

For immediate release: October 14, 2021

Truth and Reconciliation is the focus of Regina Public Library's Small Business Week

Regina Public Library will host a series of free online presentations to celebrate Small Business Week October 17-23. In response to Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action 92, this year's events focus on raising awareness about opportunities for Indigenous-led business practices.

"The library is a hub where business owners can learn actionable steps toward Reconciliation, be inspired by leaders, and make new connections with potential partners," said Nancy MacKenzie, Director of Community Engagement and Programming. "We're committed to helping create change in our community."

RPL has partnered with Reconciliation Regina to offer presentations from Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce experts for this series. Nick Crighton, Director of Indigenous Engagement, will talk about how to implement an Indigenous strategy, and how to hire and retain Indigenous people, with *Decolonize YQR: Decolonize the Workplace* on October 19. Chamber Chairperson Thomas Benjoe leads a discussion October 21 on the economic impact of an Indigenous-led business model with examples from FHQ Developments in his program *Creating Economic Impact: An Indigenous-led Business Model*.

The series also offers presentations for aspiring entrepreneurs. It begins Monday, October 18 with *Starting a Business*, an introductory workshop outlining key steps to planning, financing, and managing a new business, followed by *Key Legal Considerations When Buying a Franchise Business* October 20.

All presentations will take place over Zoom. Visit reginalibrary.ca/smallbusiness to register for the Small Business Week series, and find additional resources to support your business.

-30-

For more information:

Katie Murphy-Balkwill
Marketing and Communications Consultant
kbalkwill@reginalibrary.ca
306.777.6114