AGM Report of the Indigenous Director April 14, 2021

I am honoured to be the first person elected to the position of Indigenous Director of the Manitoba Chapter of the CCPA. As the first person in this position, I have considered the impact this role may have and have undertaking it with awareness that my actions will impact those that follow. I have met with my own community Elders and have consulted with the Elder’s Circle of the Indigenous Circle Chapter of the CCPA. I am also a director of the Indigenous Circle Chapter Board and am incredibly grateful for the insight and advice the Elder’s Circle of that Board gift to me freely.

My first act as I began my term was discussing our Land Recognition. The recognition that was in use was without fault, and with input and collaboration we found a new one that meet all our goals as a Board with honour and respect for the land upon which we live and work.

# As our Indigenous Director I will be focusing on the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada and the Calls to Action of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

The first Section I brought to our Board was from the T&RC Calls to Action:

***Health:***

***24. We call upon medical and nursing schools in Canada to require all students to take a course dealing with Aboriginal health issues, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, and Indigenous teachings and practices. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.***

In keeping with this section of the T&RC Calls to Action Charu Gupta and I have collaborated to create an educational opportunity for our members on historical truths, and personal actions toward reconciliation.

Going forward my goal will be to bring one or two, or a few calls to action to the forefront and provide guidance toward how we as a Board of Directors can address these calls. As an individual, a Counsellor and an Elder I strive to not only guide toward action but to help those I encounter to understand why they are being asked to take the action called for.

I wish to end this report with a simple phrase “Never about us without us.”

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