Halifax International Airport Authority
747 Bell Boulevard / Goffs, Nova Scotia / Canada / B2T 1K2

HalifaxStanfield

September 19, 2024

Re: Friends United Foundation

Dear Mr. Bouman,

On behalf of Halifax International Airport Authority (HIAA), I am pleased to recognize the Friends United Foundation and Mi'kmaq artist Loretta Gould for assisting us in amplifying Indigenous cultural representation at Halifax Stanfield International Airport (Halifax Stanfield).

In 2022, HIAA partnered with Friends United and Loretta to feature her artwork on the windows in our Domestic/International check-in hall. The artwork depicts Mi'kmaq culture through a series of 24 images, including a traditional birchbark canoe, fishing, and spiritual ceremonies, to name a few. The display reminds everyone travelling through Halifax Stanfield that the airport is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded land of the Mi'kmaq people. We regularly receive positive feedback about her inspirational and colourful artwork, and it has greatly enhanced the ambience for everyone travelling through and working in this area of the airport.

We applaud the Friends United Foundation for sponsoring numerous Indigenous artists, as this is a true way to further the discussion about reconciliation with Indigenous people on Turtle Island (North America).

Thank you for the contributions your organization and Ms. Gould have made to increase awareness and understanding of Mi'kmaq culture among the millions of travellers, visitors and employees moving through Halifax Stanfield each year.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO