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Subject City Budget - MMIWG - Office of the Matriarchs

Meeting (if known)

Comments

Dear Councillors,

I am writing as a resident, student and small business owner (Alchemy Group) to express my support in the City's increased investment in responding to the Calls to Justice. To support reconciliation, the City needs to look at new community-led approaches to address the calls to action. I want to see elders and folks with lived experience and wisdom lead the path and have their work be prioritized with appropriate funding, so limited capacity doesn't hinder the work. As the former Executive Director of Pride Centre of Edmonton, I know that a lot of groundbreaking advocacy for the experiences and needs of Two-Spirit people has been done within Treaty 6 territory. This work needs to continue to achieve meaningful steps towards reconciliation.

The current proposal of establishing the Office of the Matriarch's would allow for local leaders to continue the work in the prairies, and with longstanding community leadership through Iskewewuk E-wichiwitochik and others, our community has been a source of leadership in this area for a while.

That complimentary investments in operating work surrounding Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) are critical to ensure capacity for the required internal collaboration to set up the Office for success.

It is in my opinion that this is a meaningful way to direct our tax dollars and our community will benefit from this investment.

Thank you for your consideration,

Estefan Cortes-Vargas

Pronouns: He/Him | They/Them

A resident of Ward 2 situated in Treaty 6 Territory & the Homeland of the Métis

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