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BC Achievement Foundation
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Vancouver, BC V6C 3E1

To Whom It May Concern,

It has come to my attention that Steven Stark of Tsawwassen Shuttles Inc. has been nominated for an Indigenous Business of the Year Award with the BC Achievement Foundation. I am pleased to write this letter of reference for Mr. Stark, who I believe to be an outstanding nominee for the award.

As a Business Services Officer at Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation (TACC), I first met Steven in 2017 when he was expanding his business. Since then I have been continuously impressed by Steven's ability to identify an opportunity, execute a plan for expansion and grow his business accordingly. Because of Steven's hard work and sharp business acumen, Tsawwassen Shuttles Inc. is a successful business providing employment opportunities for Tsawwassen First Nation community members.

Steven is a role model in his community and for other Indigenous entrepreneurs. His rise to success is an inspiring story, and as an elected Executive Council Member for his Nation, Steven is an active and engaged community member and leader.

As COVID-19 closed many businesses, including some of Tsawwassen Shuttles Inc.'s services, Steven ensured that his employees were taken care of with COVID relief funding. The company also ensured transportation was uninterrupted for essential service workers at the Port of Delta. As an Executive Council Member, Steven helped to ensure that community members were supported and secure with funding for housing, food, health and wellness.

I'm sure that after reviewing his nomination package and reference letters, you'll feel as I do: that Steven Stark of Tsawwassen Shuttles Inc. is an ideal recipient for Business of the Year.

Kind regards,

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