to highlight the many contributions of tipi holding families to the success of Elbow River Camp and acknowledge their hard work and dedication over multiple generations.

The 26 tipis in Elbow River Camp represent the nations of Treaty 7: Kainai, Tsuut'ina, Stoney Nakoda, Siksika and Piikani. Throughout the year, tipi families spend months preparing to live in Elbow River Camp. During the Stampede, they celebrate together while sharing their cultures with the broader community by inviting visitors into their tipis, welcoming them to watch powwow competitions, and through cultural demonstrations, storytelling and an engaging interpretive program.

At the end of Stampede 2018, the Tipi Owners and the Calgary Stampede jointly made the decision to change the name of Indian Village to Elbow River Camp. The banks of the Elbow River have always been a gathering place for the Kainai, Piikani, Siksika, Stoney Nakoda and Tsuut'ina Nations. For generations, when First Nations peoples met at this place, they would point to their elbow. This is because in the Dene, Stoney and Blackfoot languages the word for Calgary refers to the bend in the Elbow River.