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IATSE 212 and Community of Manchester Unveil Mural Project

Mural Illustrates Diversity of Community and Honours City's First Nations' Communities

(Calgary, AB – September 27, 2021) The large north-facing wall of IATSE's building in the community of Manchester has been getting an upgrade over the last few weeks, as local artists transform the large space into a message of community and diversity that also honours Calgary's First Nations.

Lead volunteer and artist on the project, Jason Anderson, a Manchester resident and a person of Metis heritage, says that he always saw the large wall facing the playground as a blank canvass. As he approached the IATSE about the project, his concept of honouring the unique community and First Nations began to manifest.

"I knew I wanted to display something that said this is Manchester," said Anderson. "This is who we are – a diverse and talented collective of individuals and families from around the world who live in a tight-knit community. I also wanted to pay homage to our First Nations, which we do with traditional spirit animals. I wanted to say that First Nations are the foundation of this city and community."

IATSE 212 President, Damian Petti, was happy to partner and participate in the Manchester mural project. "We have been big supporters and boosters of the Manchester community for many years," said Petti. "The mural will help bring vibrancy to a growing community and shows a sense of pride in community. I'm very honoured to be unveiling the mural on the nation's first ever Day of Truth and Reconciliation."

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Hundreds are expected to attend to view the mural, hear First Nations singers and drummers, to eat Bannock Tacos, and reflect on the meaning of the day. Local dignitaries have been invited and some have already confirmed. Elder Clarence Wolfleg will be proving a blessing.

There will also be a CoVid-19 mobile vaccination clinic on-site.

All media are welcome to attend and will have access artists, dignitaries and community leaders.

What: Manchester Mural Project Unveiling

Where: IATSE Building North Side of Building Facing the Playground – 208 57 Ave SW, Cgy, AB T2H 2K8

When: Thursday, September 30th, 4 pm – 6pm

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