

## **YMCA Saskatoon and First Nations University of Canada sign a Memorandum of Understanding on Child Care Services**

On Thursday, November 14, 2019, the YMCA of Saskatoon (“YMCA”) and the First Nations University of Canada (“FNUniv”) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.). The two organizations will work towards the creation of a partnership for the provision of child care services to FNUniv students and staff in Saskatoon. The YMCA currently operates four (4) child care centres in Saskatoon. The MOU allows for FNUniv’s students and staff thirty priority spots throughout all their locations. The YMCA will maintain the responsibility for the operations of their facilities.

Students have always been a key priority of the FNUniv. This partnership with the YMCA will alleviate one of the challenges our students must deal with daily.

***“Our students have expressed the need for reliable child care options for many years. This partnership allows the FNUniv to address that need in a way that gives access to a broader range of services than most Childcare providers can offer. We want to thank the Province of Saskatchewan for their support and YMCA leadership for collaborating with us to make this happen.” Jason Wong, Vice President, Finance and Administration, FNUniv***

***“The YMCA in Saskatoon is very excited to partner with the FNUniv to offer such an essential service to staff and students. Having access to quality childcare helps families to lead healthy lives. This partnership is also the foundation of a long-term commitment to ensuring that we are inclusive and welcoming in all of our work.” Dean Dodge CEO YMCA of Saskatoon***

FNUniv students and staff are encouraged to be representatives in the YMCA family through committee involvement, Board membership, other programming and events.

### **About First Nations University of Canada:**

The First Nations University of Canada is a First Nations owned, post-secondary institution that aspires to have transformative impact by bridging our ceremonies, knowledge keepers, languages, and traditions with the delivery of high-quality post-secondary education that will lead to the pride and success of all students, First Nations communities, and Canada.



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