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RE: "YMCA Leaders Corps in James Bay and Traditional Cree Leadership: Intercultural Lessons in Leadership, Well-Being, Reciprocity & Reconciliation"

Dear Christina, Doug, and Cecil,

In June 2017, the first exploratory meeting for this initiative was held in the Moose Cree Education Authority boardroom. I am now pleased to write a letter of support as the project moves into the developmental phase.

Like yourselves, I too have been deeply influenced by both the YMCA Leaders Corps program and our traditional Cree leadership teachings and examples. The legacy of the Leaders Corps and YMCA programs, both in our community and throughout James Bay, are wonderful models for our youth as they seek to integrate the best of our culture & traditions, with the best of what the YMCA traditions have to offer.

It is my plan to fully inform the MCEA Board of Directors of this project and will note that I have joined the project's steering committee, in my personal capacity, at this time. Further, I will discuss with the Directors, the possibility of becoming partners on this project. I look forward to following up with you, in this regard.

In Education,

Heather Moore
Executive Director

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Grace Delaney, Florence Morrison, Art (Sonny) Morrison, and Victor Linklater