Âsokan Generational Developments wins Indigenous Business Award of Distinction

FORT MCMURRAY, AB, CANADA, September 24, 2026 / EINPresswire.com/ -- Âsokan Generational Developments (AGD) has been named the recipient of the Indigenous Business Award of Distinction at the 2026 Alberta Business Awards of Distinction, presented by the Alberta Chambers of Commerce at the Maclab Centre for the Performing Arts in Leduc.

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Founded by Justin Bourque in 2023, the Indigenous-owned advisory firm has quickly established itself as a leader in advancing Indigenous economic participation and building stronger partnerships between Indigenous communities and industry. Since its inception, AGD has supported and facilitated nearly $3 billion in transactions, primarily across Alberta's energy sector.

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"Receiving this award is an incredible honour and a reflection of the dedication of our entire team and the meaningful space Âsokan has worked hard to create," said Bourque, Founder and CEO of Âsokan Generational Developments. "This award recognizes something that goes beyond balance sheets. Advancing financial sovereignty, creating pathways to ownership and ensuring Indigenous communities are meaningful participants in the economy are at the core of why Âsokan exists."

The Indigenous Business Award of Distinction recognizes an Indigenous-owned business that serves as a significant economic driver for First Nations, Métis or Inuit communities while investing in and advancing Indigenous economic participation and community-owned enterprises. Submissions are evaluated anonymously based on Indigenous ownership, economic impact and demonstrated progress toward reconciliation.

Since its founding, AGD has worked alongside more than 40 Indigenous communities across

Alberta, helping communities and industry navigate complex partnerships, investment opportunities and major transactions. Through strategic advisory, transaction facilitation and partnership development, AGD has helped move Indigenous participation beyond consultation toward meaningful ownership, decision-making and long-term economic benefit.

The award comes during a period of continued growth and visibility for the company. Earlier this year, AGD launched its Bush to Boardroom podcast, creating a platform for conversations about Indigenous business, economic development and reconciliation, with its first episode featuring Chana Martineau. In June, Bourque participated in a national panel on Indigenous equity ownership at the Global Energy Show Canada. He also joined Indigenous and industry leaders at the Nation2Nation Forum to discuss the evolution of energy infrastructure development from conflict toward partnership.

“We have reached an important point where Indigenous communities are increasingly being recognized not as barriers to development, but as partners, investors and owners in responsible resource development,” said Bourque. “That shift has been hard-earned and has taken leadership from Indigenous communities, industry and government. To have Âsokan’s contribution to that progress recognized by Alberta’s business community means a great deal to our team.”

Looking ahead, AGD intends to build on its experience in the energy sector by supporting Indigenous ownership and participation across a broader range of infrastructure and economic development opportunities. The company will continue working alongside Indigenous communities, industry and governments across Alberta and Canada to help structure partnerships that create lasting value and contribute to greater Indigenous economic self-determination.

About Âsokan Generational Developments
Âsokan, meaning "bridge" in nêhiyawêwin (Cree), symbolizes the company's mission of forging sustainable, long-lasting partnerships between Indigenous communities and industry. Their work focuses on empowering Indigenous communities toward self-determination while driving positive societal change through economic development. For more information, visit agdev.ca.

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