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### Chief Executive Officer TELUS Spark

TELUS Spark Science Centre acknowledges it is situated on the Ancestral Lands of the Niitsitapi (Blackfoot Confederacy), and Traditional Lands of the Tsuut'ina First Nation, the Îethka Nakoda First Nation, and more recently the Otipemisiwak Métis. Spark recognizes and supports the depth of science within these Lands, Languages, Stories, and Peoples, that have been caretakers of this land, where the Bow and Elbow rivers meet, their home for thousands of years.

TELUS Spark Science Centre (Spark), a registered educational charity, exists to entertain and inspire people of all ages through creative encounters with science, engineering, technology, math, and art. Spark exists to lift people up with the power of curiosity through creative encounters with science! Calgary's science centre is a pioneer in science entertainment and programming, with roots dating back to 1967. When it opened in its current location in 2011, it was the first purpose-built science centre in the country in 25 years. It is home to one of Western Canada's largest dome theatres, the Digital Immersion Gallery, VR experiences, and innovative spaces like Steven's Lab, where interactive experiments unfold before your eyes. From the robot-dog Flint to Canada's first robot-coaster, R05iE, and a 15-acre park surrounding the science of the developing brain, Spark is a hub for creative encounters.

Reporting to the Board of Directors, the **Chief Executive Officer** (CEO) will be responsible for the overall leadership and continued transformation of the science centre into a world-renowned and leading-edge organization for learning, science entertainment, and STEAM education. This is an exciting opportunity for an authentic, engaging, and visionary leader with strong business acumen to build on the momentum of success, and to evolve Spark into its next chapter of growth.

The CEO will bring proven experience building strategic plans and leading strong operational and financial performance, and will foster a culture of trust, collaboration, and accountability. They are a champion of equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility, and have a strong commitment to Indigenous engagement, reconciliation, Ways of Knowing, and Indigenous science. Their vision will inspire and motivate colleagues and volunteers to advance Spark's offerings through thought provoking, interactive, and immersive experiences, which will empower Spark to inspire and delight visitors of all ages, means, and abilities on a whole new level.

The successful candidate is a people-centric and community leader who has executive level experience in an audience driven organization, demonstrated financial and sustainability acumen with the ability to analyze and utilize financial information to make sound business decisions, and a strong track record of building culture and empowering teams. The ideal candidate is an adaptable and galvanizing communicator with the ability to develop and strengthen relationships with staff, clients, government, academic institutions, not-for-profit organizations, and businesses, and is passionate about cause, people, and community. Applicants should come equipped with previous organizational profit & loss and budget responsibility, an understanding of Board governance, strategic planning, marketing, and either working knowledge within or at arm's length with not-for profit entities.

Janet Soles and Associates has been retained to conduct this search on behalf of TELUS Spark. To explore this opportunity further or to apply, please email [apply@jssearch.ca](mailto:apply@jssearch.ca), and please include "TELUS Spark CEO" in the subject line of your email. Applications should include a cover letter and resume.

***About Calgary***

Recently ranked the most liveable city in North America and 5<sup>th</sup> in the world (2024) by The Economist Intelligence Unit, and possessing one of the youngest populations of major cities in Canada, Calgary is home to world-class attractions, sporting amenities and public infrastructure that supports a healthy lifestyle, making it a great place to raise a family. Situated in the sunny foothills of Canada's majestic Rocky Mountains, Calgary is a major urban centre surrounded by an area of profound beauty with an unspoiled, resource-rich natural environment.

Consistently rated by the United Nations as the world's best country to live in, Canada is the world's second largest country by total area and is one of the most ethnically diverse and multicultural nations. Canada ranks among the highest in international measurements of government transparency, civil liberties, quality of life, economic freedom, and education.