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Dear Dano,

It was a pleasure to meet with you the other day to discuss the many activities you have undertaken for and on behalf of the First Nations' communities across Canada. One of the strategic initiatives that I identified in my address to our membership at the Annual Members' Meeting in May was to "*review opportunities to engage First Nations in collaboration with Member Associations and local communities*". As I stated at that time, there are a number of areas that have been underserved including many of our northern communities. In particular, our First Nations should be engaged to see what solutions we can create through coaching education, referee development, and facilities development.

As discussed, as a first step the working group that you have started can be a vehicle to identify key areas that we can focus on to achieve the overriding goal of supporting the participation and growth at the grassroots and high performance level, and for youth as well as adult players, officials and volunteers.

Canada Soccer is supportive of this endeavour and I look forward to seeing a report from your working group so that we can determine the resources necessary to ensure the successful implementation of the strategic initiatives that are identified.

Sincerely,

Steven Reed
President