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Saskatoon City Council
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November 29th, 2021

Dear Mayor Clark and City Councillors:

RE: 2022-2023 Budget Deliberations Support for Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion – Indigenous Initiatives

On behalf of the United Way of Saskatoon and Area, I wish to state our organizations support for Indigenous Initiatives budget allocation as a priority for 2022-2023.

United Way is a long-standing community partner and funder of the City's work in Reconciliation and inclusion of Indigenous peoples. Of note, we funded and partnered with the City on the TRC Gathering in 2013, the Kitaskinaw Report in 2014, Wicihitowin Indigenous Engagement Gathering, the Survivors' Circle and the Saskatoon Indigenous Community Action Plan.

The city plays a critical role in leading and funding important work so that our city can be a city that includes everyone. With the City's leadership other levels of government, the private sector and community-based organizations are encouraged to come to a common table to make a difference. City leadership has made a positive impact and there is more work to do.

For these reasons, the United Way of Saskatoon and Area is fully supportive of the **Office of the Representative of Matriarchs** included in City commissioned Hope Restored Report and as recommended to the Governance and Priorities Committee earlier this year and contained as a priority for this coming budget year.

As a community, we have an opportunity to lead to ensure Indigenous women, girls and 2SLBTT2QIA people are full partners and citizens in our communities. We can do this by acknowledging and acting on the Calls to Justice from the National Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Sincerely,
UNITED WAY OF SASKATOON AND AREA

Sheri Benson, CEO