It is our responsibility, and our privilege, as City employees to forge stronger relationships with Indigenous Peoples. We do this through all of our work to implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s 94 Calls to Action, but also through every action, conversation and choice we make with, and on behalf of, Edmontonians. We are humbled to be called into this way of being and look forward to supporting the next chapter of this very important work.

- Jennifer Flaman (Executive Leadership Sponsor)

The City of Edmonton is forever grateful for the collective wisdom of the Circle of Elders and Knowledge Keepers and the strength and kindness they have gifted us along this collective journey of reconciliation.

**Wahigicicobi: The Indigenous Framework**

**Circle of Elders and Knowledge Keepers**

The City of Edmonton is in a strong place for the collective wisdom of the Circle of Elders and Knowledge Keepers. Elders and Knowledge Keepers have a powerful role in the building of understanding and relationships with Indigenous Peoples.

- Jweme (Elouise) (Executive Leadership Sponsor)

**Stories of Land and Municipality Leading to Change**

The City of Edmonton acknowledges the traditional land on which we reside, is in Treaty Six Territory. We would like to thank the diverse Indigenous Peoples whose ancestors’ footsteps have marked this territory for centuries, such as nêhiyaw (Cree), Dené, Anishinaabe (Saulteaux), Nakota Isugâ (Nakota Sioux), and Niitsitapi (Blackfoot) peoples. We also acknowledge this as the Métis’ homeland and the home of one of the largest communities of Inuit south of the 60th parallel. It is a welcoming place for all peoples who come from around the world to share Edmonton as a home.

Together we call on all our collective, shared traditions and spiritual beliefs in building a great city for today and future generations.
Tawatinâ and Kahnesinâksh Bridges
For the Tawatinâ and Kahnesinâksh Bridges, the City worked in partnership with the Plains Cree Nation to create two bridges that are more than just infrastructure. They are a representation of the values of dignity and respect. The two bridges are located at the east end of downtown Edmonton, crossing the South Saskatchewan River. The Tawatinâ Bridge is a pedestrian bridge that connects the Whitemud Park to the City's downtown core. The Kahnesinâksh Bridge is a vehicular bridge that connects the City's downtown core to the south side of the river. Both bridges are designed to be a symbol of the City's commitment to reconciliation and understanding. The bridges feature a series of paintings by Métis artist David Garneau who was born and raised in Edmonton. The paintings, which span the entire length of the bridge, illustrate the histories of the area. The artist worked with a team of First Nations, Métis, Black, Asian, and artists of European ancestry, to capture the river valley’s flora and fauna, and the First Nations, Métis, and settler histories of the area. The paintings, which span the entire length of the bridge, illustrate the histories of the area. The artist worked with a team of First Nations, Métis, Black, Asian, and artists of European ancestry, to capture the river valley’s flora and fauna, and the First Nations, Métis, and settler histories of the area.

Root for Trees for 2023 National Truth & Reconciliation Day
Root for Trees encourages citizens to reflect on their personal role in this country’s past by planting trees as a way to honour the history of the area. The four Artworks will be displayed prominently outside of City Council Chambers as an important reminder of the Mayor and Council and City Administration’s commitment and responsibility towards truth and reconciliation. The four Artworks are intended to be a symbol of the City’s commitment to reconciliation and understanding. The Artworks are a representation of the values of dignity and respect. The City is taking the initiative to listen, connect, advocate and partner with Indigenous Peoples. The Educational Videos will provide information that will help citizens to understand protocol and building meaningful relationships with Indigenous Peoples. A series of videos and accompanying workshops will be completed and available for all employees.

Community Outreach TransLink (COTT)
The Community Outreach TransLink (COTT) is a partnership between the City of Edmonton’s Transit, Postmedia and Bent Arrow. The goal is to build partnerships and collaboration across the city to connect individuals within the transit system to community support and services. The goal is to build partnerships and collaboration across the city to connect individuals within the transit system to community support and services. The Community Outreach Translink will be a reminder of the Mayor and Council and City Administration’s commitment and responsibility towards truth and reconciliation.