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The Spirit of Fire

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Join us next year as we continue our exploration of the four elements with:

Earth Song Saturday, September 21, 2019



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CO-CHAIR MESSAGE

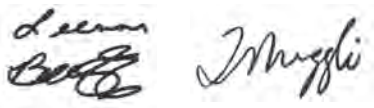
This year we celebrated the element of fire. We are honoured to walk with you as we embrace the warmth of good relations among the many diverse peoples who make Saskatoon such a special place to us all. In the spirit of wâseskwan (“the sky is clearing”), which was so moving to so many in 2017, we gathered to acknowledge the power of fire – igniting, warming, fueling, cleansing – many teachings in cultures the world over bring us together symbolically around fire.

The amazing production team united an array of performers to celebrate the spirit of fire, as we continue to honour the resilience of a country healing from the story of residential schools and other disruptive policies such as the Sixties Scoop. We gathered around our home fire – Saskatoon – as First Nations, Métis, settlers, and newcomers.

To give true meaning to our response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action, Saskatoon Community Foundation created the Community Fund for Reconciliation. This fund is a continuing legacy to support the renewed relationships among us all as we come to terms with the shared legacy and history of this place we all call home.

We honour the survivor – not only as an important reminder of a dark history, but rather in the spirit of lighting a fire for renewal. Around that fire we celebrate its spirit. May you open your hearts and minds to the warmth and power of fire.

Sincerely,



Leanne Bellegarde Q.C. & Tracy Muggli
2018 Gala Co-Chairs



Leanne Bellegarde Q.C.
Director,
Strategic Inclusion
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Tracy Muggli
Director, Mental Health
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The Spirit of Fire

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“Together, Canadians must do more than just talk about reconciliation; we must learn how to practise reconciliation in our everyday lives within ourselves and our families, and in our communities, governments, places of worship, schools, and workplaces. To do so constructively, Canadians must remain committed to the ongoing work of establishing and maintaining respectful relationships”

(from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Report, Principles of Reconciliation)

In this spirit, we are honoured by the presence of Survivors who chose to join us this evening. Their resilience and leadership embodies the Spirit of Fire and inspires us to continue learning and building relationships in the community. We invite all of you to help us honour these Survivors by pursuing your own journeys toward reconciliation.



Lorna Arcand and Louise Halfe



Honoured Guests



Maria Linklater

FOUNDATION MESSAGE

Thank you for continuing with us on our journey of reconciliation. Across all cultures, fire means warmth, fuel, sustenance. Fire also evokes the heart of hearth and home. Fire is inspiration, creation, spark, reflecting the power of the human spirit.

Since wâseskwan, we have continued to learn about the experiences of the Indigenous community. We continued to build relationships and seek new ways of living together.

The Gala came to fruition thanks to the hard work of many volunteers, including board, committee members, and the many other contributors of goods and services. However, we could not succeed without your support. We are inspired by your generosity! Thank you so much for supporting and attending the Spirit of Fire!

We hope that you will take the Spirit of Fire with you out into the community, inspiring and challenging those around you to find new ways of living together and a new future, acknowledging our true past, and bringing new hope to all who share this life in Saskatoon.


Tiffany Paulsen Q.C. & Carm Michalenko
*Board Chair & Executive Director,
Saskatoon Community Foundation*



Tiffany Paulsen Q.C.
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Carm Michalenko
Executive Director,
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Foundation



Gilbert Kewistep started the evening in a good way with an Invocation



Qwaleigha Singer Linklater (L) and Teedly Mariea Linklater (R) sing an honour song for women



Stacy Sutherland
Muskeg Lake Cree Nation
Treaty 6, Saskatchewan

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As a part of Nutrien's ongoing Aboriginal Strategy, we embrace the principles of the reconciliation framework, and recommit to the ongoing work of embedding the spirit and intent of meaningful reconciliation in our policies, operations, partnerships and community investments.

We are proud to sponsor the Nutrien Saskatoon Community Foundation Cultural Gala in support of the Foundation's Community Fund for Reconciliation.



NUTRIEN MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

Is there a more fascinating and powerful element on this earth than fire? It means food to some, fuel to others, it represents light to many and some equate it to warmth and comfort. It can symbolize passion, inspiration and spontaneity.

This year’s gala, proudly supported by Nutrien, was a night to remember as we continue our journey of transformation and reconciliation by celebrating the Spirit of Fire.

The evening embraced and appreciated the many diverse cultures of our city as they entertained through a series of impactful performances themed around fire.

Living in Saskatoon, we are fortunate to be surrounded by beautiful land rich in history and good relations. We only have to look to Wanuskewin, which thousands of years ago was a gathering place where the original people from the Great Plains found healing and nourishment for their families’ bodies, minds and spirits. It’s in that same spirit that today, as representatives of many nations, we gather around the home fire of Saskatoon.

Special thanks to everyone who contributed to the organizing of this wonderful event. It was an evening that enlightened, entertained and inspired.

Wayne Brownlee
Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer
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At this year’s Nutrien Saskatoon Community Foundation’s Cultural Gala, we continue to draw from the **four elements** to bring you The Spirit of Fire. Join the circle around the **campfire** as we acknowledge the bright sparks who are fostering change and **igniting** brave new ideas in our city.

We hear their fierce hope in the work of spoken-word artist Peace Akintade and her poem **“Spark.”** Throughout the room, the music of other languages reminds us that building an inclusive community takes innovation and brave conversations. The power of the Living Sky Taiko drummers, the elegance of dance from the Confucius Institute, and the visual art of Jinzhe Cui all mesmerize us with their **warmth** and light. Métis author Maria Campbell brings us the story of **Little Badger and The Fire Spirit**. Brought to life by Sum Theatre and honouring Indigenous ways of knowing, the play follows Little Badger on a quest to discover fire and bring warmth back to his community. Our hope is that The Spirit of Fire **ignites your imagination** and inspire you to join the Saskatoon Community Foundation in their work, nurturing those sparks in our community until they grow into **brilliant flames**.

We leave you with the words of Rumi, whose poem was performed by members of the Open Door Society. Set your life on fire. **Seek those who fan your flames.**

Carrie Catherine & Dawn Wasacase
Creative Producer & Indigenous Producer/Stage Director



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IGNITING THE SPARK

Joining us once again in 2018, the students of Tasty Towne Catering worked with TCU Place Catering to prepare and serve the appetizer for our meal at the 2018 Nutrien Saskatoon Community Foundation Cultural Gala. Gala attendees enjoyed their offering of crisp polenta cake topped with roasted harvest vegetables and chevre cheese. The students appreciated the opportunity to be mentored by TCU Place chefs and test their skills with our discerning guests!

Tasty Towne Catering is a business venture of the Kinistin Business Club, which is part of the Aboriginal Youth Entrepreneur Program (AYEP), a strategic initiative of the Saskatoon Tribal Council. Since January 2017, this group of students (from grades 8 to 12) have owned, managed, and operated the company, actively involved in all areas of their business. Nutrien provides financial support toward the program's goal of introducing youth to the world of entrepreneurship. Tasty Towne Catering has catered many events in its home community of Kinistin Saulteaux First Nation. From left to right: Treena Littlecrow, Dagger Nippi-Thomas, Brayden Apooch, Wesley Brabant, Terramie Tom



Tasty Towne chefs prepare to serve their creations



John Lagimodiere and Leanne Bellegarde emcee the evening



Gala Co-chairs, Leanne Bellegarde and Tracy Muggli, with Tasty Towne Catering



Guests sample the appetizer created by Tasty Towne Catering



Prepping in the kitchen



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The Community Fund for Reconciliation

At the 2017 wâseskwan Nutrien Saskatoon Community Foundation Cultural Gala, the Saskatoon Community Foundation announced the Community Fund for Reconciliation, which supports the vital work of reconciliation in Saskatoon. Thank you, Saskatoon, for attending the Gala, supporting the Saskatoon Community Foundation, and ensuring that these efforts will come to fruition!

The Foundation has committed \$100,000 per year through 2021 to support reconciliation projects now. The first grants from the Community Fund for Reconciliation were made in the spring of 2018. These eight projects will raise awareness, challenge norms, and support the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. The Rock Your Roots Walk for Reconciliation will receive support through 2021, helping to bring the community together on National Indigenous People's Day. ConnectR will bring people together in their commitment to reconciliation. Other projects will bring newcomers and Indigenous people together through music and dance, engage employers in reconciliation, preserve traditional languages, inspire youth to speak their truth with the help of the Indigenous Poets Society, and encourage children to celebrate their identity.

You can help continue the journey of reconciliation by giving to the fund. You can be the spark that ignites the flame of reconciliation and helps it burn bright in Saskatoon.

Please give.

Learn more on our website saskatooncommunityfoundation.ca



Grant recipients of The 2018 Community Fund for Reconciliation join Saskatoon Community Foundation Executive Director, Carm Michalenko, on stage.



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FANNING THE FLAMES

The evening’s fireworks began with entertainers throughout the room who sparked the gathering with song and ignited excitement for the evening to come.



Peace Akintade



Living Sky Taiko



Confucius Institute



Joseph Naytowhow



Winter winds are coming

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LITTLE BADGER AND THE FIRE SPIRIT



Sum Theatre brought to life an adaptation of Renowned Métis Author Maria Campbell's *Little Badger and the Fire Spirit*. Little Badger's world is full of music, magic and the beauty of Indigenous culture. On a quest to bring warmth to the community, Little Badger (Krystle Pederson) conquers the obstacles protecting the fire with heart and kindness, ultimately succeeding in finding the Fire Stick and igniting warmth in the hearts of those encountered along the journey. This story illuminates the interconnection of the human, natural and animal worlds.



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AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

Corporate leaders share their own committments to reconciliation to spark others to join



Doug Barker-Park Derochie



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Saskatoon Community Foundation Board Chair Tiffany Paulsen in the official role of Coin Flipper for Heads or Tails



Heads or Tails player chooses tails



Saskatoon Police Chief Troy Cooper, Heads or Tails winner, takes home beaded jewelry created by Shana Pasapa, donated by Leanne Bellegarde



Joel Bernbaum, Sum Theatre, and Ali Abukar, Saskatoon Open Door Society, enjoy a moment of conversation

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ADDING KINDLING

Live and Silent Auctions and a lively game of Heads or Tails – funds raised build the Community Fund For Reconciliation.



Steve Shannon auctions off an Allen Sapp painting *Nokum Making Bannock* - donated by Dan & Blanche McDonald



The Live Auction gets going and another bid comes in



Randy Woods Band keeps fanning the flames of this party!



CeCe Baptiste places a bid



Jerseys were a hit at the live auction – donated by Bart Hunter – Scotia Wealth Management



Mayor Charlie Clark



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Front row: Carrie Catherine, Dawn Wasacase, Lori Coolican, Leanne Bellegarde – Co-Chair, Tracy Muggli – Co-Chair, Donna Hughes, Lisa Deibert, Linda Clouthier, Carm Michalenko

Not present: Curtis Kimpton, Clifford Tawpisin

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SASKATOON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION STAFF



Back row: Don Ewles, Jessie Usselman, Jen Pederson, Suzanne Hovde

Front row: Krys Hertzke, Carm Michalenko – Executive Director, Sameer Chhetry

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