

## LETTER OF INTENT

Made Between

INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM CENTRE Ltd.

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CITY OF EDMONTON

**Whereas**, the City of Edmonton has become a major centre for educational, cultural, industrial, business, health and other services within the Treaty No. 6 Territorial land and river-valley area;

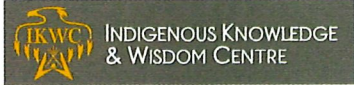
**And Whereas**, the Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom Centre Ltd. believes in preserving and revitalizing our languages, cultures, and the identities of First Nation Peoples by providing a centralized venue, where education and Indigenous tradition come together,

**And Whereas**, Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom Centre Ltd. is unique in that it works with and for First Nations in Alberta to house and highlight resources, tools, and technologies that will empower students, teachers, and parents from Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 acknowledging the diversity within, and among, each Treaty;

**And Whereas**, the City of Edmonton and the Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom Centre Ltd. (IKWC) agree to collaborate and share common values and to celebrate cultural diversities; and to create a natural setting for different Indigenous groups to host land-based learning, spiritual ceremonies and practices that will be shared from time-to-time with Edmontonians when appropriate.

**Now Therefore**, the parties affirm:

- That the Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom Centre Ltd. and the City of Edmonton agree that it is the intention of this agreement that IKWC will be the sole operating partner of the Kihciy Askiy (Sacred Earth) site once open.
- That the Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom Centre Ltd. and the City of Edmonton agree that the protocol and development and operations of the site will remain under the guidance of the Kihciy Askiy Council of Elders.
- That IKWC and the City of Edmonton agree to share their networks to serve a community engagement process that will further inform the IKWC's development of an operations manual and governance model.
- That IKWC and the City of Edmonton acknowledge that the design of Kihciy Askiy is complete and the tender documents are ready.
- That the Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom Centre Ltd. and the City of Edmonton agree to revisit, review and revise this letter on an as-needed basis.



- That the commitments in this letter are aspirational, and are subject to further approval and refinement by Edmonton City Council and the Chiefs of Treaty 6,7, and 8

**And** commit to the following:

- Both parties agree that IKWC will lead in facilitating a transition of operating partner responsibility between Native Counselling Services of Alberta and IKWC, with and ongoing for the Kihciy Askiy Council of Elders.
- Both parties agree that IKWC will Finalize an operating plan (including an operating manual, budget and fundraising sustainability plan) for the Kihciy Askiy site.
- Both parties agree that IKWC will Engage and involve the broader Indigenous community in Edmonton and potential user groups, including the expanded educational and non-profit partners.
- Both parties agree that it is the intention that IKWC will operate the Kihciy Askiy site once open.
- Both parties agree that IKWC will assist the City of Edmonton’s Stewardship Committee and other project governance bodies and support the efforts of City Administration to report to City Council, as needed.

For the Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom Centre Ltd.

For the City of Edmonton

IKWC CEO

Director, Indigenous Relations, COE

IKWC Witness

COE Witness

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF EDMONTON, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA ON Dec 17/19.