



January 14, 2022

Re: Letter of Support for the Indigenous Gathering Place (IGP)

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of the Indigenous Gathering Place's (IGP) vision to create *'a space where we share, connect, heal, renew and celebrate Indigenous cultures; a place to protect Indigenous practices, languages; and Elders' wisdom, oral and written teachings among all nations and all our relations'*.

The IGP has our full support as the realization of an indigenous gathering place would be a response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada's Call-to-Action #21, calling upon the "federal government to provide sustainable funding for existing and new Aboriginal healing centres to address the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual harms caused by residential schools".

Axis Connects is a Calgary-based non-profit that was established with the goal of being a central Hub that connects women & diverse leaders with organizations and resources that can support their growth into high impact decision-making roles. Like Axis, the IGP will also act as a Hub where organizations in Calgary looking to make changes in the name of reconciliation can connect with one another, share resources, and connect directly with indigenous people on their ideas surrounding reconciliation.

The IGP would offer businesses and non-profit organizations like Axis Connects, and the Network Partner organizations we convene, a central place to advance reconciliation that welcomes all Calgarians would help to make Calgary a more inclusive and welcoming place for all, regardless of heritage.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information about this important act towards reconciliation in Calgary.

Kind regards,

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