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Plans for Sharing Circle now underway

Brandon, MB – Brandon Riverbank Inc. is delighted to announce that plans for an **All Nations Sharing Circle** are now underway thanks to the generous support from Westoba Credit Union and the Westoba Inspire community investment program.

“We’re so appreciative of this grant from Westoba Credit Union,” said James Montgomery, GM of Brandon Riverbank Inc. “With the support of the community and from Westoba Credit Union, we’re confident that we can see this project come to fruition.”

The Sharing Circle will be located on the Riverbank grounds south of the picnic shelters near the Assiniboine River where there is a fork in the walking trails. The area will be a safe place for all people to share knowledge, experiences, stories and more and will also create opportunities for the Riverbank to continue its ongoing efforts in creating a positive place for reconciliation, says Bernie Chrisp, board president of Brandon Riverbank Inc.

“We look forward to continuing to work with the community and we hope that this helps boost our Indigenous tourism and Indigenous learning here at the Riverbank,” Chrisp added.

Leah LaPlante, chair of the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples’ Council, says Indigenous people are naturally drawn to the Riverbank Discovery Centre because it reminds us of our stories that we were told as youngsters.

“The Discovery Centre has given us every opportunity to be involved with planning and allowing us to share Indigenous culture in such a beautiful place,” she said. “Thank you Westoba Credit Union for strengthening this relationship as the Sharing Circle is a safe place to learn about each other.”

Rick Chrest, Mayor of the City of Brandon, says this will be a fabulous addition to the Riverbank and is another step forward in Brandon’s overall journey of reconciliation.

“We’re grateful for Westoba’s initiative in making this project a reality,” he added.

Westoba believes in staying connected and engaged. Each year, they give thousands of dollars away in donations and sponsorships to a variety of organizations and programs. “Westoba strives to make a significant difference in the communities where

we live and operate,” said Liz Roberts, a member of the Westoba board of directors and community investment committee member. “This project offers a space for social interconnections and learning that can have a powerful impact on individuals and the community.”

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ABOUT INSPIRE AND WESTOBA CREDIT UNION

Created in 2017, Westoba Inspire is Westoba’s community investment program in partnership with the Brandon Area Community Foundation and the Westoba Fund. To be eligible for funding, requests need to support community infrastructure projects that are initiated locally or have a clear local impact; are inclusive and bring people together; are long-term or multi-functional; and promote staying, participating and engaging in an enriched community. Westoba Credit Union Ltd. is one of Manitoba’s largest credit unions, serving over 35,000 members in 17 locations across Manitoba.

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