



Recreation & Social Programs Progress on the White Goose Flying Report Calls to Action

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Key Projects Timeline



- Koko'sinooniks (est. 2017)
- Elders Advisory Circle (est. 2023)
- Indigenous Program Liaison (est. 2023)
- Connecting to Mother Earth (est. 2023)
- Indigenous Working Group (est. 2024)
- Elder In-Residence Pilot (est. 2024)



Koko'sinooniks (est. 2017)

Call to Action #62. i

- *Koko'sinooniks* (Blackfoot for All Our Children)
- Program for children ages 6-11
- Expanded from one Summer Program to year round program in three locations

"Many indigenous children do not have the opportunity to be exposed to their own culture and this is another way of supporting them. All [my children] want to return each year and look forward to each day"

-Parent Letter of Support





Elders Advisory Circle (est. 2023)

White Goose Flying Report Principle of Reconciliation #7



“The perspectives and understandings of Aboriginal Elders and Traditional Knowledge Keepers of ethics, concepts and practices of reconciliation are vital to long-term reconciliation”

- White Goose Flying Report (p. 29)

Indigenous Program Liaison (est. 2023)

Calls to Action #57, 87, 88, 89, 90



- Position focus:
 - Indigenous curricula development
 - Education of staff
 - Build community relationships
- Key Achievements:
 - Over 20 Training Workshops
 - “Understanding Reconciliation in the Workplace” eLearning Course
 - GamePLAN Engagement Series and Recommendation report





Connecting to Mother Earth (est. 2024)

Calls to Action #62. i and 57

- Guided by teachings and validation from the Elders Advisory Circle
- Program for children of all cultural backgrounds
- Promotes inter-cultural respect

Parent Survey:

- 82% of parents support Connecting to Mother Earth curricula in Calgary AfterSchool
- 53% of parents said their child discussed Indigenous culture at home



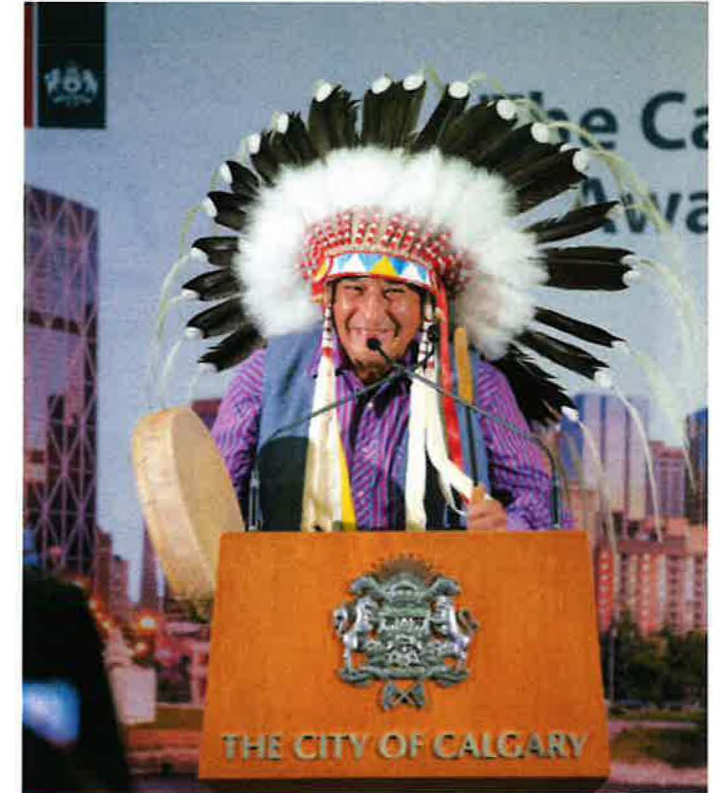
“[The program] is really special and everyone should know about it. I want my parents to hear the songs...how we have to respect what mother earth give[s] you and you don't take it for granted.”

-Participant of Connecting to Mother Earth Program

Elder In-Residence Pilot (est. 2024)

White Goose Flying Report Principle of Reconciliation #7

- Supported by Equity in Service Delivery Fund
- **Goal:** enhance, authenticate, and improve existing Calgary AfterSchool programs and support development of new youth program by increasing knowledge and cultural competency of staff
- First Elder In-Residence at the City of Calgary



Elder Pablo Russell
aa'spahk'ko'mii'kwan (es-pa-ko-me-kwan)
"Shooting in the Air"



Indigenous Working Group (est. 2024)

Calls to Action #: 7, 38, 43, 57, 62. i, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, and more

- Recreation & Social Programs Indigenous Working Group
- Purpose:
 - (1) Coordinate ongoing Indigenous cultural-competency trainings for Recreation & Social Programs staff, and
 - (2) Identify and address all remaining Calls to Action outlined in the 2016 White Goose Flying Report that are relevant to our business unit
- Truth and reconciliation is an ongoing process, and we are committed to continuing this work

