



Aboriginal Sport Circle names Carey Calder Chief Executive Officer

The Aboriginal Sport Circle (ASC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Carey Calder to the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective August 5th, 2019.

Carey Calder is Anishinaabe from Thunder Bay, Ontario and is member of Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek. She brings to ASC more than 15 years of senior leadership experience in Indigenous not for profit organizations. Having worked at the local, regional, and national levels with Indigenous organizations and communities she is well positioned to advance the priorities and strategic direction of ASC.

Carey brings a passion for community development, youth empowerment and a deep commitment to Indigenous self-determination and well-being. "With the 25th anniversary of the Aboriginal Sport Circle and the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) both rapidly approaching in 2020, this is an exciting time for the ASC, the Provincial and Territorial Aboriginal Sport Bodies, and the Indigenous youth and communities throughout Canada. It is a privilege to take on this national leadership role," commented Carey. "The ASC is leading tremendous opportunities for growth in the sport and physical activity sectors, including areas of policy and program development. It is my role to advance their vision so that more kids and more communities have more and better access to culturally relevant programming now and in the future."

"On behalf of the Board of Directors we are extremely excited to welcome Carey as our new CEO," stated ASC President Janice Forsyth. "Her experience and drive are well suited to solidify and strengthen the unique leadership role the ASC occupies in Canada."

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Background

The Aboriginal Sport Circle (ASC) is Canada's national voice for Aboriginal sport, physical activity, and recreation bringing together the interests of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. Established in 1995, the ASC was created through a national consensus-building process, in response to the need for more accessible and equitable sport and recreation opportunities for Indigenous peoples. This mandate has expanded to include physical activity.

The ASC partners with Indigenous and mainstream organizations to bring expertise in athlete and coaching development, physical literacy, and physical activity programs, to Indigenous communities throughout Canada. It is also the franchise holder for the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG), and annually hosts the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships (NAHC), in addition to effecting policy change at the highest levels of government.