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City Council  
City of Calgary  
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RE: Indigenous Gathering Place

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this letter on behalf of Suncor Energy Foundation, in support of the Indigenous Gathering Place Society (IGPSC). My colleagues and I were thrilled to see the steps being taken by the City of Calgary toward a potential transfer of land to the IGPSC.

While we do not currently provide financial support to IGPSC, we were recently reminded by one of the society's volunteers that the grassroots group that formed IGPSC first came together at a Reconciliation Canada event in 2014, funded by the Suncor Energy Foundation.

More recently, we have updated our funding priorities to articulate our commitment to learning from and with Indigenous Peoples and other community members to strengthen community – especially while communities are in energy transition. In Calgary and across Canada, we are collectively experiencing the impacts of many changes, and we believe Indigenous ways of knowing and community strengths will help us make the adaptations required for the well-being of all.

Speaking of adaptations and well-being, we hope the City of Calgary will be able to make further progress toward this initiative – to support reconciliation, and to extend your earlier steps made during ceremony and a memorandum of understanding. As has been noted by the IGPSC volunteers, there are more than 500 places in Calgary devoted to cultures and spirituality, but not one specifically dedicated for Indigenous Peoples' ceremonial practices. We applaud the efforts being made to change this fact.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the opportunity further, please don't hesitate to contact me or a member of our team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "BVness". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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