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SAUGEEN FIRST NATION AND THE TOWN OF SAUGEEN SHORES TO PARTICIPATE IN CEDI TO FOSTER JOINT ECONOMIC COLLABORATION

Saugeen Shores, ON; Saugeen First Nation and The Town of Saugeen Shores are proud to announce their participation in the Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI), a national program delivered jointly by Cando (the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

Saugeen First Nation and The Town of Saugeen Shores are one of eight partnerships in Canada to embark on this three-year First Nation-municipal collaboration program between 2022- 2025. CEDI seeks to support First Nations and neighbouring municipalities to build respectful and equitable partnerships, and to develop capacity for long-term planning for joint community economic development and land use.

On Tuesday, June 14th, as part of the initial steps in participating in the CEDI program, the partners will hold a joint Council workshop to explore potential areas of community economic development collaboration. Community members from Saugeen First Nation and Town of Saugeen Shores are invited to attend the opening portion of the joint Council session, where they will hear a brief overview of the CEDI program as well as opening words from Saugeen First Nation and the Town of Saugeen Shores. The session will begin at 9:00am on June 14th at the Band Administration Office on Saugeen First Nation and will move into closed session after opening remarks.

"I am pleased to participate in this important initiative with Mayor Luke Charbonneau and the Town of Saugeen Shores," said Chief Lester Anoquot. "We look forward to working together to address our economic challenges, strengthen our relationship, and develop the regional economy."

Together Saugeen First Nation and the Town of Saugeen Shores recognize that long-term partnerships are anchored in a solid foundation, the CEDI program opens the way for both communities to create economic and social advantages for all citizens.

"We are honoured to have been chosen as part of the three year CEDI program in order to foster a stronger working relationship with Saugeen First Nation, and to work on joint economic development initiatives." Says Mayor Luke Charbonneau. "Acceptance into the CEDI program is truly a historic

moment for the Town of Saugeen Shores and we look forward to working together over the next three years of the program and beyond.”

Communities participating in the CEDI program benefit from facilitated monthly working group meetings, bi-annual workshops, and wise practice activities and tools for relationship and capacity building. This support helps the participating communities to develop community capacity for joint community economic development planning, build and strengthen the government-to-government partnerships and inter-community relationships, and improve the quality of life for all in the region. By working together, CEDI partnerships are better able to address local challenges, with local solutions.

About CEDI

The First Nation–Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) aims to improve the economic prosperity of participating First Nations and municipalities through joint community economic development and land use planning. CEDI is a joint initiative of Cando and FCM.

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