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Municipality of East Ferris
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April 9, 2022.

RE: Donation Request for the 14th Annual Maamwi Kindaaswin Pow Wow

Municipality of East Ferris

Dear Mayor & Counsel Members,

Since 1974, the North Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre has been a leader in creating numerous events throughout the year that foster understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous community members. No event demonstrates this more than the NBIFC annual pow wow.

The NBIFC's Maamwi Kindaaswin Pow Wow is at Lee Park on Saturday, June 11th and Sunday, June 12th, 2022. With well over 5000 guests attending past events, we anticipate this will be our largest gathering yet.

Maamwi Kindaaswin, translated from Anishinaabemowin, meaning 'Learning Together, is a family-friendly, free event with Indigenous vendors, dancing, traditional drumming, and a sunrise ceremony each morning. This year's theme is **Renewing Our Connection**; it is for everyone in the area to have an opportunity to gather in person and celebrate community, connection to Mother Earth, our Ancestors, and each other. This event offers citizens and tourists, young and old alike, an occasion to learn about the original people who still call this place home and enjoy a relaxing, joyful day of celebration where we can all dance together.

You will help make this event unforgettable for attendees through your generous financial or in-kind donation. Your support helps North Bay become stronger financially and culturally by ensuring we have the capacity as a community to help citizens and visitors to explore the profound culture that the pow wow displays.

Your sponsorship helps address costs such as the park rental, tents and chairs, drum group fees, dancers honouraria, accommodations for dignitaries, equipment rentals, advertising, food and snacks for Elders and much more.

Donations can be made by mail, e-transfer to money@nbifc.org, or in person. You will receive a charitable tax receipt for your generous contribution. If your organization wishes to be recognized, there will be a banner on-site with all donors and appropriate logo artwork displayed by the MC booth. Please email artwork to inquire@nbifc.org

Chi miigwetch, thank you very much for your consideration, and we look forward to having you, your staff and your families at the pow wow for this beautiful event.

In Friendship,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathy Fortin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kathy Fortin, Executive Director
North Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre