



Indigenous Gathering Place Q4 2023 Update - Verbal

EC2023-1122

October 11, 2023



Recommendation

That Executive Committee recommend that Council receive this update report for the Corporate Record.



Previous Council Direction

- 2016 – Council directed administration to develop implementation plans to take action on 43 of the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action in the local Treaty 7 area (CPS2016-0377)
- 2022 – Council brought forward a Notice of Motion to explore a suitable location for an Indigenous Gathering Place (EC2022-0150)
- 2022 – Administration update on plan for City and Indigenous Gathering Place Society to work together (EC2022-1011)





Indigenous Gathering Place: Vision

*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*



Indigenous Gathering Place: Progress

- ✓ Identified candidate areas for an Indigenous Gathering Place
- ✓ Initiated geotechnical and environmental assessments
- ✓ Established modified planning process to expedite development approvals and provide guidance on advancing land use policy changes
- ✓ Collaborated with Province to begin updating Statement of Significance for confluence lands to reflect history of Indigenous Peoples
- ✓ Begun exploring leasing as an alternative to land transfer





Indigenous Gathering Place: Remaining Work

Remaining work required to make a joint decision on location by fall 2024.

- Engage Nations to update Statement of Significance (Winter '24 – Fall '24)
- IGPS advance site planning and design (Fall '23 – Spring '24)
- Determine environmental remediation requirements (Fall '24 – Spring '24)
- Undertake Stage 1 of the Historical Resource Impact Assessment (Spring '24 – Summer '24)





Reflections



Ceremony, September 5, 2023
Members of the Indigenous Gathering Place Society,
Fort Calgary, Contractor and City project team.



September 2023 Drilling for
Geotechnical and Environmental
Assessments



Indigenous Gathering Place

Michelle Fournie, Co-Chair

Buddie Dixon, Board Member



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