

# 2024 Goodstriker Yakiwchuk Memorial Hockey Day



Total Energy Services was pleased to host the annual Goodstriker Yakiwchuk Memorial Hockey Day on August 24, 2024 in Slave Lake, Alberta. This annual event is held to honour and remember our former colleagues and friends, Chief Jason Goodstriker and Dale "Yak" Yakiwchuk.

Jason passed away on January 15, 2020 while working with Yak and others to organize and run a community hockey clinic in Slave Lake. Jason was immensely proud of his indigenous heritage and embraced the opportunities afforded by the energy industry to improve the welfare of his people and Canada. Jason was proud to bring people of diverse backgrounds together.

Yak was a giant of a man, both literally and figuratively, as reflected by his Blackfoot name Natoohkotok, which means Sacred Mountain. Dale received this honour after he was transferred from sales into Indigenous and Community Relations following the passing of Jason. After a courageous battle with cancer, Dale passed away on June 7, 2024.

Jason and Dale were both accomplished hockey players. Jason played for the storied Notre Dame Hounds in Wilcox, Saskatchewan. Dale was drafted 30th overall by the Montreal Canadiens in the 1978 NHL draft and played professionally for several years before returning to Alberta to work in the oilpatch.



Participation in the event was excellent, with 150 children from Slave Lake and surrounding indigenous communities registered. Instructors included Ethan Bear, a current NHL player with the Washington Capitals. Highlights of the day included a hot stove session hosted by Miss Universe Canada Ashley Callingbull with Charlie Simmer, a member of the legendary Los Angeles Kings Triple Crown Line and live entertainment by Dallas Alexander.

We would like to thank all participants and their families for making this day a wonderful tribute to Jason and Dale. A special thank you to our sponsors and volunteers for making this event happen.



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