



**October 10, 2019  
Aanii, Shé:kon, Tansi,  
Indigenous Community of Toronto, Members,  
and  
Supporters of the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto**

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My name is Lyndsay G Brisard, I am Anishinaabe from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory; I have recently been elected as the President of the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto (NCCT) Board of Directors. I would like to thank the former board members for their dedication and service over the years. A full list of the NCCT Board Members can be found on the NCCT website at [www.ncct.on.ca](http://www.ncct.on.ca). I am honoured to take on this role within the NCCT in this exciting time as we move forward as an organization, as a gathering place, and as a community.

The NCCT, Board of Directors would like to thank everyone for their continued support and passion for the collective wellbeing of our community and our spirit. Following the NCCT Annual General Meeting of September 24, 2019 and having had the time and opportunity to reflect and consider the feedback and concerns raised by community members, the Board would like to address a number of these concerns.

**NCCT – ENAGB-IYA Relationship:**

The NCCT and the Board remains committed to serving the needs of the youth in our community through the continued availability of our youth programming at NCCT. We value and respect the importance of the voices of our youth. Your concerns and input have been heard. The NCCT Board has reached out to the ENAGB-IYA Board of Directors to plan a joint meeting to discuss how we can work together to best serve the needs of the youth in our community moving forward.

**TAAM KAADINAKIJIJK Advisory Council:**

The community has also raised concern for the lack of elder input on activities and programs at the NCCT. The Board has committed to taking efforts to ensure that the TAAM Council is reignited in the very near future. It has been set as a priority for the NCCT this year.

**Community Engagement and Input:**

A suggestion made at the NCCT AGM was that there needs to be a community input – town-hall – meeting and we agree this would be a great platform to receive community feedback and input. We will be working towards engaging with the community in the coming months. A notice of any engagement sessions will be shared as soon as details are finalized.

The NCCT and the Board remains dedicated to serving the changing and growing needs of our community members and we look forward to working together with our community and our supporters to meet those needs in the best way possible. If you have any questions or concerns for the Board, please do not hesitate to contact me at [president@ncct.on.ca](mailto:president@ncct.on.ca) or speak to me at an event or in the community.

On Behalf of the Board, in community spirit; Miigwech!

**THE NATIVE CANADIAN CENTRE OF TORONTO**

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