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Good afternoon,

Cynthia Bell, Executive Director of ENAGB Indigenous Youth Agency (cc'd) asked me to forward her comments below in reference to the Diverse Youth Fellowship agenda item at tomorrow's ECDC meeting.

Please let us know if anything else is needed.

Thank-you,

- Laura.

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Good Afternoon,

First I would like to apologize for my non attendance to address such an important fellowship program for Indigenous Youth. My name is Cynthia Bell and I am the Executive Director of the first ever indigenous youth agency led by youth for youth that addresses and supports mental health and addiction challenges faced by indigenous youth (12-29) here in the city.

This internship not only aligns with Toronto's Reconciliation plan, but also with ENAGB's mission to support youth to become contributing citizens to society without compromising their cultural practices. We often wondered here at ENAGB how youth can provide vital suggestions & guidance to the growth of Toronto using an Indigenous lens. This also has been a conversation numerous times on how youth can understand bureaucracy within the City.

As the ED for the youth I always seek out ways to implement their suggestions, when this opportunity arose I definitely believe it aligns with their vision to be able to contribute, while learning at the same time. It's time Toronto is more Indigenous visible, embraces our contributions with the hopes of one day having Indigenous peoples at the level of city council.

ENAGB Indigenous Youth Agency looks forward to working with the City of Toronto to implement the first ever Indigenous Youth Fellowship program.

On behalf of our future generations, sincerely,
Cynthia Bell, Executive Director



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