



Wasoqopa'q First Nation

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Re: Friends United

April 8th, 2024

To whom it may concern,

Friends United has proven to be a culturally safe space for our people to gather free of charge. Many meetings, gatherings and visits with Traditional Knowledge Holders and Elders have taken place here and Rolf Bouman has welcomed our Mi'kmaw communities to Friends United as family in the same manner that a family member is always welcomed home.

Friends United is one of the greatest contributors to our Mi'kmaw Community. Wasoqopa'q First Nation has formed an amazing relationship with Friends United and we would like to thank Rolf as he assists and supports all Indigenous artists and connects with the Mi'kmaw artists in our province. Friends United has supported many Indigenous artists in many ways from supplying art material to hosting these artists and providing a safe place for them to reside in house as they demonstrate and share their artwork with all. The physical, spiritual and traditional healing that takes place through Friends United being here in Mi'kma'ki is immeasurable.

Friends United has provided Wasoqopa'q with the artwork for the Tru by Hilton Hotel located in Yarmouth, NS and we share a partnership with their artwork that will be displayed in Weliankweyasimk; - Weliankweysimmk is a Domestic Violence Womens' Shelter for Indigenous women and their families, which is in the development stages and aims to open it's doors in the fall of 2024.

We are honoured and thankful to be able to be part of this incredible network they have built and support them in anyway possible. Should you require anything further please feel free to contact our office at the number stated above.

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