



## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **2009 CN CCAA Men's National Basketball Championship to be held in Prince George**

**PRINCE GEORGE, B.C., Feb. 19, 2009** — UNBC Athletics is proud to announce CN as the title sponsor for the 2009 Canadian Colleges' Athletic Association Men's National Basketball Championship. From March 20 to 22, the host team UNBC Northern Timberwolves will welcome the best college basketball teams in the country at the Charles Jago Northern Sport Centre in Prince George.

Richard Miller, CN's general manager, Mountain Region, who is based in Prince George, said: " We believe there is a clear link between sports, safe and healthy living, and a strong community spirit. That is why we are proud to support this very exciting basketball tournament. When a community is filled with passionate, focused young people, it is a better place everyone to live, work and play."

Len McNamara, UNBC athletics director, said: "We recognize the importance of CN in our region and thank them for their support of what should be an outstanding basketball tournament."

The CN 2009 CCAA Men's Basketball National Championship features the Timberwolves, five conference champions and two wild-card entries in the three-day tournament. The CN CCAA All-Canadian Awards Banquet will be held prior to the tournament on March 19 at the Ramada Hotel in downtown Prince George.

CN employs almost 500 people in Northern British Columbia and nearly 2,100 in British Columbia.

Through the *CN Stronger Communities Fund*, the company supports health and safety programs for young people, transportation education, the *CN Railroaders in the Community* employee volunteer grant program, and United Way. As an Imagine Caring Company, CN is committed to contributing one per cent of pre-tax profit to registered, non-profit organizations in communities where our employees work and where we operate our business.

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