



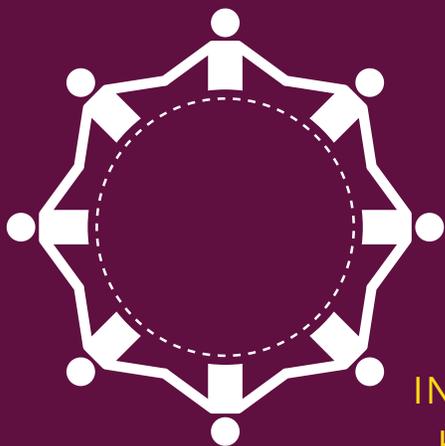
GRAND COUNCIL TREATY #3

The GOVERNMENT OF THE ANISHINAABE NATION in Treaty #3



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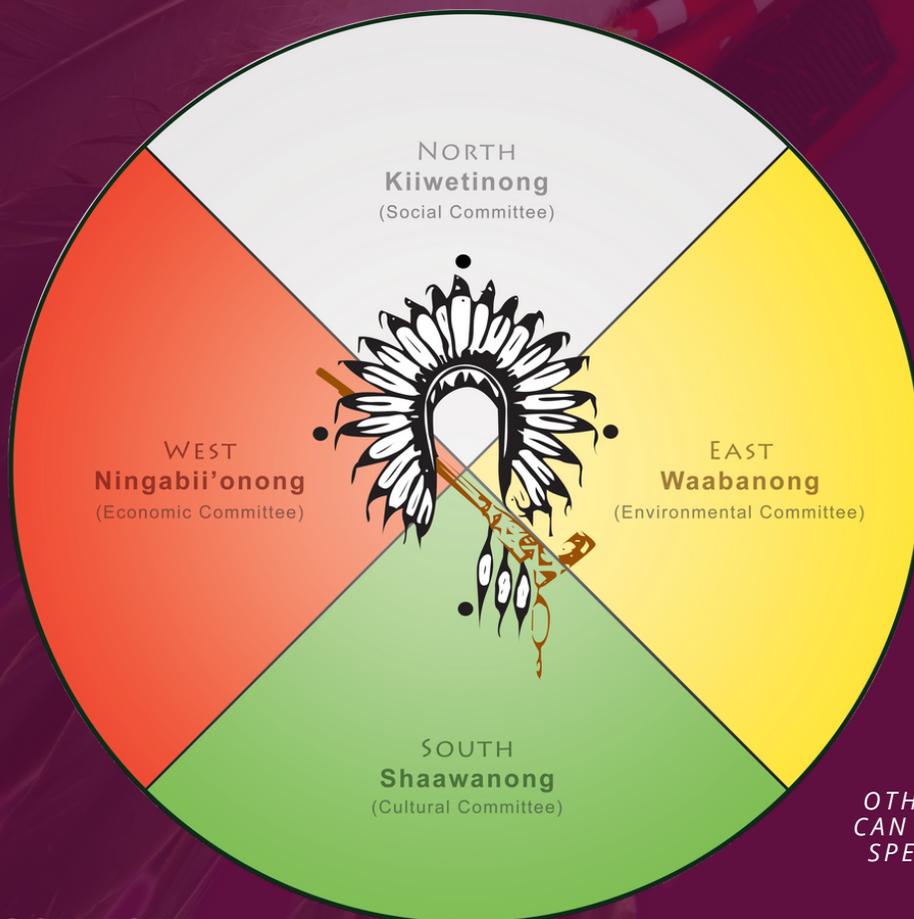
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OTHER CHIEFS COMMITTEES CAN BE FORMED TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC ADVOCACY NEEDS AND PRIORITIES.



BACKGROUND INFO

IN SEPTEMBER OF 2019, FOUR YOUTH FROM TREATY #3 WERE TRADITIONALLY SELECTED AT THE WAUZHUSHK ONIGUM ROUNDHOUSE TO SERVE A 4-YEAR TERM ON THE TREATY #3 OSHKINIIGIIG YOUTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (YEC).

- WINTER LIPSCOMBE - WAUZHUSHK ONIGUM NATION
- ERNIE COBINESS JR. - BUFFALO POINT
- KAYLA MORRISON - OJIBWAYS OF ONIGAMING
- LIAM GEORGE - NAONGASHIING

THE YEC IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED WITH REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE SPIRIT OF HOPE PROJECT, SHOONIYAA WA-BIITONG, AND GRAND COUNCIL TREATY #3

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE T3 YEC

WHAT HAVE THE T3 YEC MEMBERS BEEN UP TO?

KAYLA

The YEC extends their sincere congratulations to Kayla and her partner, Ernest, on welcoming their baby boy to the world!



ERNIE

Ernie has been assisting his father in the building of a lodge down in Southern Ontario. Check out the T3YEC's Facebook for drone footage!

WINTER

Congratulations to Winter and her husband Joe for celebrating their wedding this past August in Eagle Lake, ON.



PATHWAYS TO MINO-BIMADIZIWIN

Pathways to Mino-Bimadiziwin was a 3-day in-person gathering held in August 2021 at Fin & Feather resort. Programming included workshops on healthy communication in a digital age, consent, and internet safety,. Youth were joined by an Elder-in-Residence to provide emotional guidance and language teachings. This project was in collaboration with Grand Council Treaty #3's Indigenous Systems Navigator and included a presentation from the Spirit of Hope Project Coordinator.



ONIGAMING YOUTH GATHERING

The Treaty #3 YEC was invited to hold a booth at the Onigaming Youth Gathering in August 2021. YEC member Winter Dawn Lipscombe met with Colt and Willow Crow from Oji-Bee Honey as well as handed out surveys to continue the YEC's Kindness Matters Campaign which focuses on building healthy relationships. The YEC was joined by Grand Council Treaty #3's Jordan's Principle Liaison.



SOCIAL MEET AND GREET

The YEC was invited by Grand Council Treaty #3's Social Department to join them at their Social Meet and Greet at the Nanicost Grounds. The YEC was able to share their "Bill C-92... so what?" toolkit with visitors and discuss the role that youth have in advancing Abinoojii Inakonigewin.

PORTFOLIOS

- **Winter Lipscombe** -
Economic, Ontario First Nation
Young People's Council,
Assembly of First Nations
National Youth Council
Executive

- **Kayla Morrison** -
Social, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong
Youth Board Member

- **Ernie Cobiness Jr.** -
Environment (Acting Cultural
Portfolio Holder)

- **Liam George** -
Cultural

Historically, the Treaty #3 Youth Council worked to engage youth in the leadership and governance of the nation. Today, youth from across Treaty #3 actively strive to reactivate the Treaty #3 Youth Council and its original purpose.

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 youthexecutive@treaty3.ca



AAKODE'EWIN YOUTH SURVIVAL CAMP

The Aakode'ewin Youth Survival Camp was a week-long adventure for youth, guided by Green Adventures. Youth learned about canoe safety before setting off on their voyage and had the opportunity to fish, go scuba diving, and see pictographs.



TREATY #3 HAS PRIDE

The T3YEC wishes to recognize a young artist, Zander Johnson, from Seine River First Nation. T3YEC held a sticker contest in honour of pride month and Zander submitted a drawing. Since then, Zander's drawing has been transformed into a logo used for the LGBTQ2S+ gathering. We hope that by continuing to support the work of the LGBTQ2S council, by honouring the artists who submitted drawings, designs, and photos during pride month, by listening and learning, and by creating space that we can continue to honour all youth in Treaty #3.



UPCOMING PROJECTS

- The YEC is a successful recipient of a \$30,000 Laidlaw Foundation Grant to host a series of virtual cultural and language gatherings.
- The YEC is the successful recipient of a \$249,000 grant over 3 years to develop resources in partnership with Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong through the Ontario Trillium Foundation.
- The YEC has collaborated with the Spirit of Hope Project to create online and informational resources on consent and support services.





GAAGIIDOO-IKWEWAG WOMEN'S COUNCIL UPDATE



Council members provided support for the development of an MMIWG toolkit. A for youth by youth media release was done with support of the Women's Council, with youth Indigenous and non Indigenous coming together in unity to take a stance against violence toward Indigenous Women and Girls. Including in this release was youth across the Territory, Leadership, Wab Kinew, Minister Bennett and Kimberly Murray. The Women's Council was also present and supported the land blessing in Kenora for an MMIWG memorial along the waterfront.

A Women's Council representative has requested to join the drug task force as a representative. They have also requested participation in the Health committee.

- Concerns around drug overdose rate and cancer rates

Women's Council has also supported and provided insight into the cancer screening project videos being produced in partnership with Thunder Bay Regional Health.

The Women's Council remains active in providing guidance and oversight in the implementation of Abinoojii Inakonigewin through the Technical Working Group. Representatives from the council participate in the monthly virtual meetings. They have also provided support in subcommittee work on the Ombikiasowin Protectorate organizational structure. They also supported the recent conference on Bill C-92 in Couchiching with Cindy Blackstock providing remarks for the start of the day.

**THE GAAGIIDOO-IKWEWAG (WOMEN'S COUNCIL)
WITHIN THE ANISHINAABE NATION OF TREATY #3
REPRESENTS THE UNIQUE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF
ANISHINAABE WOMEN IN THE TERRITORY.**

ANITA COLLINS
SEINE RIVER

CATHERINE GREEN
SHOAL LAKE #40

MONA GORDON
LAC SEUL

PRISCILLA SIMARD
COUCHICHING

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MAMAWICHI-GABOWITAA-ININIWAG

MEN'S COUNCIL UPDATE

MAMAWICHI-GABOWITAA-ININIWAG
Treaty #5 Men's Council



THE MAMAWICHI-GABOWITAA-ININIWAG (MEN'S COUNCIL) WITHIN THE ANISHINAABE NATION OF TREATY #3 REPRESENTS THE NEEDS OF AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE ANISHINAABE MEN IN THE TERRITORY.

ANDREW JOHNSON
SEINE RIVER

DARYL REDSKY
SHOAL LAKE #40

NATHANIEL
COUNCILLOR
NAICATCHEWENIN

BILL PETIQUAN
WABAUSKANG

The Men's and Council remain involved in the work to implement Abinoojii inakonigewin. Members of the council have participated in the subworking group to discuss specific aspects of the Ombikiasowin Protectorate and how this needs to be structured within Abinoojii Inakongiewin.

The Men's Council project on Men's Healing has finished its first step with a foundational report conducted by contractors. This report will support the council, community stakeholders and GCT3 Staff in identifying what program needs exist for healing and addressing Men who batter women.

The Men's Council also has been supporting the development of Cancer awareness and survivorship videos. This awareness campaign is seeking to have Treaty #3 Voices provide information and education on cancers impacting Treaty #3.

If you are interested in sharing your story about cancer, please contact:
Shelley Skye at ahws@treaty3.ca or
Jordan Bertagnolli at jordan.bertagnolli@treaty3.ca

Grand Council Treaty #3 Band in partnership with Northwest Cancer Care

WE ARE LOOKING TO DEVELOP A CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE CANCER SCREENING AND EDUCATE ON CANCERS THAT DIRECTLY IMPACT TREATY #3 COMMUNITIES.

- Colorectal (male & female)
- Prostate Cancer
- Lung Cancer
- Cervical Cancer

WE WILL PROVIDE COMPENSATION FOR INDIVIDUALS SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR VIDEOS AND/OR POSTERS.

If you are interested please contact Shelley Skye - ahws@treaty3.ca or Jordan Bertagnolli - jordan.bertagnolli@treaty3.ca

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OFFICE OF THE OGICHIDAA POLITICAL DEPARTMENT UPDATE



OGICHIDAA FRANCIS KAVANAUGH

OFFICE OF THE OGICHIDAA

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT

As we have begun to return to regularly scheduled meetings, this fall is shaping up to be a busy one. The past 18 months of pandemic has left many issues without much action and now it is time to catch up on that work.

I was overjoyed to see so many people in our communities have a good summer and were able to get out to pow wows and ceremonies. Our time on the land has without a doubt provided many of us with a great relief from the constant emergency of the pandemic.

As our vaccination rate has reached a point where most of us can partake in community events in a safer manner, I am happy to see the community spirit return to our First Nations. I still encourage everyone who has not been vaccinated to consider doing so as soon as possible so that we may one day soon be able to remove the threat of this dangerous sickness from all of our communities.

With the reelection of the federal government and the upcoming provincial election in June of 2022, it is critical that we work to engage with our partners now that we can again begin meeting in person. Over the fall, we expect to be able to have a few of these critical in-person meetings to use the lessons learned during the pandemic to address the problems that have become apparent over the past two years.



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GITIZIMINAN ELDER'S COUNCIL



Our Elders remain integral to the operations of Grand Council Treaty #3 and the Office of the Ogichidaa. I consult with many of our gifted knowledge keepers on issues that come before us.

On behalf of addressing the needs of our communities, the Political Office is continuing support in the following areas;

- Planning the resumption of in-person meetings with government partners
- Ongoing efforts to find solutions for the status of the Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School site
- Hosting a two-day leadership and technical forum in November for in-depth discussion of subjects that need additional discussion from the Fall Assembly
- Complete the selection of the first LGBTQ2S+ Council at Grand Council Treaty #3
- Keeping movement on the Dibaajimowin Project (Treaty #3 Territorial Internet Connectivity) to see all Treaty #3 communities connected to fibre internet by 2024
- Review of the Treaty #3 Resource Revenue Sharing Agreement with the province of Ontario

On behalf of our Grand Council Treaty #3 team I would like to thank all of our citizens for working together to overcome the challenges that we have faced over the past two years.





GICHI OZHIBIGE OGAAMIC
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE



PROMOTING STAFF WELL-BEING

Everyone needs to have connection, decision making opportunities and a need for fun. Staff retreats and strategic planning sessions allow teams to review progress and create new goals. Taking time to talk one another allows us to learn new information better, feel more connected to one another as well as be more creative and gain a new perspective on an issue.

We all work hard and so it is important to take time to laugh.



GCT#3 STAFF HALLOWEEN PARTY



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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OFFICES



Grand Council Treaty#3 has offices in Kenora, Dryden, Fort Frances and the First Nations: Lac Seul, Wabaseemoong, Grassy Narrows and Nautkamegwanning.

Many of our staff had to work more from home in the last 18 months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the recent months with COVID vaccinations increasing, Grand Council Treaty #3 has been able to begin to return staff to their respective offices in a gradual basis. Returning to the office marks a “the return to normality” and an opportunity to socializing with their fellow staff and work collaboratively in person.

FINANCE

Boozhoo Anishinaabel!

Trusting everyone had a great summer. Hoping everyone is enjoying the colorful season of fall. At the finance office, we support everyone who walks into our office even if their visit is not finance related.

Covid has somewhat isolated us from the rest of the public and even our own colleagues. We are happy to learn that the Ontario government plans to loosen up the restriction and possibly be free of the restriction by end of March 2022. We would still prefer that everyone who visits the finance office remains at a social distance and wears a mask. Please ring a doorbell before entering into our small office, this will ensure that we have a safe space to accommodate your needs.

There is not much to share at this time. We are truly busy as always. We must apologize in advance if we take a little time to get back to you but normally within two business days if not right away.

As usual, we encourage our vendors, elders, youth and community members who expect payment from Grand Council Treaty #3 to sign up for EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer). We require complete banking information from the individual in order to send funds this way. We are unable to transfer funds via email.

The finance department is available during regular office hours of Monday – Friday, 9am – 4:30pm.

We can be reached the following ways:
Office Phone: 807-788-1406 Option 1
Somchit | Ph: 807-464-2000 | Email: accounting@treaty3.ca
Lori | Ph: 807-464-4488 | Email: finance@treaty3.ca



Finance office had an opportunity to do a presentation on the finance function at the Justice Staff Retreat on October 14th, 2021



GCT#3'S NEWBIES!

We would like to welcome our employees who have joined us and we trust that they will definitely bring the best contribution the organization needs.



Anneke Gillis

Health Intergovernmental Officer
Provincial Health



Archie Fisher

Abinoojii Inakonigiwin Youth Advocate
Social



Jasmine Nastiuk

Indian Residential School Support Worker
IRS



Sinthai Weese

Youth Intervention Worker
Justice

We hope you enjoy your stay and once again, welcome to the Grand Council Treaty #3 family.

Human Resources

The Human Resources Unit continues to provide ongoing support to all staff and the organization as required. The Human Resources Unit is available during regular office hours from Monday to Friday, 9am – 4:30pm.

Contact Information:

Oluyinka Leigh, Human Resources Manager

Phone: 807-464-5423 or 807-548-4214 EXT 241

Email: hr@treaty3.ca

In person visit: All covid-19 procedures must be observed.



Grand Council Treaty#3's Mentorship Program

Grand Council Treaty#3 offers yearly mentorship and summer student program and we do encourage all youths within the Treaty3 region to apply. This is an amazing opportunity to develop your talent and knowledge needed to succeed, have a successful career and contribute as much as possible to the organization and society. If interested, send a copy of your resume with three references to hr@treaty3.ca.



Health & Safety

Grand Council Treaty #3 has adopted COVID-19 Vaccination Policy to increase the protection and safety of our employees by reducing the transmission of COVID-19 within the workplace. Grand Council Treaty #3 is committed to protecting the health and safety of its employees, members and the public. An important part of continuing operations is employees returning in a safe and orderly manner. To ensure such safe return, a mandatory vaccination requirement has been implemented for all employees, students, volunteers, constituent council members and contractors. We are proud to inform you that majority of our staff members including the Grand Chief and Board of Directors are double vaccinated, the few yet to be double vaccinated will be getting their second dose this month.

All employees, students, volunteers, constituent council members and contractors must continue to use personal protective equipment on site at Grand Council Treaty #3's offices and events, regardless of being double vaccinated. This includes complying with infection prevention practices, such as handwashing and sanitizing, wearing a mask, and informing management if they experience any symptoms related to COVID-19.



Chair Person: David Lindsay | Vice Chair: Chrissy MacLeod | Management Rep: Oluyinka Leigh



HEALTH

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

GRAND COUNCIL TREATY #3 HEALTH COUNCIL

BOOZHOO - ANIIN!

The Health Department at Grand Council Treaty #3 has been busy throughout August, September and October. As the province continues to expand the re-opening and lift more restrictions we are able to bring people together with precautions.

Meetings and events throughout this period included work with First Nations across the province and Treaty # 3 Drug Task Force on substance use and opioid overdoses throughout the pandemic. Grand Council Treaty #3 is aware that there has been a sharp rise in overdose and increased use of substances within Treaty #3 communities. We also know that the data may not be accurate and will be working with the Chief Coroner on this issue. A First Nations report will be released in the near future along with data specific to Treaty #3.

Health has also had initial discussions with the Tribal Councils on Waste Water & COVID monitoring and surveillance-moving forward we are working on a gaps analysis with TPU and then we will bring together key partners to discuss next steps.

UPDATES

Mental Health continues to be a challenge for Treaty #3 communities. Initial response from Grand Council Treaty #3 has included one-time funding to support communities with Life promotion activities. We have also begun to tailor training to support this need – the plan will include ASIST Training; Safe Talk and Ask. We will also be providing training on Grief and Trauma.

Health staff are also focused on other key health issues impacting our communities – diabetes, cancer, kidney disease, Lyme disease, TB, STBBI and blastomycosis. We have a number of research projects underway, a diabetes strategic plan; along with key initiatives to support communities within Treaty #3 on these issues.

The Health Department continues to meet with Health Council on a regular basis and has recently completed some work with Community Health Directors, Regional health organizations and Social Chiefs on the development of a Strategic plan.



YOUTH COORDINATOR

Funding allocations were distributed to the 12 First Nation schools from the Mental Health Funding.

Suicide Prevention Funding was sent to 23 First Nation communities. Activities that monies distributed to be carried out are as follows:

- Support on Suicide Prevention and Life promotion activities
- Suicide Response Training
- Traditional Teachings & Ceremonies
- Land-Based Learning and Healing.
- Youth Engagement / Planning

Grand Council Treaty#3 supported Naotkamegwanning Youth with a donation of skateboards in the promotion of physical activity and empowering resilience in mental health.

Grand Council Treaty#3 is planning more value-added professional training for community workers and youth for this physical year.

NEW STAFF INTRODUCTION

"Hello. My name is Anneke Gillis. October 2021, I became part of GCT#3 Health team as Health Intergovernmental Officer. For the past six years I have had the opportunity of working within partnerships in health related fields in the Kenora area. I am passionate about the work ahead. When not working, I spend a lot of time gardening and cooking and I love to be outdoors canoeing, hiking, skiing and swimming with my family and dogs. My husband and I spend as much time out on the lake whether frozen or not. Treaty 3 territory is filled with beauty and wonder and I look forward to honouring and serving the members in a good way."

Anneke Gillis
Health Intergovernmental Officer
Grand Council Treaty #3
Mobile: 807-464-3367



JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE

Jordan's Principle will be hosting an upcoming session to bring all community navigators together to share, listen and support one another. Service Providers will also be invited to attend. At the recent Special Chiefs meeting held in October at Couchiching First Nation the Treaty#3 Chiefs passed a resolution in relation to Jordan's Principle. The resolution directed that

The Treaty #3 Chiefs will further support Community navigators and regional supports in their work to raise awareness to the availability of Jordan's Principle, in the filing of applications to Indigenous Services Canada, and to advocate for the rights of the child, as the need for Jordan's Principle services are continuous in the Treaty #3 and The Treaty #3 leadership directs the Treaty #3 health staff and Social Chiefs to host Treaty #3 wide dialogue on the current status of Jordan's Principle accessibility and programs in the area; and that Treaty #3 leadership directs the Social Chiefs and Health technicians and organizations to engage with Indigenous Services Canada and advocate to ensure that the needs of children, families, and regional service providers are incorporated into the renewal process.





RECONNECTING TO OURSELVES YOUTH GATHERING 2021 WAUZHUSHK ONIGUM FIRST NATION



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INDIGENOUS SYSTEMS COORDINATOR

Ontario launched the **Roadmap to Wellness: A Plan to build a better Mental Health and Addictions System** with the new Mental Health and Addictions Centre of Excellence.

Breaking Free Online - Substance Use online tool:

The Ministry of Health provided funding to Ontario Health to secure Breaking Free Online a digital self-management solution for Substance Use Disorder on a provincial wide scale.

Breaking Free Online is a **free online support tool** available to people who struggle with substance misuse.

To create an account, all clients need to do is:

Visit www.breakingfreeonline.ca

DIBAAJIMOWIN PROJECT

The Grand Council Treaty #3 Territorial Internet Connectivity (GCT3-TIC) project has a new name. Asemaa and gifts were offered to Elder Steven Kejick in his Roundhouse at Iskatewizaagegan First Nation with a request to talk about naming the GCT3 connectivity infrastructure project. Elder Kejick gave the name Dibaajimowin to the project on September 21, 2021.

Funding commitments from the governments of Ontario and Canada were received in late July 2021 and efforts are ongoing towards finalizing the funding agreements so work can begin.

Community discussion and knowledge sessions to guide and direct the project will begin soon in the participating communities.

PAST & UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS

- Two Health Council Meetings have been hosted that included Health Directors from Treaty #3 communities, Social Chiefs Committee and Regional Organizations on Sept 14th & 15th in Winnipeg and October 19th & 20th in Fort Frances.
- Health Department in collaboration with Territorial Planning Unit is also hosting Youth Gathering November 24th-26th, 2021 in Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation for ages 16-29. This gathering will teach youth about the importance of health and the environment and how both topics relate to the medicine wheel and 7 grand father teachings.
- ASIST Training was held on October 14 - 15th through the Professional Development Funding. Training is geared for community-based workers, first responders, teachers, and youth. A Second session of the ASIST will be held on November 29-30 2021.
- Winter Games 2021-2022 - February 21, 2022, to March 4, 2021. Games will be hosted in 11 First Nation schools. Expecting 300 students from JK-high school. Costs will be covered by Grand Council and each school with YLP funding.



Treaty #3 Welcomes Cindy Blackstock

The Abinoojii Inakonigwein work continues with the most recent event with Cindy Blackstock on October 5, 2021 in Couchiching First Nation. Members of Treaty #3 Nation and Leadership were in attendance as well as members from the Executive Councils of Grand Council Treaty #3.

Grand Council would like to thank Theresa Stevens for all her dedicated work on AI and bringing Cindy Blackstock to Treaty #3.

Cindy Blackstock is the Executive Director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society and a well-known advocate for equity in Indigenous Child Welfare. Cindy spoke about Bill C-92 and Jordan's Principle.

The session also provided an opportunity for First Nations to present on the work they have undertaken on the community codes.

Special thanks to Adolphus Cameron, Larry Jourdain, Chief Cobiness, and Carrie Atatise - Norwegian on their presentations.



The Fort Frances Lakers dedicated their time to assist in the set up for the Cindy Blackstock event.





MMIWG

A ceremony of healing for the families, survivors and those impacted by the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Crisis was held in October, by the lake in Fort Frances, Ontario. The ceremony was to bless the work being done, specifically the designing of the Responding to the Crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Information Resources Bundle and the work going forward.

Presentations have been delivered to School Boards across the territory touching on the subject of MMIWG, the Zahgidiwin Campaign and decolonizing mental health practices. Workshops in partnership with Treaty Three Police have also been delivered to youth, across the territory regarding safety, consent and body positivity.

Over 4000 surveys have been conducted in the territory on types of violence, services available, access to resources and those services, specifically the connection to reach help if needed (internet and phone services within communities). These surveys will help in data collection to work towards mitigating the service gaps to keep Indigenous Women and Girls safe.

Online classes, as well as in person engagements are continuing to take place to give families, women, girls and those impacted an inclusive safe space to do things that are beneficial to their mental health.

The Social Department of Grand Council Treaty #3 strives to promote education, advocacy, and awareness on a grassroots level in the Anishinaabe Nation of Treaty #3. Everything we do, has to be done in a good way, a respectable way, with the families, the survivors, and those impacted in our hearts, and to keep the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls at the forefront of discussion, to hopefully one day eliminate the victimization of Indigenous Women and Girls.





SOCIAL UPDATES

The women's council has been attending engagements to converse with community members on MMIWG and AI.

The YEC has also been in attendance for social engagement sessions for a meet and greet with the youth of the communities.

The men's council has been working toward the delivery of a mens traditional healing pilot project relating to domestic violence, sexual violence and men's mental, emotional and spiritual health.



SOCIAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS





EDUCATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

*Harvey Redsky Memorial School
Photo credit/Kara Redsky*



TREATY 3 EDUCATION UNIT

EDUCATION GATHERING 2021

An Education Gathering was held August 24-27, 2021. A gathering was held of the education directors in Winnipeg at the Clarion Hotel for the first in-person gathering since the pandemic began. It was great to be together and have focused discussions on various education topics.

August 24-25, 2021 focused on a forum for the Education Partnerships Project – Partnership Advancement which consists of 18 First Nation communities that signed the Memorandum of Understanding with Indigenous Services Canada, Ministry of Education and Grand Council Treaty #3. Topics that were covered included: Joint Action Plan review; 2021-22 workplan review; education sector training needs; structural processes; language discussions on certification, curriculum and equity; pandemic impacts on students and schools; traditional knowledge and challenges communities are experiencing with education services to their members.

August 26-27, 2021 days focused on First Nation Lifelong Learning Table updates, presentations and feedback sessions from FNLLT Consultants Morning Star Tom, Eleanor Skead and Sherry Moreau. A presentation from SayITFirst by Mark Parkhill provided an update on Anishinaabemowin language resource development included demonstrations of utilizing technology in language transmission. Discussions were also held about post-secondary, assessments, student supports, student adversities, trades and IT support challenges.

- EDUCATION GATHERING
- FIRST NATION LIFELONG LEARNING TABLE
- TREATIES AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 1-7, 2021



FIRST NATIONS LIFELONG LEARNING TABLE

ACTIVITIES

First Nations Lifelong Learning project activities included: surveys to find out needs of communities with school board relationships, curriculum, policy, language and culture; traditional knowledge and land-based learning interest areas; as well as, student mental health and well-being. Two Anishinaabe land-based video resources were created that have elders sharing teachings in Anishinaabemowin. One video focuses on bees and the medicine we receive through them. Oji-Bee Honey was involved through Willow and Colt Crow as beekeepers sharing knowledge and work they do with bees. Elders in the video are Steven Kejick and Phyllis Shaugabay who share life and medicine teachings about bees, bee hives and honey. The other video focuses on the importance of water and our responsibilities to care for our earth. Vernon Copenace and Agnes Kabatay share knowledge about water teachings and our responsibilities to care for our earth, water, fire and air. Another FNLLT activity was to help enhance community language resources. Anishinaabemowin language resources from Seven Generations Education Institute were acquired and will be distributed to First Nation communities.

Through the FNLLT program 150+ training opportunities were created that were geared toward parents, caregivers, education supports and student mental health support systems. The focus of training was to help build knowledge and skills to support students dealing with mental health issues and strengthening their support systems. Training topics were: Enhancing Parenting Capacity, Parenting with Emotional Intelligence, Mental Health Concerns in Children and Youth, Mental Health First Aid Supporting Youth, Wilderness First Aid, Anxiety in Children and Youth, Autism, Challenging Behaviours in Children and Youth, De-escalating potentially violent situations, Self-Injury Behaviour in Youth, Walking with Grief, Play Therapy and Wellness Strategies. It was a great opportunity to help student support systems increase their knowledge and comfort in dealing with mental health of children and youth.

SURVEYS



The Education Unit conducted surveys on

- Language and Culture
- Policy, Curriculum and School Relationships
- Student Mental Health

There were a total of 280 surveys submitted combined for all 3 surveys from members of Treaty #3 territory.

All participants had a chance at (9) gift cards of their choice. Winners were then selected using the Wheelofnames.com app.

Draw was done on October 12, 2021 and all winners have been contacted. Miigwech to all who participated.





TREATIES AWARENESS WEEK: NOVEMBER 1-7, 2021

The Grand Council Treaty #3 existed in the territory of the Anishinaabe Nation, key to Canadian Confederation in that the British wanted to plan a route between Fort Garry and Fort William (now Winnipeg, MB and Thunder Bay, ON respectively).

Grand Council Treaty #3 was planned to be the first post-Confederation treaty, but the Anishinaabe held firm that they would not cede lands, nor allow farming or settlement, in their territory. On October 3, 1873, the 55,000 square miles of territory agreed to be shared between the Anishinaabe and the British. The Chiefs negotiated, among other things, that British “business” would be allowed within the entire territory, and that both the land and resources would be shared between Anishinaabe and the British as “brothers.”

More information found on our website: www.gct3.ca

TREATY #3 SIGNING

Treaty #3 was signed by our ancestors using their mark on the treaty:

KEE-TA-KAY-PI-NAIS (Rainy River)

NOTE-NA-QUA-HUNG (North-West Angle)

POW-WA-SANG (North-West Angle)

(North-West Angle)

MAY-NO-WAH-TAW-WAYS-KUNG (North-West Angle)

SAH-KATCH-EWAY(Lake Seul)

ME-KIE-SIES (Rainy Lake, Fort Frances)

WAH-SHIS-KOUCE (Eagle Lake)

GO-BAY (Rainy Lake)

NEE-SHO-TAL (Rainy River)

SHA-SHA-GAUCE (Shoal Lake)

AY-ASH-A-WASH (Buffalo Point)

KAH-TAY-TAY-PA-O-CUTCH (Lake of the Woods)

KITCHI-GAY-KAKE (Rainy River)

MAWE-DO-PE-NAIS (Rainy River)

CANDA-COM-IGO-WI-NINE

KITCHI-NE-KA-BE-HAN(Rainy River)

MUKA-DAY-WAH-SIN (Kettle Falls)

OOS-CON-NA-GEISH(Rainy Lake)

KAH-KEE-Y-ASH (Flower Lake)

KA-ME-TI-ASH (White Fish Lake)

KEE-JE-GO-KAY (Rainy River)

SHAH-WIN-NA-BI-NAIS (Shoal Lake)

PAY-AH-BEE-WASH (White Fish Bay)

ADHESION BY HALFBREEDS OF RAINY RIVER AND LAKE (A.) ADHESION OF LAC SEUL INDIANS TO TREATY No. 3, June 9, 1874: ACKEMENCE, MAINEETAINEQUIRE, NAH-KEE-JECKWAHE

Our treaty holds great importance to us in the present and for the future generations of our Anishinaabe people. We must encourage our young people to know about and protect their treaty rights to be carried into the future for the coming generations.

Future Education Unit Events:

MNP was contracted to provide information sessions and a draft framework on Regional Education Agreements with future sessions being planned. A Traditional Knowledge Gathering, Youth & Elder Gathering, Career Symposium, Science & Technology Forum, Post-Secondary Engagement sessions and many more activities forthcoming! Stay tuned to our website and social media pages for updates.

HARVEY REDSKY MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Congratulations to Shoal Lake #40 First Nation on the opening of their new school Harvey Redsky Memorial school which officially opened on September 7, 2021



SAGKEENG ANICINABE SCHOOL ELEMENTARY

Congratulations to Sagkeeng First Nation on the grand opening of Sakgeeng Anicinabe School Elementary



Photo credit: Southern Chiefs Organization facebook page posted on October 28, 2021





TREATY #3 INVESTMENT GROUP ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT UPDATE

GRAND COUNCIL TREATY #3
INVESTMENT GROUP



TREATY #3 INVESTMENT GROUP DEVELOPS
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND INVESTMENTS TO
GENERATE WEALTH FOR TREATY 3 SHAREHOLDERS.

VALUES

RESPECT AND ACCOUNTABILITY
TRUTH AND TRANSPARENCY
HUMILITY AND WISDOM
HONESTY AND INTEGRITY
LOVE AND COURAGE

The Treaty #3 Investment Group (T3IG) held a inaugural meeting on Friday, September 24th, 2021 on Agency 1 lands in Fort Frances. The meeting had an opening ceremony which was conducted by Elder Langford Ogemah of Wauzhushk Onigum Nation and Josephine Potson of Seine River. The Grand Council Treaty #3 Economic Chiefs Committee held a joint meeting with the Board of Directors to discuss the strategic plan and investment policy. The meeting opened with comments relayed by Ogichidaa Francis Kavanaugh.

The T3IG Board of Directors met to select the Executive of the Board, the results of which are;

Jim Leonard, Rainy River First Nations, President
Cynthia Jourdain, Couchiching, Vice-President
Geraldine Cameron, Wabauskang, Secretary-Treasurer

In terms of input by the Board of Directors regarding the Investment Policy, members provided a path for further enhancement of the framework for future business opportunities and recommended that Treaty #3 not restrict itself to opportunities within the Nation. There will be a posting for a new director as one member has declined the offer to participate.

The next steps include the Treaty #3 Investment Group Board of Directors formally adopting the T3IG Strategic Plan, T3IG Investment Policy and conducting an interview process for banking/investment services.



HOUSING

- Clear Direction has completed a preliminary report of findings with respect to housing in Grand Council Treaty #3 and will be facilitating meetings with regions to discuss the findings and chart a path forward on the housing strategy.
- One area of concern that has been identified is the need to accumulate data to support the submission for a Treaty #3 led process on behalf
- Rylan and Kelly continue their engagement with First Nations throughout Treaty #3 as Rylan has traveled to a number of First Nations to gather data and speak with leadership/technicians to discuss their preliminary report to technicians, leadership and citizens of the Nation.
- Clear Direction is also looking to hold a number of sessions with Leadership and Technicians over the upcoming weeks to discuss the National First Nations Housing Strategy. This refers to a National First Nation Housing Survey that Assembly of First Nations (AFN) that was initiated by the Assembly of First Nations with two major themes being “Care and Control of housing” and “What housing means to individual First Nations”
- We met with Clear Direction and Ian Craven, Ian Frank, MNP to go over the requirements for the business case and what data will be unitized to support the work for housing. We discussed other models that have been utilized nationally amongst Indigenous groups and the Economic benefits of Treaty #3 Housing strategy. Clear Direction and MNP will be working collaboratively on the business case and more data will be available as additional community visits continue.



DIBAAJIMOWIN PROJECT (TERRITORIAL INTERNET CONNECTIVITY PROJECT)

The Economic Chiefs Committee continues to collaborate with the Social Chiefs Committee to support the implementation of the Dibaajimowin Project. We have begun discussions with both levels of governments and Bell Canada to ensure the timely completion of upgrading fibre technology in Treaty #3 and thirteen (13) municipalities in our region. It is our anticipation that work on this project will begin in Spring 2022.



Zhaagimaa Waabo



TERRITORIAL PLANNING UNIT DEPARTMENT UPDATE



Find us on 

A WORD FROM OUR DEPARTMENT:

After the hot and dry summer we had we are excited by the smell and feel of rain again! Over the summer, the TPU has been busy, We've been traveling throughout the Territory setting up pop up tents for climate change and energy surveys, policy and regulatory initiatives and speaking with elders and knowledge keepers about Manito Aki Inakonigaawin and the Nibi Declaration.

Our CBM program has been out with youth and communities to do water testing, while our Emergency Department has been hard at work throughout one of the toughest fire seasons we have seen. Needless to say, after the hot and dry summer we had, we are excited to see the rain and the cooler temperatures rolling in for fall!

As students head back to school, we want to wish them good luck! We are looking forward to continuing to be able to meet in person and return to what we would call normal.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us for anything and if you are interested in any of our open job positions, as we are always accepting resumes to our growing team!



TERRITORIAL PLANNING UNIT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- TREATY #3 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING CO-OP PLACEMENT
- VIRTUAL TRAPPING PROGRAM COORDINATOR

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE GRAND COUNCIL TREATY #3 WEBSITE - WWW.GCT3.CA



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The GOVERNMENT OF THE ANISHINAABE NATION in Treaty #3



LAKE OF THE WOODS PROPOSED CHANGES TO WALLEYE FISHERIES

On October 27, 2021 Niisaachewan First Nation hosted GCT3 and MNRF for a hybrid virtual and in person meeting on the proposed changes to the Lake of the Woods Walleye Fishery. In Ontario, Lake of the Woods is the #1 recreational fishery, roughly being an \$111 million dollar industry. There are 11 First Nations on Lake of the Woods with roughly a \$1 Million dollar commercial fishery industry overall. As an international body of water there are many tourists, outfitters and local fisherman with Walleye being the #1 target for sport fishing. In order to preserve the fishery for future generations an Advisory Council was formed to meet with MNRF and provide input on behalf of a diverse representation of people on Lake of the Woods. The Advisory Council is solely focused on the stressed walleye population and the current preferred options for changes are listed below. The changes will be posted online for public comment for 60 days on December 1, 2021. These changes will look to take effect January 1, 2023.

Preferred Option for changes:

Daily limit:

Sport fishing – 2 fish

- Must be under 43 cm (17 inches)
- One fish over 70 cm (27.5 inches)

Conservation

- 1 fish
- Must be under 43 cm (17 inches)

Possession limit:

Sport fishing – 4 fish

- Must be under 43 cm (17 inches)
- 1 fish over 70 cm (27.5 inches)

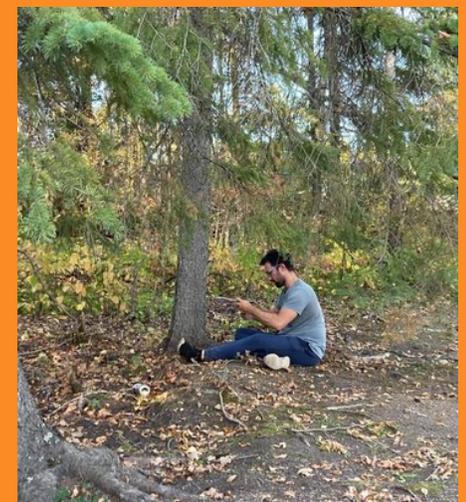
Conservation – 2 fish

- Must be under 43 cm (17 inches)



TPU STAFF RETREAT

This fall as COVID restrictions lifted the TPU had their annual staff retreat at Totem Lodge Resort in Sioux Narrows, ON. The team worked with ICSOS Inc, which is ran by Veteran soldier, Dave MacDonald to learn various survival techniques. This included building a fire out of supplies only found in nature and building our own snares. The TPU also learned about different ways to send out rescue signals and first aid techniques. We were also able to squeeze in some fishing and a team fish fry the following day.





CANADIAN NUCLEAR SAFETY COMMISSION

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC), is looking for feedback on the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) annual Regulatory Oversight Report (ROR). CNSC has given funding to various First Nation communities and organizations to review and host engagement sessions in regards to the ROR.

Primary objectives of the engagement sessions were:

- Increase awareness and understanding of the ROR
- Gather feedback that incorporated Treaty #3 rights and values in the ROR
- Answer any questions in regards to the ROR

Grand Council Treaty #3 hosted two engagement sessions with member First Nation communities to review the Regulatory Oversight Report and provide comments back to the Commission in regards to Whiteshell Laboratories decommissioning located in Treaty #3 territory.

Community members from across the territory were invited to join the sessions. In the engagement sessions, we presented key information about the regulatory oversight report. The engagement session attendees were asked a variety of questions rooted in Anishinaabe Inakoningaawin (law) and how it relates to the report itself. The questions were based around Manito Aki Inakonigaawin (MAI) principles such as:

- Anishinaabe rights (inherent and treaty rights, right to be healthy, right to have healthy environment)
- Anishinaabe responsibilities (care for the land, educate all generations)
- Reciprocity with Mother Earth (living in mutuality)
- Respect to all beings (extending to mother earth, animals, plants, traditional ceremony, offerings)

A report combining feedback was submitted to CNSC for review. We will be hosting an information session in regards to the transportation of nuclear waste and in regards to NWMO phases in the next few months.



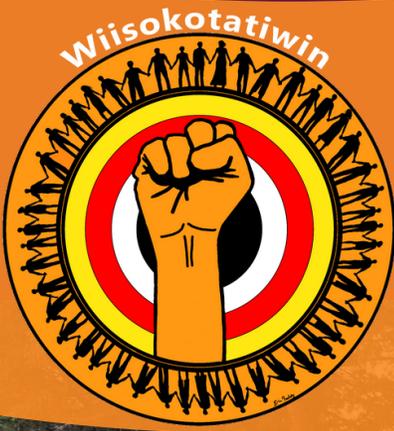
TREATY #3 NIBI WALK (KENORA & FORT FRANCES)

On October 27, the TPU held their bi-annual Nibi Walk both in Kenora and in Fort Frances. With the guidance of local Elders, traditional knowledge keepers, and drummers; Nibi teachings, stories and songs were shared with those who braved the cold wet weather. Ceremonies were conducted to honour Nibi in our continuing journey to protect, love and respect Nibi. Lunch was provided for all who came out to show their support. These ceremonies will continue take place every Spring and Fall, to help bring awareness of the Treaty #3 Nibi declaration and to honour Nibi. They are open to anyone interested. Nibi unites us, and we all have a sacred relationship and connection with Nibi.

TPU ENERGY PROGRAM

For the past few months, the TPU Energy program has been conducting Energy surveys, online and in-person, to the surrounding Treaty #3 communities, to gather information on identifying current energy patterns and behaviour to assist with the development of a Treaty #3 Energy Plan. With the surveys complete, regional engagement sessions are now being planned to further educate participants on building organizational and community energy capacity to teach about energy efficiency, identifying new energy projects and partnerships in finding and securing new energy, and gather further feedback in creating an initial energy framework to help in addressing community energy needs. In addition, and in partnership with the Indigenous Clean Energy (ICE), a series of energy webinars are being designed to educate Treaty #3 participants on how to implement house hold energy efficiency measures, sustainable energy practices and energy conservation for a home environment, and how they can participate further with TPU and ICE energy initiatives.





INDIAN RESIDENTIAL & DAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT UPDATE



"WIISOKOTAATIWIIN MEANS TO WORK AND STAND TOGETHER. AS OUR ANCESTORS HAVE DONE SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL- THE LEADERS AND ELDERS WOULD SIT TOGETHER AND SMOKE THEIR PIPES AND OFFER ASEMAK, FOOD AND PRAYER TO BE GIVEN A GOOD LIFE FOR ALL. MINOBIMADASEWIIN."



INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL & INDIAN DAY SCHOOL

NEXT STEPS FOR IRS/IDS PROGRAM:

- Initiate and develop the education curriculum. We need to encourage the youth and Elders in having decolonizing mental health practices within the historical context and colonial mindset.
- Create and deliver workshops for mental health and cultural workers on Colonial Traumas
- Continue to acknowledgment and validation of the IR legacy: Intergenerational Impacts through Gatherings and events.

The Commemoration Report of 2021 and the TRC's booklets are available if needed. It is a collective responsibility of all Canadians to implement the 94 calls to action from the TRC recommendations. The Missing children and unmarked burials in the truth and reconciliation booklet provides information for Engagement Calls to Action 73-76.

IDS CLAIMS/APPLICATION REMINDER

Just a reminder to all IDSS/IRSS people of the Treaty #3 area. We are coming into the last year to submit your IDS claims/applications. July 13, 2022, is the deadline. As you do your applications please do not forget, you must provide any form of identification, for example it could be a driver's license, along with your registered Indian Status Card, which is your treaty card of your respective band.



INDIAN RESIDENTIAL & INDIAN DAY SCHOOL

UPDATED NEWS

Since the findings of unmarked graves of children in Kamloops, the continued work that needs to be implemented is the 94 calls to Action (CTA). An important part of this work includes addressing four CTA's (73-76) that relate to the tragic loss of children who had died or went missing while attending the Residential Schools. The Ogichida and the Chiefs and Council are working on this portfolio. We continue to redress the legacy of the Indian Residential Schools and are working with the IRSS and their families.

NOTICE PROGRAM AND DISPOSITION OF IAP AND ADR RECORDS TO IRSS

Claimants may wish to request copies of their IAP or ADR records, to keep or to share as they choose. Those who wish to preserve their records for history may choose to share them with National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR). To share their records with the NCTR, claimants must complete a consent form. The consent form is available on the www.MyRecordsMyChoice.ca website. Claimants who aren't sure whether they want to share their records can request a copy of their records from the Indian Residential Schools Adjudication Secretariat to review before they make a decision.

To request a copy of their records they can contact the IAP Information toll-free at 1-877-635-2648 or visit www.MyRecordsMyChoice.ca

WITNESS STORIES FROM OCTOBER 23RD GATHERING FOR "CHANIE WENJACK" MEMORIAL

Cecilia Jeffrey IRSS - Valerie Green-Wood

It was good to finally meet Chanie's sisters, Pearl, Daisy, Evelyn, Annie and Chanie's other family members on Saturday in Kenora at the Memorial held for their little brother, Chanie. I had not seen them since they all left the school in 1966 to finally go home to their parents who would not let them return to CJ IRS after the death of their little brother Chanie. I often wondered about them and how they were doing in the aftermath. In the long past, Chanie's fellow students/cohorts only knew Chanie only as Charlie Wenjack. Chanie never corrected us for using that name. Most cohorts still call him Charlie. I still do. The stories told in the sharing circle shed light on the chain of events leading up to and after Chanie's death on that fateful day of October 23, 1966. The sisters' and family needed to hear firsthand cohort testimonies and information leading up to Chanie's death. And vice versa, the cohorts needed to hear from the family their testimonies about what happened and what they knew and had to endure. As a child in CJ IRS in that fateful year of 1966, many questions never answered around Charlie's death lasted into adulthood. At last, lingering questions, many answers and much healing has been created at this Chanie Wenjack Memorial. Written by F. Valerie Wood (Green) October 25, 2021



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MEET THE IRS/IDS TEAM!

Delores Kelly, Coordinator/Manager - Kenora Office

"Boozhoo! I was hired on as a Resolution Health Support worker (RHSW) on November 8th 2010. I held that position till April 2018, then I became the Cultural Coordinator/ Manager. I am a 3rd generation IRSS and it has "gifted" me with great understanding, kindness, compassion and life skills to be there for the people of Treaty 3. I just earned my Bachelor of Arts degree which I'm very proud of because I have no formal education. I enjoy reading, reading and reading. In working in this field with the IRSS and their families it can be demanding and challenging but rewarding and healing because I am sitting with people who are traumatized but are seeking assistance to be directed onto the Healing journey of their choice. "

Jasmine Nastiuk, IRS/IDS Health Support Worker - Fort Frances Office

Newest Addition to the IRS/IDS team

"Boozhoo. My name is Jasmine Nastiuk and I am from Couchiching First Nation. I currently reside in Fort Frances with my two sons. On my free time I enjoy being outside and spending time with friends and family. I went to school for Indigenous Wellness and Addictions Prevention at Seven Generations Education Institute and graduated in 2010. Since then I have worked for Indigenous organizations in my area. I have experienced the intergenerational trauma from residential school in my own family as my grandmother is a survivor. I am excited to start doing the work and helping our people on their journey to wellness."

Hazel Merrick, Indian Day School Support Worker (IDS) - Kenora Office

My name is Hazel Merrick and I have 2 wonderful sons and 3 beautiful grandchildren. I'm a 60's Scoop and Indian Day School survivor. I love reading books and hope to write one in the not too distant future. I used to go to the gym but with covid I have not gone in over a year. Having said that I do plan on incorporating daily exercise routines into my home schedule. I am a super recycler from more than 30 years ago as I really love Mother Earth. I'm hooked on home renovation shows and Ru Paul Drag Race as they are real life shows that bring positivity to people's lives. Working for Grand Council Treaty 3 has taught me about the culture that was taken from us, and it is so wonderful to meet elders and members of the 28 communities we serve.

Donald Kelly, RHSW - Kenora Office

Poozhoo niichanishinaabewitoog, nidinawemaaginitoog, my name is Don and I work for the IRS/IDS unit here at Grand Council Treaty3. I love to teach the Anishinaabe language and do the orthography, of the language. I think the cultural aspect of any language is important and vital for the sole purpose of survival and hearing our anishinaabemowin, too few are speaking and understanding. I like golfing, not too good at it , but I love trying. I also love fishing and singing songs of the Anishinaabe. My life consists of my children, grandchildren and great-grand children, and my beautiful Mrs. Who by the way, is the boss. I love to help, however way I am needed, be it applications for the IDS/IRS or to just to have a coffee, visit and listen, I'll be there, I like that. Aanwasa, pamaa miinawa ingoding, Don



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KAKEWAASEYA JUSTICE SERVICES

DEPARTMENT UPDATE



KAKEWAASEYA MEANS “GOOD PATH” AND IT GIVES DIRECTION TO THE MANY PROGRAMS OPERATING UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE GRAND COUNCIL TREATY #3 JUSTICE PORTFOLIO:

- COMMUNITY JUSTICE
- YOUTH REINTEGRATION
- YOUTH INTERVENTION
- YOUTH TRANSITION
- INDIGENOUS BAIL VERIFICATION & SUPERVISION
- GLADUE SERVICES
- INDIGENOUS SUPPORT NETWORK
- INDIGENOUS JUSTICE LIAISON
- ANTI-RACISM

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR PROGRAMS:
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KAKEWAASEYA JUSTICE SERVICES

JUSTICE DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE, ARTHUR HUMINUK

With the lifting of COVID restrictions, Kaakewaaseya was finally able to hold a strategic planning and training session in Winnipeg, Manitoba, following our last meeting in March 2019. With the Ogichidaa, Cultural Chiefs and staff, we were able to address the necessity of communication and collaboration in order to provide Justice programs to the community members of Treaty #3. Additionally, we had the opportunity to provide attendees with training on vicarious trauma and wellness exercises through ZOOM, courtesy of Linda Dano-Chartrand, Angie Cote, and Sheldon Cote.



In other news, Kaakewaaseya Justice Services is pleased to announce that Heritage Canada has funded two anti-racism positions for two years. In accordance with Treaty #3, these coordinators will hold workshops with youth in schools and community members. They will also provide anti-racism training to the judiciary, court services, crowns, defence lawyers, probation officers, and police officers. It is critical to comprehend not only how the court functions under the current paradigm, but also how Treaty #3 leadership envisions a traditional system being implemented for our communities and community members.





KAKEWAASEYA JUSTICE SERVICES

COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEWS

Kaakewaaseya Justice Strategic Plan & Retreat 2021

"Kaakewaaseya Hinaabida"

Oct 14 & 15: The justice department held its strategic planning in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in the acknowledged Treaty #1 territories of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Dakota, Dene, Métis, and Oji-Cree Nations. The meeting's objective was to gain a better understanding of how communication enhances Kaakewaaseya Justice Services programs to better serve T3 communities more effectively.



Community Week of Healing and Reconciliation

"Learning together brings healing together"

Sept 27 - Oct 01: Kaakewaaseya Justice Services joined other Community groups to honour truth, reconciliation and healing. Justice staff attended the Community Resources Fair to share information about the services provided by the department to its T3 members. The COMMUNITY Week of Healing and Reconciliation coincides with the nationally recognized holiday for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30. Everyone, regardless of background, age, or profession, was encouraged to take part in the week-long events.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, New Hires!

We welcome our new staff from our dynamic justice department:

- Alison Napish, Indigenous Support Network Coordinator.

New Dryden Office

We are pleased to announce that we have located a new satellite office for our Dryden staff. More details will be included in the following newsletter!

Open Positions in the Justice Department

- Anti-Racism Workers
- Location: Kenora & Fort Frances
- Youth Reintegration Worker
- Location: Grassy Narrows

For More Information

Contact:

- Oluyinka Leigh, Human Resource Manager
- Email: hr@treaty3.ca

Ontario Court Updates

All existing court matters are remanded until later dates. The courts the justice partners have developed creative new ways to provide access to justice. See Ontario Court of Justice for essential updates on Message re COVID-19 (Updated August 3, 2021) at www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/





COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEWS

Tour of KCA Strecker Farm

Aug 31: Staff from the justice team went on a tour of the KCA property on Strecker Road. The intention behind this space is to offer land-based programming throughout the year, changing by season.

Community Justice

Community Justice Centre Update: Wanda Marshall, CJC Coordinator

The Centre will open one day a week. Community partners will provide services to the youth. Elders, LGBTQ2S+, and people with lived experience will continue to be consulted. The MAG Crown in charge of coordinating services requested an intake form to gain a better understanding of how we view our clients. I am interested in scheduling a tour of 33 Main St. following the completion of renovations. Justice receives a growing number of referrals, both before and following a charge. Many zoom court dates have been missed/ postponed. In the last year, our program has completed a few circles. Despite our best efforts to engage clients one-on-one, a backlog has developed. Many circles have to be coordinated and completed across T3 territory.

Connecting to Culture Through Sewing

Elder Evelyn Finlayson helped youth reconnect with their culture by teaching them how to sew regalia at our satellite office on 100 Park Street, Kenora, ON. The program hopes to further do so and strengthen the bond of community within the youth.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: YOUTH JUSTICE INITIATIVES

Our Youth Justice Initiatives provide a wide range of community-based justice programmes that offer alternatives to mainstream justice processes in appropriate circumstances to Treaty #3 youth who are in conflict with the law. Our services include: Referrals, screening, assessment of cases, healing circles/plans, training and land based programming. Contact us for more information.

Youth Workers

Kenora

- Michael King, Youth Transition Coordinator | michael.king@treaty3.ca

Lac Seul

- David Sanderson, Youth Reintegration Worker | david.sanderson@treaty3.ca

Wabaseemoong

- Bruce Henry, Youth Reintegration Worker | bruce.henry@treaty3.ca

Naotkamegwanning

- Thomas White Jr., Youth Reintegration Worker | Thomas.WhiteJr@treaty3.ca

Grassy Narrows

- Youth Reintegration Position Available



TREATY & ABORIGINAL RIGHTS RESEARCH

DEPARTMENT UPDATE



TREATY & ABORIGINAL RIGHTS RESEARCH

INTRODUCTION



Boozhoo Anishinaabeg! My name is Larry Morrison, Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Research (TARR) Specialist for Grand Council Treaty #3. TARR program currently is working with 14 Treaty #3 First Nations within our territory on 47 claims at various stages in the Specific Claims process.



Authorization by Band Council Resolutions are submitted by Treaty #3 First Nations to Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Research to conduct research on behalf of the member First Nation. TARR undertakes and reports the research to member First Nations behalf until the claim is validated/accepted for negotiations.

Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Research (TARR) is responsible for undertaking and completing historical and legal research for specific claims of Grand Council Treaty # 3 member First Nations, that formally request it.

Historical information is gathered for a specific claim in drafting a statement of Historical Facts and Index. Legal counsel prepares a Statement of claim. Documents are collected and the submission is made by the First Nation to Canada.



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SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY – OCTOBER 6-7, 2021 – SOUTHWIND PRESENTATION

On July 19th the Supreme Court of Canada released the Southwind Decision which deals with compensation for First Nations for the unlawful taking of reserve lands. This decision has major implications for First Nations across Canada. The Supreme Court held that Canada breached its fiduciary obligations to Lac Seul First Nation. This case was sent back to trial for equitable compensation owed to them. It also included the lost opportunity to negotiate an agreement reflecting the value of the land for the hydroelectricity project.

Background information included:

- 11,000 acres of Lac Seul's reserve lands in Treaty 3 flooded the construction of a hydroelectric dam
- Prior to flooding, Canada did not get consent for the surrender of lands
- Lac Seul filed a civil action against Canada seeking equitable compensation
- In 2017 the Federal Court found Canada breached its fiduciary duties and breached the Indian Act duties to Lac Seul.
- The Court concludes Canada was not obligated to negotiate a revenue-sharing agreement on behalf of the Lac Seul First Nation. Instead, the Court awarded \$30 million based on market value at the time of flooding of their lands
- In 2019, the Federal Court of Appeal dismissed Lac Seul's appeal of the trial decision

SUPREME COURT DECISION:

- The Supreme Court allowed the appeal and Lac Seul was entitled to compensation for the lost opportunity to negotiate a surrender of its reserve reflecting the highest value of the land
- Matter went back to Federal Court to reassess compensation.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE SOUTHWIND SUPREME COURT DECISION:

- Southwind clarifies the principles for the calculation of equitable compensation for breaches of the Crown's fiduciary obligations in respect of the taking of reserve lands.
- Positive implications for First Nation seeking to resolve similar claims in negotiation and litigation against the Crown.

THE DECISION CONFIRMS THAT:

- Crown has a heightened fiduciary obligation when exercising control over reserve lands, and in particular, reserve lands set aside pursuant to treaty obligations;
- Expropriation principles are inadequate to determine compensation for the taking of reserve lands because Indigenous peoples' interest in reserve lands are fundamentally different from other lands;
- The Crown's fiduciary obligations require it to ensure the highest compensation possible for the First Nation, including compensation for the land's anticipated future use;
- the Crown's exercise of discretion over reserve lands is defined by its fiduciary obligations, not statutory requirements in the Indian Act or its expropriation powers; and
- The Crown must attempt to negotiate a surrender prior to expropriating reserve lands, and must still compensate the First Nation for the full potential value of the land if it exercises its power to expropriate the land for a public work.

The Treaty #3 Leadership acknowledged the work of Dr. Bruce McIvor and Kate Gunn of First Peoples Law on the Intervener status in the Southwind Case on behalf of Grand Council Treaty #3.



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