



Grand Council Treaty #3

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Grand Council Treaty #3 Health Department Hosts Successful 2-Spirit Event

Grand Council Treaty #3 would like to extend a huge thank you to the Niisaachewan Anishinaabe Nation community for their warm and gracious hospitality in hosting the SLAY IN MAY event on May 5th, 2023. The Grand Council Treaty #3 Health Department was proud to partner with the community to provide a safe and welcoming space for 2-Spirit youth to learn, connect, and express themselves. The event was a tremendous success, and it would not have been possible without the support, guidance, and participation of the Niisaachewan Anishinaabe Nation community.

Over 70 youth attended the event from Treaty #3 and Treaty #1, which lasted from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. The event featured various workshops aimed at educating and empowering 2-Spirit youth and allies. The workshops covered topics such as sexual health, healthy relationships, and harm reduction. The event also provided a platform for the youth to self-express themselves creatively, with three makeup artists on site to help them express themselves through makeup. Chi-Miigwech Amber Sinclair, Jude Fobister and Jeanette Boyd for your amazing makeup skills and time!

The highlight of the event was special guest Chelazon Leroux. Indigenous Drag Queen from Canada's Drag Race and from Buffalo River Dene Nation (Treaty 10) and family ties to Fond Du Lac First Nation (Treaty 8). Chelazon is best known for her Auntie persona and TikTok posts.

Grand Council Treaty #3 Health Department would like to extend a special thank you to Lynsey Jordanna Photography for capturing the essence of the Slay In May event through her photography skills. Her passion and creativity brought life to the event, and we are grateful for her contribution in making this event a memorable one. Your professionalism and dedication are truly appreciated, and we thank you for your hard work!

We appreciate the participation of our regional organizations who attended; set up information booths and shared resources and contributed draw prizes. We also want to thank Sylvia Davis and her family members, Lac Seul First Nation who supported youth with an opportunity to have ceremonial ribbon shirts and ribbon skirts draws. Grand Council Treaty#3 acknowledges the collaboration across Departments in supporting the Slay in May event and the participation of our Constituent Councils. Grand Council Treaty #3 is guided by the resolution passed in September 9th 2020, which directed the establishment and recognition of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning and two-spirit (LGBTQ2S+) Council Treaty #3.

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