

Mayor and Council Work on *White Goose Flying* Calls to Action

Many items are the work of multiple members of Council often in cooperation with Administration and The City's civic partners. Items are summarized for reporting purposes.

Call #45 - Reaffirm and renew Treaty relationships and maintain them for the future.

Government to Government Meetings

- Publicly delivered opening remarks at Council and Council Committee meetings to acknowledge significant days including Annual Memorial March for Missing and Murdered Women, Girls and Two Spirit Peoples; Red Dress Day; National Indigenous Peoples' Month; Aboriginal Awareness Week; Metis Week; and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
- Participated in Mayor to Chief discussions and meetings with the Blackfoot Nations including Siksika, Kainai and Piikani Nations.
- Advanced a request from the Blackfoot Confederacy for the negotiation of a protocol agreement for consideration by the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee and Council.
- Ongoing dialogue with the G4 Nations CEO regarding opportunities to advance the economic development and housing priorities of Tsuut'ina Nation and the Stoney Nakoda Nations, comprised of the Bearspaw, Chiniki and Goodstoney First Nations.
- Met with the newly elected district and citizens' representatives of the first Otipemisiwak Metis Government.
- Met with the Chiefs of the Stoney Nakoda Nations, comprised of the Bearspaw, Chiniki and Goodstoney First Nations.
- Ongoing dialogue with Chief, Minor Chiefs and staff from the Tsuut'ina Nation on projects of shared interest including conservation measures related to the water feedermain crisis through the summer of 2024.

- The Event Centre design reflects all Calgarians and the Indigenous land that it is situated on. The final design is influenced by Indigenous voices and reflects Calgary and Alberta's natural environment. An Indigenous Advisory Committee met over four day-long sessions in spring 2024. Representatives from all the Nations of Treaty 7, the Métis Nation of Alberta, and the Urban Indigenous community of Calgary discussed opportunities for Indigenous cultural representation in the design.

Community Events

- Participated in City-, Nation- and community-led events to mark the above noted days. Attended numerous celebrations including tipi and honour song transfer events; the Pokaiks Orange Shirt Day Walk & Event; Orange Shirt Day Ceremony and announcement of the future location for the Permanent Memorial to Indian Residential Schools; local Orange Shirt Day event at Auburn Bay school; 20th Annual Sisters in Spirit Vigil; the opening of Elbow River Camp at the Calgary Stampede; Metis Week; Aboriginal Futures Treaty 7 Stampede Barbecue; Indigenous Justice Centre of Alberta grand opening; Aboriginal Friendship Centre of Calgary's grand openings for each the Elders' Lodge and a warming centre.
- Incorporated greetings in the mother languages of the Treaty 7 signatories and the Metis into all remarks and speaking opportunities.
- Attended Siksika Nation and Tsuut'ina Nation Pow Wows to build informal community connections.
- Met with groups of Elders supporting community-led initiatives including work to establish the Indigenous Gathering Place and to advance the priorities of the Downtown Safety Leadership Table related to Indigenous peoples.
- Attended and spoke at the Pretendians Conference at Tsuut'ina Nation, recognizing the appropriation of Indigenous culture and tradition by non-Indigenous peoples.
- Attended and spoke at Elder Ruth Scalplock's 50th sobriety anniversary celebration at Siksika Nation.

- Met with representatives of Stoney Nakoda Nation and urban outreach programs to grieve the loss of three unhoused Nation members in a tragic fire in Calgary and determine better ways to offer culturally appropriate supports to urban unhoused Indigenous peoples.
- Participated in multiple ceremonies in new developments of Ricardo Ranch and Rangeview.
- In conjunction with the Friends of His Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Calgary Committee (Sub-committee of Calgary Salutes) supported an event in July 2024 by hiring an Indigenous music band and ensuring an Elder to open the event with a prayer.

Other OWN calls:

#62.i Develop curriculum for school children.

- Working with Indigenous community leader and Indigenous artists as part of local community maps.
- Supported work on the St. Dunstan's residential school site.
- Supported the renaming of Fort Calgary to The Confluence.

#21: Fund a healing center

- Worked with the Indigenous Relations Office and other City departments to secure space for the creation of a Smudge room in the Municipal Building.
- **Indigenous Gathering Place** - working directly with new board members to better understand the needs of the project and ensuring that colonial bureaucratic structures do not impede the project itself. Attended gatherings and ceremony. Engaged with the Metis on the topic of the Indigenous Gathering Place.

#22: recognize value of healing practices

- Working with community members to memorialize family members in honour of Missing, Murdered and Exploited Indigenous Peoples (MMEIP)

Indigenous Housing:

- Support Indigenous focused housing projects through the Indigenous Housing Fund as part of the Calgary Housing Strategy. The need for capacity building amongst Indigenous housing providers is great, and through the direction from Council, this advocacy will help guide the development of Indigenous focused and culturally responsive/generative housing.
- Together with mayors from five other prairie cities, advocated for the Federal government to urgently advance supportive housing solutions for urban Indigenous peoples.
- In June 2024, co-hosted the Big City Mayors' Caucus Reconciliation Circle event which brought together Indigenous nation leaders, Indigenous-led service providers and mayors on topics of housing and homelessness during the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Calgary.

#91: Include Indigenous participation in international gaming bids

- Championed Calgary and the Treaty 7 region through a competitive bid process led by Tourism Calgary, Tsuut'ina Nation, Calgary Arts Development Authority and others, to secure the rights to host the 2027 North American Indigenous Games.