



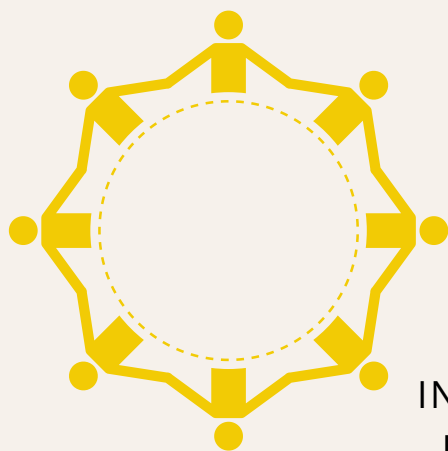
GRAND COUNCIL TREATY #3

The GOVERNMENT OF THE ANISHINAABE NATION in Treaty #3



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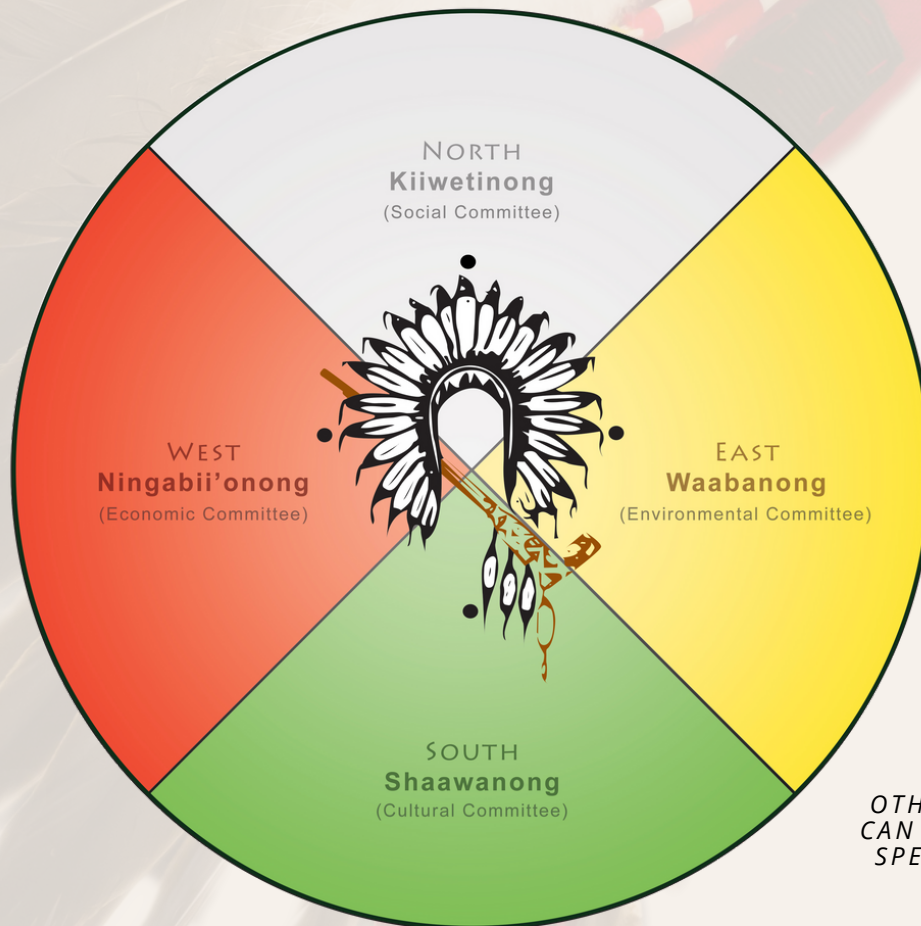
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OSHKINIIGIIG

YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE



OSHKINIIGIIG (YOUTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL)
REPRESENT THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE
ANISHINAABE NATION IN TREATY #3. THE VOICE AND
MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT OF YOUTH COMPLETE THE
CIRCLE OF TRADITIONAL GOVERNANCE.

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CAIDENCE SKEAD
WAUZHUSHK ONIGUM

LIAM GEORGE
NAONGASHIING

LEGACIES. IDENTITIES. PRESERVATION.


The YEC assisted with the Legacies. Identities. Preservation. Gathering held in Winnipeg, MB. YEC members Winter Dawn Lipscombe, Kayla Morrison, and Ernie Cobiness Jr. helped to lead the opening protocols alongside Shirley Kelly who led the gathering's opening.

YEC members Ernie Cobiness Jr. and Lindsay Bain led a self-love club breakout room and Kayla Morrison and Winter Dawn Lipscombe led a discussion focused breakout room.

The YEC was grateful to spend a few days meeting youth and Elders from Treaty #3.



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COVID-19 COMMUNITY CARE PACKAGES

The YEC received one-time grant funding through the Ontario Trillium Foundation's COVID Emergency Fund (CEF) in order to put together 50 COVID Community Care packages to be distributed through Treaty #3. This project was in partnership with Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong and supported by the Grand Council Treaty #3 Social, Justice, and Health departments. Funding was targeted to support vulnerable youth, including those involved with the justice system, experiencing housing insecurity, or young parents. A generous donation by Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong facilitated the purchase of 50 healthy food boxes prepared Gizhewaadiziwin Health Access Centre.



STRIDES FOR STRENGTH

The Treaty #3 YEC was invited to help with the first annual Strides for Strength run. This year's run was held in Couchiching First Nation with a 5km run through the community, up to Agency One lands, and back to the administration office. This year's logo was designed by YEC member Winter Dawn Lipscombe.



YEC members Winter Dawn Lipscombe and Kayla Morrison, along with Grand Council Treaty #3 Coordinator Cassandra Yerxa attended the **Women's March** held at the Winnipeg Legislative Building on May 29, 2022. This rally was led by Women's March Global and the Institute for International Women's Rights - Manitoba.





AAKODE'EWIN YOUTH SURVIVAL CAMP

Lindsay Bain attended the second annual Aakode'ewin Youth Survival Camp was a week-long adventure for youth, guided by Green Adventures. Youth learned about canoe safety at Rushing River Provincial Park before heading out on their journey. Throughout the week, youth went fishing, learned how to filet their catch, and were joined by Elder Roy Tom who shared traditional knowledge.



AKINOOMAAGZID: LEARNING FROM THE EARTH

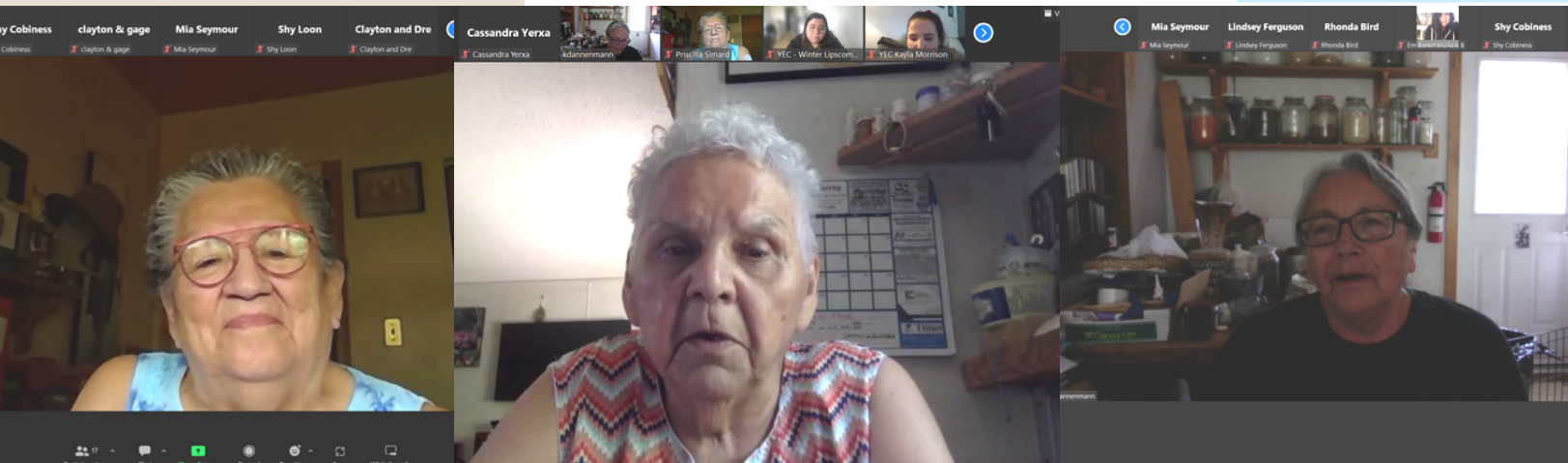
The YEC received a one-year grant from the Laidlaw Foundation in 2021 that would support seasonal gatherings to strengthen youth connections to land and culture. The goal of the funding is to incorporate land-based and cultural teachings to facilitate intergenerational knowledge sharing between Youth and Elders.

You can learn more about the grant by checking out our final report!

CHECK OUT THE FINAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE!

- Email us at youthexecutive@treaty3.ca if you have ideas or want to connect!

- Follow us on Instagram, TikTok, or give us a like on Facebook to stay up to date!



For the final gathering, the YEC held a Youth & Elders gathering on Zoom where Elders Priscilla Simard, Nancy Jones, and Karen Dannenmann shared their knowledge on traditional protocols, caring and protecting for the land, and their life stories growing up. Opportunities like these gatherings help build safe spaces for youth and Elders to connect with one another, as Nancy says, there's no such thing as a silly question and it's important for youth to become active carriers of knowledge and teachings.



GAAGIIDOO-IKWEWAG

WOMEN'S COUNCIL UPDATE



Greetings from the GCT#3 Women's Council Gaagiidoo-ikwewag!

NIBI PORTAL

We have been involved and busy planning our next Nibi activity. In June, members of the Women's Council of Treaty #3, the Grand Council Treaty #3 Territorial Planning Unit met with CE Strategies to view and discuss the finishing touches for the Nibi Portal, an online space dedicated to sharing and teaching the Nibi Declaration. Ratified in 2019, the Declaration ensures that Treaty #3 Anishinaabe Nibi Inaakonigewin (water law principles) are recorded and formally recognized in governance processes. TPU and Gaagiidoo Ikwewag, has worked with CE Strategies to bring the Nibi Portal to life. As we countdown to the official launch this portal will help create platforms that share knowledge, connect people, and inspire action.

SPECIES AT RISK ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

The TPU department planned engagement sessions on Species at Risk in Treaty #3. There were two sessions held in Dryden and Fort Frances in July and August. The community participants heard the presentation on Species at Risk, then they identified recommendations, which will help to create a Treaty #3 Species at Risk framework. The Gaagiidoo-Ikwewag was involved in this activity.

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

BRITTANY COBINESS
BUFFALO POINT

MONA GORDON
LAC SEUL

PRISCILLA SIMARD
COUCHICHING

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STRIDES FOR STRENGTH EVENT

In collaboration with MMIWG (Social Department) and Treaty #3 Youth Executive Council, the first annual Strides for Strength 5K walk & run was held in Couchiching First Nation. Learn more on page 18.



Strides for Strength
2022

LEGACIES. IDENTITIES. PRESERVATION. GATHERING

Women's Council member Brittany Cobiness, participated in the Legacies. Identities. Preservation. Gathering held on August 3 & 4 in Winnipeg, MB. Building a future for Indigenous Women, Girls, Men, Boys and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people to exist in world free from harm.

MICRO-PLASTICS ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

Gaagiidoo-Ikwewag has worked with the TPU on the Spirit of the Lakes Micro-Plastics engagement sessions; primarily to get informed about micro plastics, what it is and what effect it has the environment. Following this presentation, the group decided to bring an elder and knowledge keeper to hold a water ceremony and sweat at Bug Lake before proceeding with any experiments on the lake. We continue to plan this activity for the fall 2022. As well, the TPU been working on a small side project with the Experimental Lakes Area where we're going create a short video on the community- based water monitoring program that Grand Council coordinates with Treaty #3 communities. The video would include Gaagiidoo-Ikwewag talking about the Anishinaabe peoples sacred relationship with water and the importance of protecting and taking care of the water.





MAMAWICHI-GABOWITAA-ININIWAG

MEN'S COUNCIL UPDATE



GRAND COUNCIL TREATY 3 INVITING ALL MEN AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE:

MENS HEALING GATHERING
"Addressing family violence"

SEPTEMBER 9-11 2022
RAT PORTAGE POW-WOW ISLAND

• Ceremony
• Traditional ogitchitaa teachings, clan systems, kinship systems
• Decolonization
• Intergenerational trauma

SAKEJ WARD
Keynote Speaker
*Many other great speakers

*on-site camping
*sacred fire
*boating
*canoeing

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MAMAWICHI-GABOWITAA-ININIWAG
Treaty #3 Men's Council

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Social indicators point to the fact that Indigenous men may be one of the most socially disadvantaged groups in Canada. Over representation in the criminal justice system, poor employment prospects, homelessness and substance abuse issues are among the many barriers men face on a daily basis. While the nature and extent of problems facing Indigenous men are well described, there is little evidence to guide efforts intended to make lasting improvements to their quality of life.

Men's Council excited to work with Social Department on hosting the first "Treaty 3 Men's Warriors against Family Violence" on September 9-11 at Pow-Wow Island, this gathering is focused on the traditional healing of Treaty 3 Men associated with family violence and fulfilling the traditional role of teacher, provider and protector.

The Treaty#3 Men's Council has been able to participate in Grand Council Treaty#3 meetings for:

- Abinoojii Inakonigiwin
- Economic Development
- Health

Men's council is currently working on hosting Traditional Selection Process for North and Southern representatives, event date is to be determined.

Any questions contact Daryl Redsky at elkclan@hotmail.ca



**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.**




MIZI'IWE AANA KWAT

2SLGBTQQIA+ COUNCIL UPDATE



THE MIZI'IWE AANA KWAT
(2SLGBTQQIA+ COUNCIL) WITHIN
THE ANISHINAABE NATION OF
TREATY #3 REPRESENTS THE
NEEDS OF AND ASPIRATIONS OF
THE ANISHINAABE 2SLGBTQQIA+
COMMUNITY IN THE TERRITORY.

On June 24, Mizi'iwe Aana Kwat assisted in organizing the second annual Treaty #3 Two-Spirit powwow as part of the weekend's powwow in Couchiching First Nation. Three out of four council members were available to attend. Activities included hosting a regalia giveaway for community members that need support in joining the powwow circle, workshops, a BBQ lunch, and a number of singing and dancing specials throughout the evening. Miigwech to Treaty #3 staff and the Couchiching powwow committee!

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COUCHICHING
(SOCIAL)





OFFICE OF THE OGICHIDAA

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT UPDATE



OGICHIDAA FRANCIS KAVANAUGH

OFFICE OF THE OGICHIDAA

This summer the communities in Treaty #3 have had the opportunity to host many gatherings and events. The political office has had the privilege to attend many of these events and get back out to the communities after a long pandemic.

Additional travel has also been made possible this summer and the political office has travelled to meet with many friends and partners after two years in which travel has proven very difficult. These visits have provided opportunities to share our successes with one another and discuss issues that have arisen over the past two years. An essential part of building back from the pandemic will be evaluating what went wrong, what we did right, and how we can do better in the event another event impacts our nation in the future.

While I was unable to attend in person, I was glad to see the Grand Chiefs of Ontario meet in person for the All Chiefs Assembly in June. In August I was able to see them in person while attending a Leadership Council meeting in Sault Ste Marie. Additionally, in August Grand Council Chief Niganobe visited us here in Treaty #3 to discuss future opportunities of cooperation between Grand Council Treaty #3 and the Anishinabek Nation. I am hopeful that rebuilding these relationships will lead to mutually beneficial cooperation between Treaty #3 and our friends across Ontario and beyond.

As the provincial government settles into its new mandate of four additional years, the political office continues to meet to advocate for the needs of the Anishinaabe Nation in Treaty #3. This includes the resumption of Ministry of Indigenous Affairs staff travelling to the Treaty #3 territory. Plans are also being made to meet directly with the Premier later in the year.

This summer also brought the visit of the Pope to Canada which has brought out many emotions by our people in Treaty #3. As always, the political office continues to advocate for the survivors of the Indian Residential School systems. The discussions with the federal government regarding the future of the Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School site continues, as does Treaty #3's support for the caretaker communities deciding the futures of the other four residential school sites in Treaty #3 territory.



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.

The Political Office is continuing support of Treaty #3's First Nations in the following areas;

- The resolution of the question of the Cecilia Jeffrey property ownership
- Building relationships with the provincial government after the decisive election in June
- Ongoing planning efforts for the 150th Anniversary of the signing of Treaty #3 in 2023
- The review and possible expansion of resource revenue sharing in Treaty #3
- The next steps in the opening of the Kenora Justice Centre

It has been a privilege to visit so many communities this summer in my role as Ogichidaa. While taking annual leave in August I was able to spend time reconnecting with what matters most: family and community. I was also pleased to see the second annual 2SLGBTQ+ pow wow held in Couchiching and witness our two spirit people play their special roles in our nation. I wish you all the very best in the coming fall and recommend that everyone consider booster vaccinations to ensure that cold and flu season will not pose as great a threat to our communities this year. Although times may be tough, I am certain that if we continue to follow our teachings, especially of kindness and compassion, we will be able to come together to overcome any struggles that come our way.





GICHI OZHIBI'IGE OGAAMIC ADMINISTRATION OFFICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE



ADMINISTRATION

Over the past few months Grand Council Treaty#3 staff have embraced the warmer weather and the opportunity to travel out to communities to visit with the lessening of COVID travel restrictions. All of the Grand Council Treaty#3 offices are open. All offices still have offer masks to visitors and follow enhanced cleaning procedures for the safety and well being of everyone.

Many of our Departments have been working to plan in person events and meetings although the office does still offer a virtual option for participation which facilitates greater participation. Our Managers have undertake strategic planning initiatives with their Chiefs and technical staff to adjust advocacy work mandated from the Spring Assembly which was hosted in Winnipeg in May 2022 and to plan for the Fall Assembly in October.

We have a new satellite office location right downtown Kenora at 315 Main St. South!



Miigwech to all our hardworking health professionals - special thanks to Waasegiizhig Nanaandawe'iyewigamig Health Access Centre nurses for holding a Grand Council Treaty #3 staff clinic for us!



Staff fishing outing on Lake of the Woods





EMPLOYMENT WITH GRAND COUNCIL TREATY #3

Grand Council Treaty#3 is offering a broad range of employment opportunities across the territory. This includes jobs in the areas of education, territorial planning, administration, social services, justice and health. Grand Council Treaty#3 managers and staff in coordination with the Office of the Ogichidaa undertake important advocacy work for Treaty#3 communities and citizens. We take pride in fostering diverse workplaces that are built on a foundation of strong ethical standards and respect for one another. Whether you are a young person beginning your career, a new graduate seeking to put your skills and abilities to work, or someone with significant life and work experience wanting a career change, there is a job opportunity waiting for you.

Please scan the QR code and review the current employment opportunities.

BENEFITS OF A STUDENT SUMMER JOB

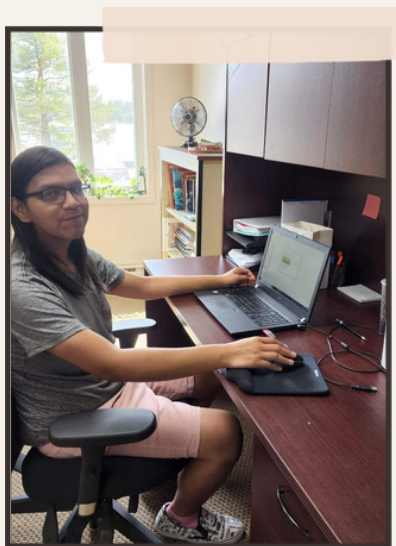
Grand Council Treaty#3 is happy to have summer students this year. At the office at 315 Main Street we have recruited Denim Mandamin who is working with the Education Unit.

The benefits for summer students:

1. Gain insight into different types of jobs
2. Develop skills
3. Helps you figure out what you like or don't like
4. Helps you in interviews
5. Builds the resume for future job opportunities

Grand Council Treaty#3 benefits as well:

1. gaining fresh ideas from the students
2. filling capacity needs for temporary or short-term projects
3. developing and training students who turn into future employees



WE ARE HIRING!

MMIWG COORDINATOR

**POLICY ANALYST
(NATURAL RESOURCES)**

TPU RECEPTIONIST

**NOHFC FISH AND WILDLIFE
INTERNSHIP**

**GA-WII-DO-KAAZ
(DIABETES LEAD)**

**COMMUNICATIONS
SPECIALIST**

**EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS
PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

**HUMAN RESOURCES
MANAGER**

**YOUTH REINTEGRATION
WORK**

GLADUE WRITER

**COMMUNITY JUSTICE
COORDINATOR/ BAIL
PROGRAM SUPPORT**

**SOCIAL ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT**

**WATER MONITORING
TECHNICIAN**

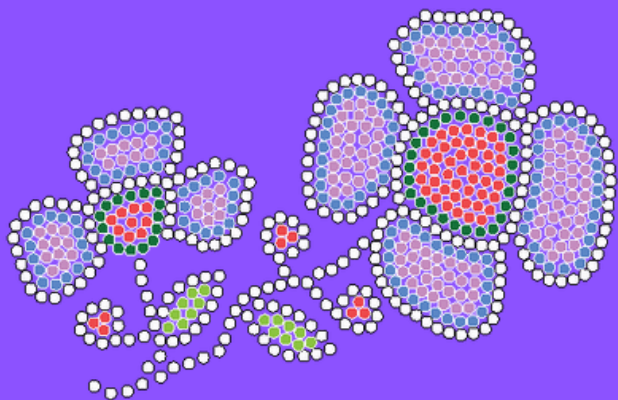
**INDIGENOUS CARE
COORDINATOR**

**ABINOOJII INAKONIGWIN
POLICY ANALYST**

ANTI-RACISM COORDINATOR

**TRAUMA INFORMED
COORDINATOR**

Visit <http://gct3.ca/jobs> to learn more!



HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE



We would like to introduce our new Federal Health Policy Analyst, Michael King. Welcome to the team Michael!



COVID-19 is still very active and increasing within the Northwest region. Vaccinations for fourth dose have been expanded to include 18-59 years of age and a pediatric vaccine has been approved for children 6 months to five years. Omicron variants are dominating the cases and new vaccines are being developed to better combat the new virus but won't be available until late fall. Everyone is encouraged to get their boosters and recommended to wear masks in public spaces.



CANCER CARE & DRUG TASK FORCE

Cancer Survivorship Campaign was launched August 24th we would like to acknowledge the work of Derek Kelly; Kirsten Wahsquonaikeshik and Donald Copenace. Campaign packages will be disseminated to each community and health organizations and will include a video of each personal journey with cancer, posters and postcards of the survivors. You can also visit the website to view the videos and access more information on cancer www.gct3.ca/CancerSurvivorship.



Opioid Research has been extended to December 2022. The research is focused on understanding the data in Treaty #3 with regards to overdose and drug related deaths. We have had compassionate conversations with families in Manitoba and Ontario about their loved ones and have also heard the recommendations and key messages they have shared with us. Final report will be shared with the IAO; Ontario, Ontario & Regional Coroner's office; Drug Task Force and Chiefs.



HEALTH TRANSFORMATION

Hi! My name is Anneke Gillis and am the Health Transformation Manager and Intergovernmental Lead. I have continued to be passionate about my work in community-driven approaches to advance access to quality health and social services since graduating with my Masters in Family Social Sciences in 2003. I was born and raised in Winnipeg by parents who immigrated from the Netherlands, my husband and I lived in Oklahoma for four years and in the past six years Kenora has been home. My work passion is in the area of Health Transformation. Outside of work I enjoy being outdoors, swimming, skiing, tending to my garden and chickens as well as spending time with family and friends.



Anneke Gillis



Breeze Boucha

Boozhoo, my name is Breeze Boucha. My position is the Health Transformation Administrator. I come from Treaty #5 but have lived in Kenora my entire 21 years. I have recently taken a break from my undergraduate degree at the University of Manitoba, well I decide which path I want to take. I love to cook and create meals, fish, read, and spend time with my family.

DATA GOVERNANCE

Data Governance Committee consists of 2 health directors from each direction and 1 representative from each health organization. The DGC recently approved a project to co-develop knowledge products to educate health care providers and communities on chronic pain, pain medication (opioid use/misuse), mental health, and accessing pain care. (Local context and culturally appropriate tools).

INDIGENOUS SYSTEMS COORDINATOR - MINO GHIIZIGUD AKINA-GO

Mental Health and Addictions – Treaty #3 Client Journey Mapping Engagement
What is Client Journey Mapping? This is a process where the knowledge and wisdom captured provides an opportunity for the perspectives of both clients and service providers to be utilized as a means for future strategic planning. Grand Council Treaty #3 has begun the Client Journey Mapping Engagement at the community level and regional organizational level at this time. Plans are in the works to have further meetings with the health council, allied partners, people with lived experience, other official agencies, in the Fall to respond to the ongoing mental health crisis, opioid overdose crisis and those impacted by suicide to create a more effective and sustainable system for those experiencing problematic substance use and mental health issues. The Engagements is part of the 2022-2023 Workplan.

MIDWIFERY

Grand Council Treaty #3 is pleased to partner with Ghizewaadiziwin Health Access Centre and Zaagi'idiwin to offer an upcoming Full Spectrum Indigenous Doula(Birthworker) Training, October 20, 21, 22 & 23 in Fort Frances. Registration will be posted on a Save The Date Poster that is to be forth coming. The Doula (Birthworker) Training is indigenous focused and indigenous centred. Grand Council has provided this training in the past, as the goal is to grow the number and build capacity from within the Treaty #3 territory of indigenous birth helpers to serve our communities. The training will be open to Treaty #3 members only, who are committed to support Anishinaabe birthing and commit to attending the full four-day training in-person.



YOUTH COORDINATOR

Boozhoo, my name is Tassanee and I have recently moved into the Youth Coordinator position at GCT#3. I am the first generation born in Canada from Thailand and have lived in Kenora my entire life. I attended University of Manitoba and Confederation College and obtained my nursing and practised for 4 years before joining GCT#3. Hobbies include, sewing, spending time with family, eating good food and meeting new people.

Grand Council Treaty #3 Youth Coordinator hosted first 2nd annual Aakode'ewin Youth Survival Camp in 2022. Youth had the opportunity to canoe and portage along Rushing River to Powwow Island and learn basic survival skills. Youth had opportunity to paddle 5-15km per day, teachings from Roy Tom, and learn about canoeing in Treaty #3 territory.

The next 2nd annual Aakode'ewin Youth Survival Camp will be hosted at Experimental Lakes Facility August 15-19th, 2022.

GCT#3 Health Department will also be hosting 3 ASIST & ASK trainings. 2 will be in community and available for youth and front line workers and 1 training will be held in Winnipeg for all Treaty #3 youth and front line workers.



JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE

This summer, the Jordan's Principle team held a dual focus on improving our ability to provide services and collaborating on events to keep youth engaged over the summer months! We helped to sponsor the 2SLGBTQIAP+ powwow (thanks to Couchiching for hosting!), "Strides for Strength," and the "Legacies. Identities. Preservation." gathering. Our Jordan's Principle Liaison attended Data Governance Training in June to be able to better collect data related to Jordan's Principle; the Liaison also attended the Southcentral Foundation's NUKA system of care conference in Anchorage Alaska, this weeklong workshop discusses the importance of storytelling/consumer history in healthcare. On a more territorial level, the Liaison attended a two-day workshop with community navigators from across Treaty #3, this event allowed for ideas and community projects by Jordan's Principle works to flow freely and allowed for inter-community collaboration; two of Jordan's sisters also attended. Thank you to the Wabaseemoong Jordan's Principle team for putting that together! As a reminder, GCT#3's Jordan's Principle has a survey for past/current consumers available [here](#), which closes August 31st.

As back to school fast approaches, you can find our Jordan's Principle Liaison at the Wauzhushk Onigum back to school event August 16th-18th, we will also have Jordan's Principle information available at the Asubpeeschoseewagong back to school event August 17th and 18th. Finally, our Jordan's Principle team is hosting a "Cool for School" contest that runs until August 31st. Get your entries in for a chance to win a back to school bundle, information online!



Boozhoo, my name is Sarah, and I am the Jordan's Principle Liaison at GCT#3. I was born and raised in Kenora, but spent seven years living in Thunder Bay while attending Lakehead University; I received my Bachelor's of Education with a minor in History and my Master's of Arts in English with a specialization in Gender and Women's Studies from my alma mater. I love the nature trails and waterways of our area and jumped at the chance to work in, and return to, Treaty #3. If you can't find me at work or outside in Kenora, I'm likely playing Dungeons and Dragons, Magic: The Gathering, gaming online, unwinding tech-free at my cabin on Dryberry Lake, at a music festival, or watching combat robotics (an interest I picked up this summer); alternatively, I might just be hanging out with my four cats (Buddha, Daniel Tiger, Elliot Moose, and Nova Kane).



DIBAAJIMOWIN PROJECT – CONNECTING TREATY #3 COMMUNITIES THROUGH HIGH SPEED INTERNET



Construction of fibre optic line upgrades under Phase 1 of the Dibaajimowin Project has started this summer into those Treaty #3 First Nation communities that have provided community authorization. Phase 1 construction, due to be completed by September 2023, involves upgrades to the fibre optic lines into communities but no fibre connections to homes or buildings.

Phase 2 of the Dibaajimowin Project, for fibre optic internet connections to homes and community buildings is in the design phase for those Treaty #3 First Nations who have provided community authorization. Construction for Phase 2 will begin next summer and communities will be connected on a timeline starting next summer through to December 2025.

A meeting to update and consult with the Dibaajimowin Chiefs Advisory committee (Social & Economic Chiefs) was held during the Spring Assembly and Resolution (CA-22-03) was passed by the Chiefs-in-Assembly providing conditional consent for Dibaajimowin Project construction under the Manitou Aki Inakonigaawin consent process.

The Project Lead, Jennifer McKibbon, is located in the GCT3 Kenora offices and available by email jennifer.mckibbon@treaty3.ca





SOCIAL DEPARTMENT UPDATE



Boozhoo, I, Johnpaul George, born and raised in post-colonial east India, joined this team as the new Social policy analyst. After 2 years of excellent experience with the Health department of Grand Council Treaty #3 family. I moved to the social department to continue my carrier in social service. My last nine plus years of dedicated Nursing and social service work experience in Treaty #3 area provide me with the strength and confidence to continue this field of service.

BOOZHOO-GREETINGS TO ALL!

Grand Council treaty#3 Social Department works with the 28 member communities to address the inherent rights and jurisdiction of treaty#3first nations in social services. The Social Department advocates for responsive and effective services in these portfolios.

- Abinoojii Inakonigewin
- Human Trafficking
- Social assistance
- MMWIG and gender-based Violence
- Poverty Reduction.



The social department had a busy summer. Our primary focus will be Abinoojii Inakonigewin, and we are working on the governance manual preparation; we are continuing the discussion with communities, technical working groups and all child welfare organizations for the implementation process.

On May 30-31, The Social department presented our Anti-racism youth training program to the Kenora Beaver Brae Secondary School students. The program identified the following recommendation

- Continued education for Staff and Administration
- Ongoing Anti-racism youth training in schools for Students
- The Development of an advocacy program/Group within the School.



We will host a similar presentation in the Rainy River and Kenora schools by October 2022.

The social department is also proud that we can host the first Treaty #3 Elders Technology Gathering in Kenora. The training was developed for Elders as some showed hard times joining zoom meetings and adjusting to the new world of social media for connecting with family and friends. However, the event was a great success and an excellent experience for our elders to learn about the basic operations of the laptop, tablet, and phone, which includes creating and login to Facebook, email, Zoom, banking, Google Maps, Google earth etc. All Elders enjoyed the training and expressed that it helped them be more confident in using computer devices and attending Zoom conferences. As a result, the department committed to being more similar training in Treaty #3 areas.



MMIWG

Continuing the conversations and awareness surrounding the victimization of Indigenous women and girls by educating those on the importance and impacts of colonialism in the making of Canada. These conversations and presentations are being delivered across the territory in different organizations servicing the Indigenous population of Treaty #3.

The Social Department has launched it's very first Strides for Strength 5K Run in honor of the families, the survivors, and those impacted by mental, emotional, physical and sexual violence; Strides for strength aims to eliminate the stigma and social barriers that prevent Indigenous people from living in a world free of harm.

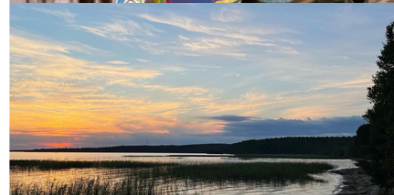
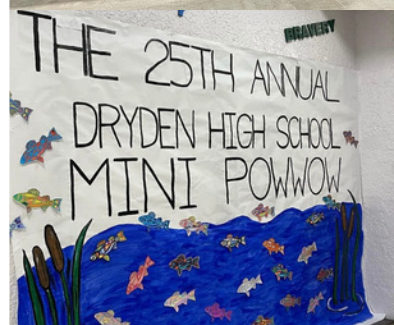
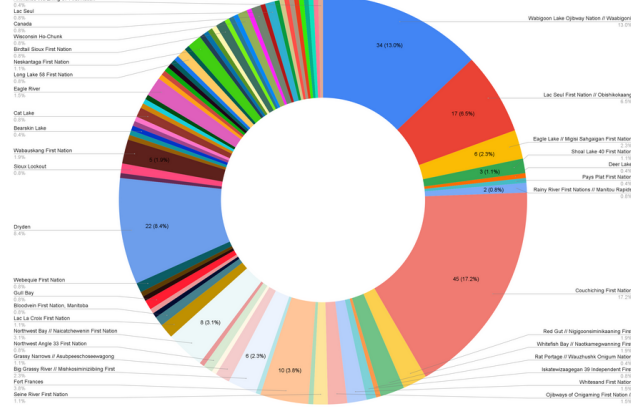
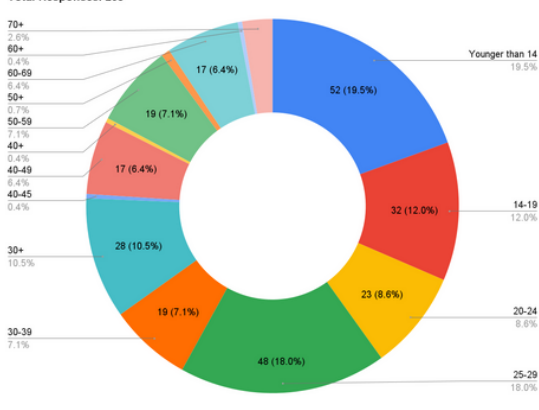
Chief Henderson was in attendance and opening prayer and remarks by Priscilla Simard, Women's Executive Council. Also in attendance was Anita Collins, Women's Executive Council and Winter Lipscombe of the Youth Executive Council. I also want to extend gratitude to Agency One leadership for lifting up and supporting this very important initiative, and to Treaty Three Police Service for their participation and support.

We all have a role to play in prevention and finding innovative ways to come together is something we do in the Social Department; all proceeds raised will go towards at risk youth and anti-violence initiatives.

The Social Department of Grand Council Treaty #3 strives to promote education, advocacy, and awareness on a grassroots level so that families can build safer future for themselves and their communities in the Anishinaabe Nation in Treaty #3.



Total Responses: 268

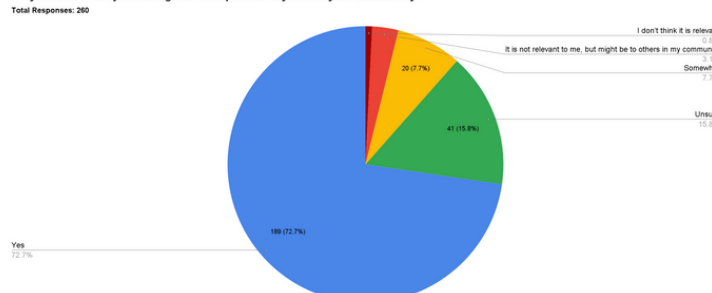
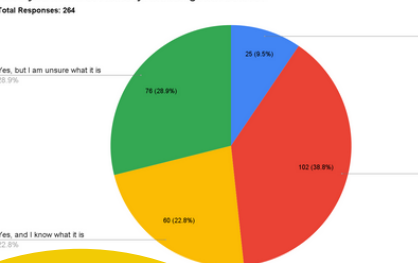
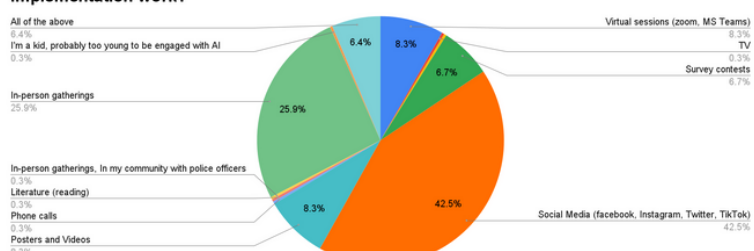
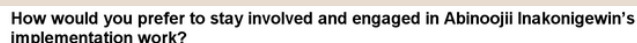
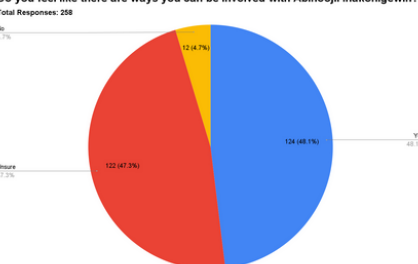
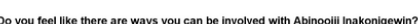


Our Social department has had a busy summer! Within her role as the Abinoojii Inakonigewin Youth Advocate, Lindsay Bain has been focused on community visits for engagements, presentations, and data collection through surveys on AI. The information gathered through survey responses will help guide paths forward for future events and community engagements, while also offering valuable information for youth needs in policy and service provision.

- Dryden High School 25th Annual Mini Pow Wow, May 2022
- Dryden Native Friendship Centre, National Indigenous People's Day Pow Wow, June 2022
- 2nd Annual 2SLGBTQ+ Gathering & Pow Wow, Couchiching First Nation, June 2022
- Couchiching First Nation Pow Wow, June 2022
- Waabigonii Zaaga'igan Anishinaabeg Youth Summit, July 2022
- Migisi Sahgaigan First Nation Pow Wow, July 2022
- KCA Ogimaawabiitong Pow Wow, Wauzhushk Onigum Nation, Aug. 2022

...and for those still to come!

- Grassy Narrows Youth Summit, Aug. 2022
- Lac Seul Pow Wow, Aug. 2022





EDUCATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Plaque commemorating where Treaty #3 was signed.
Treaty right to education is in our Treaty #3.



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COMMUNITY
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TO PROVIDE LIFE
SKILLS TO HELP THE
COMMUNITY AND
THEIR FAMILIES"**

**- TREATY #3 YOUTH & ELDER'S
TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE
GATHERING PARTICIPANT**

EDUCATION DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Congratulations to all students on completing a successful 2021-22 school year through the many challenges faced throughout the pandemic.

Miigwech to all the families, parents, education personnel – administration, supports, bus drivers, teachers, EAs counsellors, directors, principals and all those that support education of our children. Special congratulations to all graduates from early years, kindergarten, Grade 8, high school, post-secondary, trades and others on your accomplishment of completing your education goals this past year.

The educational path can lead to rewarding opportunities, self-enrichment and future goal-setting, best wishes to everyone on their educational journey this coming year! May everyone's year be filled with positive growth, safety and wellness for the road ahead.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES!

- "Reigniting Pathways" Education Gathering, August 23-26, 2022 in Winnipeg MB
- "Dibaajimowin: Sharing Our History" Elder's Gathering, August 27-28, 2022 in Winnipeg, MB
- Career Experience Camps, Science & Technology Experience Camps throughout the region
- Community engagement on engagement, Treaty #3 History curriculum development, Anishinaabemowin Language resources



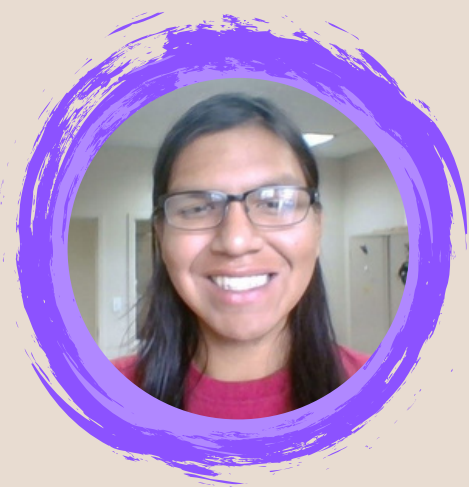
**GRAND COUNCIL
TREATY #3**
The GOVERNMENT OF THE ANISHINABE NATION in Treaty #3

NEW EDUCATION STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

The Grand Council Treaty #3 Education Unit would like to present our new Anokaadamang Gakendaasowin Projects Coordinator. Anokaadamang Gakendaasowin describes building of and working with knowledge, this position is to help build knowledge bundles for education. The coordinator will be for managing various education projects throughout the year working with communities, elders, youth and education stakeholders.



Boozhoo Aaniin! My name is Tracey Councillor and I am the new Anokaadamang Gakendaasowin Projects Coordinator. I am working within the Education Unit out of the Fort Frances area office. I am excited to become a part of such a dynamic team, I strive to highlight my project management skills in this new and exciting role. I am mom to two wonderful children, who add a brightness to my character. I have worked previously as a Youth Coordinator, and have a background in managing data systems. I am also a Forest Ecosystem Management Technician by trade. I look forward to working with and meeting everyone within the communities, organizations, and most importantly Grand Council Treaty #3. Miigwech, Tracey Councillor.



FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY(FNIYES) SUMMER STUDENT ADMIN ASSISTANT IN EDUCATION UNIT

My name is Denim Mandamin, I'm from Waabaseemong First Nation and I am a Summer Student Admin Assistant For Grand Council Treaty #3 in the Education

Unit. My focus is on a career in Education I Majored in Indigenous Studies in High School and will be attending Lakehead University For my Bachelor of Arts and my Bachelor of Education. As a Summer Student Admin Assistant, My responsibilities include, Researching possible ideas for future teaching. Such as Land-based learning, School Readiness and Special Education. Some of my other duties include, Researching resources for teacher orientation, Organizing files in EDU and helping around the office where I can. I want to follow a career in education because I am a very patient person with a strong work-ethic. I myself have experienced the "gap" in indigenous knowledge which is why I wanted my career in Education to focus on indigenous learning and teachings, I plan on becoming an indigenous language teacher once I am finished my education to continue exploring and expanding my knowledge on indigenous teachings.

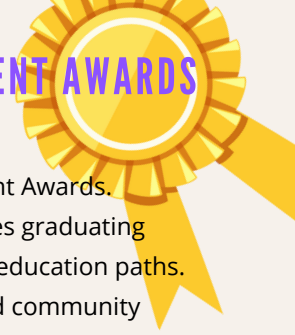


CBM YOUTH MEETING

On June 3, 2022, the GCT3 Education unit and the Territorial Planning Unit partnered with the International Institute for Sustainable Development- Experimental Lakes Area to host an environmental monitoring workshop for youth of Treaty #3 at the Super 8 Minis Hall. The workshop was attended by 10 youth, who worked with IISD-ELA staff scientists to learn more about the various water monitoring methods used, and provided with a hands on experience in using the monitoring equipment on Lake of the Woods. IISD-ELA staff also shared knowledge with the youth on what required post-secondary education is needed for careers in environmental monitoring, along with how to further build their experiences in pursuing a career in related fields.



2022 MAMIIGWECHITAAGOOSIYING (HONOURING SPIRIT): FIRST NATION STUDENT AWARDS



This year, the GCT3 EDU unit launched the 2022 Mamiigwechitaagoosiyang (Honouring Spirit): First Nation Student Awards. The Grand Council Treaty #3 Mamiigwechitaagoosiyang (Honouring Spirit): First Nation Student Awards recognizes graduating Treaty #3 First Nation students who model strength, resilience and commitment in the pursuit of their personal education paths. These awards celebrate the unique qualities of students who inspire their peers, teachers, education leaders and community members while celebrating the ways of Anishinaabe people. Each student embraces their own gifts, strengths, potential and goal-setting while respecting the agency of other student's life paths.

The Grand Council Treaty #3 Mamiigwechitaagoosiyang (Honouring Spirit): First Nation Student Awards is presented annually to any graduating Treaty #3 First Nations student selected by the GCT3 Education Unit Awards Committee. The committee will consider any Treaty #3 First Nation student nominees who attend a high school in the Treaty #3 territory, either operated by an Provincial School Board or a First Nations school, who is graduating grade 12, have been nominated by members of their education community based on their exemplary leadership, honour, courage and commitment to their own education path.

There are a total of 11 categories with awards of \$1000 each that can be applied for. This year we had 6 recipients, Congratulations to 2022 recipients:

- Ayiana Gagne, Lac Seul First Nation – Anishinaabemowin
- Cameron Copenace, Big Grassy First Nation – Environmental
- Koda Radigan, Big Grassy First Nation – Justice
- Latasha Copenace, Onigaming First Nation - Health
- Ty Kejick, Lac Seul First Nation – Personal Resilience
- Jayda Riffel, Wabauskang First Nation – Social

**THE NEXT CALLOUT FOR THE
MAMIIGWECHITAAGOOSIYING
(HONOURING SPIRIT): FIRST
NATION STUDENT AWARDS, WILL
BE MAY 2023.**

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION ENGAGEMENT

Draws were held for PSE research activities. Prizes included laptops, tablets, gift cards, scarves, feather holders. Congratulations to draw recipients:

Community Focus Group: Seth Vlotaros, Crystal Dextras, Chris Johnson, Winter Lipscombe, Joanne Bruyere, Dennis Smith, Randy Paishk, Debra Kakeway, Rhiannon Jack, Irene Ross, Anna Demchuk, Tyanna Carpenter, Rhonda Smith, Demi Gardner, Darlene Smith

Current Students Focus Group: Aaryn Zoccole, Shadow Orwick, Janna McDonald, Alia Big George, Hanna Geauvreau-Turner, Josh Cameron, Rochelle Shibish, Sonya Seymour, Natasha Prince, Demi Gardner, Debra Kakeway, Jason Gladu, Tyanna Carpenter, Samantha Stone, Johnna Bruyere, Summer Rickard, Rhiannon Jack, Glenn Fisher, Crystal Dextras, Janna McDonald, Sarain Michaud-Papasay

PSE Student Survey: Ravyn Godbout, Jennifer McLaughlin, Rhiannon Angecone, Kathleen Bombay, Betty Necan, Hanna Myers, Robert Bluebird, Angela Copenace, Brittany Bayda-Clace, Winter Lipscombe, Courtney Buckshot, Terri Meekis, Kristen Washquohaikezhik, Makenna Henttonen, Garret Crow, Joanne Bruyere, Cheryl Gervais, Chelsea Smith, Will Landon, Teagan Prouty, Vanessa Rioux, Matthew Thunder, Erica Fisher, Patrice Seymour

Miigwech to all those that participated in the post-secondary education research activities, your input was valuable to the process.



TREATY #3 INVESTMENT GROUP

ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT UPDATE



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

CECILIA JEFFREY PROPERTY UPDATE

Acting on resolution CA-22-16, Establishment of Advisory Council for Cecilia Jeffrey Property, Grand Council Treaty #3 has been setting up meetings with Chiefs from each region within the Four Direction Governance Model to appoint elders and survivors to the Advisory Council. Members from the Women's, Youth, Men's and 2SLGBTQ+ will also appoint a person to join the Advisory Council. The Advisory Council will provide guidance with respect to burial sites on the property along with ensuring Treaty #3 cultural protocols remain at the forefront of all activities. The Advisory Council's first task will be to go to ceremony to seek direction, then report back to the Economic Chiefs Committee.

Secondly, Chiefs have been holding discussions to appoint one (1) Chief from each region to sit on the Trust Committee. The Trust Committee will hold meetings with Indigenous Services Canada negotiate the transfer of Cecilia Jeffrey Property to Grand Council Treaty #3 over the next few months.

Finally, the Economic Chiefs Committee are working to complete a property appraisal for C.J. Property and we continue to work with consultants to establish a "Fair Market" value on the property. We hope to that have the work completed by November 2022.



ENERGY

Under resolution CA-22-14, Grand Council Treaty secured the mandate to re-establish the Energy Table with the Province of Ontario. We have been working with the Ministry of Energy to select priority items for discussion with the Economic Chiefs Committee.

As an aside, Grand Council Treaty #3 heard a presentation from Jerry Chwang, Siemens Canada during the Spring Assembly. We have met during the summer and will be looking to secure a resolution to continue our work with their company. Grand Council Treaty #3 is interested in completing energy audits for each community so that we can develop a short and long-term strategy for safe & secure energy. Over the past year, we have experienced a number of blackouts and power outages as a result of weather, emergency situations and maintenance issues. It is our goal to ensure that our Nation does not have to endure outages that impact the quality of life for our citizens.

Initially, Siemens Canada will be looking to complete four (4) energy audits from communities within Treaty #3 that reflect diverse situations. We have put forward the following communities to complete the initial work; Couchiching, Northwest Angle #33, Lac La Croix and Wabasemoong. It is our goal to provide the findings for consideration by the Economic Chiefs Committee and Chiefs-In-Assembly.

TRADE

Grand Council Treaty #3 has held initial discussions with Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in Duluth, Minnesota on June 28, 2022. We heard a presentation from Kennedy Bear Robe, Partner, Gowling WLG LLP about Indigenous trade and the provisions under the Canada United States Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) and agreed to move forward on further discussions. Ogichidaa Francis Kavanaugh met with Kevin Dupuis, Tribal Chairman and Bruce Savage, District II Representative during the meeting.

We have also reached out to Global Affairs Canada with the anticipation that they will support our work of including Indigenous Trade opportunities within the CUSMA framework. Our discussions will be on-going as we ramp up discussions Fond du Lac in hopes of finalizing an agreement.

ECONOMIC STRATEGY

Grand Council Treaty #3 through the Economic Chiefs Committee made an Economic Submission to Indigenous Affairs Ontario (IAO) in March 2022 to outline a number of priority areas for development as we move forward. The priority areas include digital transformation, consumer spending data compilation, data governance, investments into business education, advancing women, youth and 2SLGBTQ+ in business, establish bursary programs for private business, develop distribution centre in Treaty #3, develop eco-tourism strategy and implement Treaty #3 Guardians program on Lake of the Woods.

The work on data governance is supported by resolution CA-22-11 Data Governance Sovereignty and Strategy which include hosting community engagement sessions and the work in concert with Tribal Councils, Organizations and First Nations in Treaty #3. Any work with First Nations will entail following the principles of Ownership Control Access and Possession (OCAP) and not impede work currently being undertaken by organizations or First Nations in the region.

Treaty #3 under resolution CA-22-13 Establishment of Ontario Prosperity Table, through the Economic Chiefs Committee will be setting up meetings with Ontario to discuss how Treaty #3 can have greater access to capital, support First Nation businesses to access e-Commerce opportunities, facilitate the economic recovery from Covid19, improving Crown-Indigenous relations through consultation using the backdrop of Manito Aki Inakonigewin, establishing International Trade opportunities and enhancing capacity and training opportunities.

HOUSING UPDATE

The Grand Council Treaty #3 Housing Strategy has three focal points that are the basis for the work undertaken by the Economic Chiefs Committee. They include on-reserve housing, urban housing and homelessness. This report will include an update on each area.

ON-RESERVE HOUSING

The work on the Grand Council Treaty #3 Housing Strategy has entered the second year with Clear Direction undertaking the Housing Engagement activities with each of the First Nations. Currently, Rylan Reed and Kelly Francis are working with individual communities to ensure the completion of home assessments to support a submission to Indigenous Services Canada to potentially fund the strategy. The Housing Strategy will be led by communities as we build a business case to establish a sustainable housing strategy in the region.

As part of this process, Grand Council Treaty #3 is working with the Tribal Councils (Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing, Bimose, Anishinaabeg of Kabapikotawangag Resource Council) to assist in compiling the data from the home assessments. The information will be used to build housing databases for each Nation as well as for the region. The databases will follow protocols that respect Ownership Control Access Possession (OCAP) of information for First Nations in Treaty #3.

URBAN HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Two resolutions were passed at the Spring Assembly in May, held at Club Regent in Winnipeg to support the work on developing an Urban Housing and Homelessness Strategy in Treaty #3. Resolution CA-22-12 Urban Housing and Homelessness Strategy give GCT#3 the mandate to secure the resources needed to work with all partners to establish an Urban Housing and Homelessness Strategy.

In particular, Grand Council Treaty #3 representatives have held subsequent meetings with Henry Wall, CAO – Kenora Social Services Board and Dan McCormick, CAO – Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board in Fort Frances to develop a Memorandum of Understanding with the two (2) corporation to work on issues of mutual interest to address this important issue. We will look to hold a signing ceremony at the upcoming National and Chiefs-In-Assembly to be held at Lac Seul First Nation on October 4-6, 2022.

The second resolution, CA-22-02 Provincial Funding for Housing and Homelessness Strategy speaks to Grand Council Treaty #3 working with other partners and the Ontario Government to establish a separate process for First Nations to address housing. Currently, First Nations in Treaty #3 are combined with Aboriginal groups in Ontario for the same funding envelope which are administered by forty-seven (47) service managers and two (2) corporations; Miziwe Biik Development Corporation and Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services. Our intent is to ensure that there is a separate, stable funding envelope for First Nations in our region.



TREATY #3 INVESTMENT GROUP

The Treaty #3 Investment Group (T3IG) has been working on the operational side with the Board of Directors to complete the requirements for investments. We have issued a request letter for a contribution of \$25k for each individual First Nation to sign on to the limited partnership for Treaty #3 Investment Group.

Treaty #3 Investment Group is also currently advertising for a Director position to fill a vacancy in the West direction. Under the Four Direction Governance Model (FDGM) that is utilized by Grand Council Treaty #3, Directors for T3IG are chosen from all regions to ensure that every area is part of the decision-making process and that gender diversity, is taken into consideration for representation. The West direction, under FDGM includes; Naotkamegwaning, Northwest Angle #33, Animke Wa Zhing, Buffalo Point, Sagkeeng, Shoal Lake #40 and Iskatewizaagegan #39. Our preference is that this individual reside within the Anishinaabe Nation in Treaty #3.

We will accept applications on an ongoing basis until the Director position is filled.

Applications will be available at www.gct3.ca; or e-mail Drake Crosson, Economic Intern at drake.crosson@treaty3.ca or Gary Allen, Chief Executive Officer at gary.allen@treaty3.ca

Thank you for the contributions of Ogichidaa Francis Kavanaugh, Economic Chiefs Committee, Dan Morriseau, Hailey Krolyk and Drake Crosson on the initiatives from our unit.

Miigwech!

Gary Allen
Senior Political Advisor
CEO
Treaty #3 Investment Group





TERRITORIAL PLANNING UNIT

DEPARTMENT UPDATE



NEW TPU STAFF:

**THE TPU IS PLEASED TO WELCOME
NEW STAFF TO OUR GROWING
TEAM! PLEASE JOIN US IN
WELCOMING NEW STAFF:**

**WALTER MAINVILLE
MINERAL SECTOR SPECIALIST**

**SARA FONTAINE
ENERGY COORDINATOR**

**JORDAN SANDERSON
WATER MONITORING TECHNICIAN**

WORD FROM OUR DEPARTMENT

Find us on 

The TPU has had a busy summer of field work and traveling throughout the Territory. We are happy to welcome two new staff to our team, a Mineral Sector Specialist and Energy Coordinator. We would also like to thank each of our summer students for their hard work over the last couple months and wish everyone heading back to school a great start to the semester!



GIS UPDATE

Current projects include Species at Risk, property mapping, cumulative effects, and Community Based Monitoring, in addition to the Treaty #3 Geospatial Portal. Using GIS, a multitude of accumulated sightings from community members and public sources have begun mapping out points and areas where endangered species have been seen. These sightings will help to protect and monitor these species, as well as the habitats they are found in. Though the list is still being constructed, it is believed that Treaty #3 is home to more than 53 Species at Risk.

The Treaty #3 Geoportal is getting close to completion with TPU staff undergoing training in April 2022 to provide comment and edits to the overall structure. Since then, the Geoportal team has been working tirelessly on improving data security, accessibility, and performance.



WAASIGAN TRANSMISSION LINE

The Waasigan Transmission Line project has made considerable progress in recent months, with Gwayakocchigewin LP (GLP), and other more directly impacted communities leading the way, which will add an additional 350 MW of capacity to the Northwest Region. The communities have negotiated a precedent-setting equity investment agreement with Hydro One, which will result in revenue generation for those involved. As an element of the Environmental Assessment, field studies began May 16, 2022 along the anticipated corridor from Thunder Bay to Atikokan, and then up to Dryden (Phases 1 and 2), with the incorporation of Traditional Knowledge and the effected communities more directly involved in the Hydro One/Golder-led process.

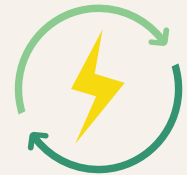
Grand Council Treaty #3 continues to work with Hydro One in order to stay informed and support Treaty #3 Communities around the Waasigan project. GCT3 and Hydro One are also working to finalize a new agreement surrounding the transmission line project.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Emergency Management (EM) Team has been working with Treaty #3 communities to ensure that all emergency plans are up to date. The EM team has been working alongside our partners such as: tribal councils, Treaty #3 police services, Indigenous Services Canada, MNR etc., building relationships and assisting Treaty #3 communities. In addition, the EM Team has been visiting communities throughout the summer working alongside partners on flooding calls as well as, currently working on recovery from 2022 flooding. We are pleased to announce that we will be coordinating more trainings for Treaty #3 Nation in order to better prepare individuals in the event of an emergency in the future.

ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS

The Ontario government continues to make significant changes to how energy will be managed in the Province, and has been hosting Indigenous engagement sessions for community input. With an energy shortage projected in the next four to five years, opportunities are emerging, with Indigenous communities given preferential positioning so that there is greater opportunity and stronger Indigenous leadership on project development. The Territorial Planning Unit has also hired a new energy coordinator to continue work on Treaty #3 energy planning.



TREATY #3 PROJECT ASSESSMENT DEVELOPMENT

In response to ongoing resource development projects in the Treaty #3 Territory, the Territorial Planning Unit as mandated by the Chiefs in Assembly Resolution are doing the background research and engaging with legal support in order to develop a Treaty #3 Project Assessment. This will be a tool that will be operationalized through Manito Aki Inakonigaawin and assert jurisdiction and decision making as it relates to the development.

The Territorial Planning Unit will be hosting sessions in the fall that relate to the project assessment and cumulative effects assessment in Treaty #3 Territory. For more information on cumulative effects please reach out to Michelle.Shephard@treaty3.ca and stay tuned for sessions!



COMMUNITY BASED MONITORING PROGRAM

The TPU has been working with Mitaanjigamiing, Naotkamegwanning, Naongashiing, and Sagkeeng to collect water quality data for basic parameters (water temp., pH, conductivity, dissolved oxygen), nutrients (phosphorous, ammonia, etc.), heavy metals (arsenic, lead, mercury, etc.), and E.coli and coliforms. TPU staff have also travelled through Treaty #3 to collect this data from locations across the territory. In addition we have worked with the Experimental Lakes Area and Naongashiing First Nation, to film a community based monitoring video. The video will be used to promote the importance of community based monitoring and participation in the TPU's CBM program



MANITO AKI INAKONIGAAWIN TOOLKIT

The Manito Aki Inakonigaawin Toolkit combines all the written work completed with Manito Aki Inakonigaawin within GCT #3. Its goal is to share the key principles that guide us in decision-making in the Treaty #3 Territory. The toolkit is designed for the Nation and Treaty #3 communities to further our understandings of our responsibilities to the land and provide guidance for government, communities, leadership and proponents upon entering the Treaty #3 territory.

The Manito Aki Inakonigaawin toolkit has been presented to the GCT #3 Councils and we are beginning to bring it to communities for feedback.

If you are interested in reading the toolkit or for more information, please contact Hailey Krolyk at hailey.krolyk@treaty3.ca

MANITO AKI INAKONIGAAWIN PATHWAYS FORWARD PROJECT

The Pathways Forward Project report has finally been completed and will soon be available on the Nibi portal. The report covers three main sections: Current implementation of Manito Aki Inakonigaawin and the Nibi Declaration, Future vision of Manito Aki Inakonigaawin and the Nibi Declaration, then the Pathways Forward. The report covers information shared through interviews with elders in regards to their knowledge and where they see Manito Aki Inakonigaawin and the Nibi Declaration going. The final report will remain as a "living document", which will be presented to Leadership and all those involved with the interviews.

If you would like a hard copy of the report, please contact Hailey Krolyk at hailey.krolyk@treaty3.ca



INDIAN RESIDENTIAL & DAY SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT UPDATE



"WIISOKOTATIWIN 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."

In June-The media reported that the Manitoba RCMP have charged a 92-year-old priest in connection with alleged sexual abuse that happened in Fort Alexander (Sagkeeng FN) residential school more than 50 years ago. More alleged victims have come forward after news of an arrest in connection with historical abuse at the Indian residential school. Manitoba RCMP confirmed to a radio station that there have been further reports made to police since the news broke and that Father Arthur Masse, 92, had been charged with indecent assault. He was scheduled to appear in court July 20 2022.

The Wiisokotatiwin team took Elders and Family members to attend the Papal visit in Edmonton. Although , Pope Francis fulfilled the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC) Call to Action No. 58 by offering an apology, in Canada, to the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, their families and communities. The Pope spoke at Maskwacis, near the site of the former Ermineskin Residential School in Alberta. The apology came seven years after the call was issued by the TRC — and did not definitively acknowledge the role of the church itself in the residential school system.

**NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH
AND RECONCILIATION
SEPTEMBER 30TH**



**HONOURING THE
CHILDREN & SURVIVORS**



*Photo credit to CBC
Hundreds of First Nations, Métis and Inuit residential school survivors and their families were in attendance at the powwow grounds in Maskwacis, Alta. (Ka'nhehsí:io Deer/CBC)*

MEET THE TEAM OF WISOKATATIWIN



DELORES KELLY
CULTURAL COORDINATOR/ MANAGER

My reflections are rooted in my experience and viewpoint as a third generation IRSS and Indian Day School Survivor, and it is not for me to say what the apology means to survivors. In reality, the meaning of an apology is not fully determined by the words that are said but by the actions that follow. Whether the Pope's apology will truly advance the goal of healing may become apparent, only in years and decades to come. I have supported many Indian Residential School survivors across Canada and I believe the answer to becoming who you were meant to be is relearn your language, culture and traditions. The culture and teachings has kept us here all this time. We are still here!



DONALD KELLY
IRS SUPPORT WORKER

Poozho niich'anishinaabewitoog, nidinawemaaginag, shigosa iitoog miinawa, hello fellow anishinaabe, and relatives, it's that time again. First and foremost, I want to thank all of you who contributed their time and effort to make all IRS/IDS survivor's feel welcome to our new office here on main street, of Treaty 3 when the hour approached for last minute application's to be filled and sent off to Indian Day School at Deloitte, for processing, ki-chi miigwech. Just recently, we had a trip to Edmonton, Alberta to hear the pope and the apology. I have seen a few of the survivor's, and their reaction to the address by the pontiff, Pope Francis. They said it did nothing for them accept open wounds that were still on the mend. I do agree that nothing

may come in regards to healing, but I believe we must start the process of healing, somewhere it has to begin, and sharing circles can also help. Now for other news, September 30, 2022 is coming and we will be having, "Orange Shirt Day", and a mini-powwow at the pavilion under the big top at the harbor front, again this year. So I hope to see you all there, in full regalia, of course. Kegaago aazha giizhikamigiz, almost done, except I have to wish you all a good and prosperous life, and that your health be good as well as for your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and all your cousins, aanwasa, mii'l, paama miinawa naagach, Don



IDS CLAIMS/APPLICATION REMINDER OF THE DEADLINE

Class Members can now apply for an extension until January 13, 2023 for the Indian Day School Class Action. Survivor Class Members who were unable to file a Claim for the Federal Indian Day School Class Action Settlement by July 13, 2022 can request an extension by submitting an Extension Request Form. Extension Request Forms must be submitted either before or together with a Claim Form.

Class Members will need to identify a reason as to why they have been unable to file a claim by the deadline. The Extension Request Form will be available on indiandayschools.com and can be mailed/emailed by contacting Class Counsel at 1-844-539-3815 or dayschools@gowlingwlg.com. Class Counsel remains available to assist, free of charge, during the extension period. Mental health and wellness support also remains available through the Hope for Wellness Help Line at 1-855-242-3310 or the online chat at hopeforwellness.ca open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Free one on one claim form support is also available if you are needing a personalized support, write a narrative and check on the status of a completed claim or estate claim. The contact number is -877-515-7525 or email IDSclaimsupport.com

MEET THE TEAM OF WISOKATATIWIN CONTINUED...



HAYLEY JACULAK
IDS SUPPORT WORKER AND ADMIN ASSISTANT

Boozhoo, the IRS/IDS department has been busy over the past few months, with Day school applications and preparing for the St. Joseph Residential School Reunion. The Day school applications were due on July 13, 2022. The IRS department went out into a few of the communities to help our people fill out the applications before the deadline. Our next project is our St. Joseph Residential School reunion that is happening this September in Thunder Bay, Ontario. This reunion is for the student survivors of St. Joseph Residential School. To register for the reunion contact Hayley.jaculak@treaty3.ca for more information.



KATE-LYNN PAYPOMPEE
TRAUMA INFORMED SUPPORT WORKER

Boozhoo Nindinawemaaganidog, Zhinawehbinesik Nindizhinikaanigoo Makwa Nidoodem Naotkamegwanning nindoonjibaa. Ninjiikendam o'ma kii'anokii'an kii'it'nakii' magwaa'ki'chii'ag Miishaway anokii'an. Hello to all my relatives, my English is Kate-Lynn Paypompee, I am from Whitefishbay First Nation and I am the new Trauma Informed Coordinator with Grand Council Treaty 3. I am very excited to be a part of the Wiisokotatiwin team, I look forward to getting to know everybody in the treaty 3 territory. In this new role, I will be providing mental health, emotional and cultural support to Indian Residential School Survivors, Indian Day School Survivors, MMIWG and their families as well as intergenerational survivors. Together we will all work towards reinvigorating our traditional way of life by rebuilding the individual and collective anishinabeg.

NOTICE PROGRAM & DISPOSITION OF IAP & ADR RECORDS TO IRSS

Claimants can 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. 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



Please call these numbers if you are in need of Mental and Emotional Health Support



Indian Residential School and Indian Day School of GCT#3
1 (877) 849 3827 or (807) 464 6256
After Hours Monday - Friday | 6PM to 12AM

National Indian Residential School Crisis Line
1 (800) 721 0066
Available 24/7

Kenora/Rainy River Crisis Line
1 (866) 888 8988
Available 24/7

Hope for Wellness Helpline
1 (855) 242 3310
Available 24/7

MMIWG2S Support Line
1 (844) 413 6649
Available 24/7

Canada Suicide Prevention Service
1 (833) 456 4566
Available 24/7

Connex Ontario (Mental Health & Addictions)
1 (866) 531-2600
Available 24/7



HOW TO TALK TO OUR KIDS ABOUT RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS?

1



Prepare yourself emotionally first (this is an emotional topic to talk about)



Ask how their heart is feeling. Acknowledge their feelings. All feelings are welcome (you can share your feelings too!)

2

Use age appropriate information and language to share the truth (reading books is helpful for young children!)



3

Allow time and space for questions (all questions are allowed)



4

Talk about the healthy things they can do to express their feelings (cry, hug, pray, art, movement, wear orange shirt, educate others, place shoes outside their doors to honor 215 children, etc.)

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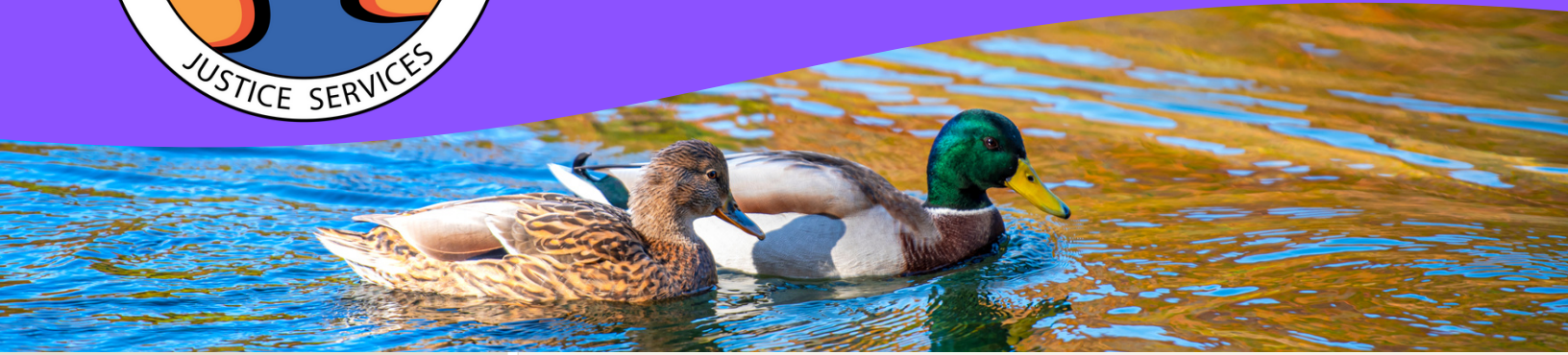


The Prevention House
NURTURING RESILIENCE IN FAMILIES



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 REPORT WRITERS
- GLADUE AFTERCARE
- INDIGENOUS SUPPORT NETWORK
- INDIGENOUS JUSTICE LIAISON
- ANTI-RACISM INITIATIVE
- ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT: [GCT3.CA/PEOPLE/JUSTICE](https://gct3.ca/people/justice)

JUSTICE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE, ARTHUR HUMINUK

With the effects of COVID, and what the virus has done to people's thought processes and fears of contracting the virus, there has been a shortage of available community members to fill in the positions here at Kaakewaaseya Justice Services. This dilemma has not only impacted GCT#3 but other service providers across the Treaty #3 catchment area; we are all short-staffed.

With this in mind, there are openings within our Justice Department for individuals that would like to develop a career within the field of justice. As listed below, there are many opportunities for community or non-community members.

Kaakewaaseya Justice Services has a strong team of approximately 40 staff situated in seven offices across Treaty #3. Our belief is that justice is a healing process for our community members and that the delivery of justice must shift away from colonial methods that have not served our nation well, and move towards a restorative practice.

Next is our summer newsletter, outlining several updates and announcements of activities that have continued through the pandemic, including:

- Welcoming our New Hires
- Open Positions in the Justice Department
- Ontario Court Updates
- Justice Announcements & Community News!

Under the direction and leadership of Treaty #3 Elders, Chiefs, the Ogichidaa and GCT3 Executive Director, Kaakewaaseya Justice Services has continued to collaborate with the Indigenous Justice Division of the Ministry of the Attorney General, the MCCSS Youth Justice Division, Heritage Canada, and the Department of Justice Canada to improve the effectiveness of our services.

KAKEWAASEYA JUSTICE SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, New Hire! We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff from our dynamic justice department: Cassandra Yerxa (Indigenous Support Network, Team Lead).

Open Positions:

- Anti-Racism Coordinator - Location: Kenora & Fort Frances, ON
- Gladue Writer - Location: Dryden, ON
- Youth Reintegration Worker - Location: Grassy Narrows FN
- Shanawentasooi - Civil Family Mediation Worker - Location: Kenora, ON
- Community Justice/Bail Program Support - Location: Fort Frances, ON

For More Information, Contact:

Oluyinka Leigh, Human Resource Specialist | Email: hr@treaty3.ca

OUR SUMMER DEBWEWIN STUDENT



Elizabeth Hawker, a law student at Lakehead University's Bora Laskin Faculty of Law, landed a 13-week summer internship with the Justice Department through the Debwewin Summer Law Program. During her time here, she provided vital support to numerous justice-related activities and we wish her success in her future studies.

A HELPING HAND FROM ONE OF TREATY #3'S STUDENTS



The Justice Department enlisted the aid of a student volunteer Savannah McLeod-Petit to staff its many information booths and public events. Savannah will graduate from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and a Minor in Political Science, with future aspirations of studying in the Faculty of Law.

ONTARIO COURT UPDATES

Effective April 4, there will be increased access to in-person proceedings. While the Court can now accommodate more in-person proceedings, it is also committed to continuing the use of video and phone options for some hearings. Message re: COVID-19 (Updated March 18, 2022) at <https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/covid-19>



EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION HOUSEBOAT CRUISE

Justice Department Employees have a good time in the sun! GCT3 organized a houseboat trip as a token of appreciation for employees.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LAC SEUL JUSTICE FORUM

June 8th: The Justice Team leads presented at Lac Seul First Nation's Justice Forum sharing information about the justice department's initiatives, which aim to advocate for Treaty #3 members who are in conflict with mainstream law and to foster strong community spirit while providing culturally driven restorative justice.





STREET CLEANING - DRYDEN

Justice Department Employees in Dryden hit the streets to do some cleanup.



NAAWAGEESHIIGOONG YOUTH JUSTICE CONFERENCE

May 14-15: Staff presented to the youth at the Naawageeshiigoong Youth Justice Conference hosted by the Dryden Native Friendship Centre. Participants gained new communication and Restorative Circle facilitating skills while strengthening their existing relationships with their peers.



25TH ANNUAL DRYDEN HIGH SCHOOL MINI-POWWOW

May 20: The Dryden High School mini-powwow is a regional event open to all ages, and it serves as the kickoff to the Treaty #3 powwow season.



2SLGBTQ+ GATHERING POWWOW

June 24, Couchiching FN: The justice department attended the 2SLGBTQ+ Gathering Powwow to show their support for the Treaty #3 two-spirit community.



BBQ & INFORMATION FAIR AT SEVEN GENERATIONS EDUCATION INSTITUTE

July 28: Staff joined Seven Generations Information Fair and BBQ in Kenora to recruit new members and promote justice initiatives.



REIGNITING THE SPIRIT OF THE YOUTH

August 15-19, Grassy Narrows FN: It was a great honor to be asked to host a booth at the Youth Gathering and share details about our organization and the services we offer with the attendees and organizers.



THE YIPI STUDENTS PAY A VISIT

The South Youth in Policing Initiative (Y.I.P.I.) students came to our Fort Frances office to meet with Larry Indian, our Bail Verification & Supervision Worker.



TREATY & ABORIGINAL RIGHTS RESEARCH

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

May 11-13, 2022 – Boozhoo! I was in attendance at the National Research Directors Meeting on May 11 – 13, 2022 held in Ottawa. It was a nice change to finally have an in person meeting in over two years. Discussions for this meeting included the following:

EMERGING AND ONGOING ISSUES IN SPECIFIC CLAIMS RESEARCH FUNDING

- Update from the Claims Research Unit Funding Working Group presented by Morgan Freeman, Head of Research, Havlik Consulting Group
- Intellectual Property and Funding Agreements – Jesse Donovan, Senior Policy Analyst, Lands Sector, Assembly of First Nations

LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES OF CANADA SHOWCASE

- Library and Archives of Canada – Leslie Weir, Archivist
- Update on Indigenous Initiatives – Johanna Smith, Director General, Public Services Branch

ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY

- Update from Office of the Information Commissioner – Caroline Maynard, Information Commissioner of Canada
- Update on the Access to Information Act and Privacy Act Reviews – Jennifer Scholfield, Executive Director, Information and Privacy Policy Division & Carolina Mingarelli, Director and General, Center for Information and Privacy Law

SPECIFIC CLAIMS TRIBUNAL – TRIBUNAL UPDATES

- Justice Victoria Chiappetta, Chairperson, Specific Claims Tribunal
- Discussion Re Release of Rights Clause in Specific Claims Tribunal Act – Francis Walsh, Legal Counsel, Mohawk Council of Kahnawake

MEETING WITH CIRNAC OFFICIALS

- Specific Claims Branch – Updates and Discussions – Stefan Matiation, Director General, Specific Claims Branch (SCB), Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)
- Maire Laurence Daigle, Director, Negotiation Support Directorate, Fiscal Branch, Treaties and Aboriginal Government, Crown-Indigenous Relation Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)

NATIONAL CLAIMS RESEARCH WORKSHOP

- October 18 – 20, 2022 in Ottawa Ontario



TREATY AND ABORIGINAL RIGHTS – COMMUNITY VISIT – SHOAL LAKE 40

TARR was in Shoal Lake 40 for a community visit to meet with newly elected chief, Kevin Redsky and council. TARR presented an update to chief and council on their claims.



WILDRICE

“the Indians shall be free as by the past for their hunting and wildrice “ - Treaty commissioner for Canada, 1873.

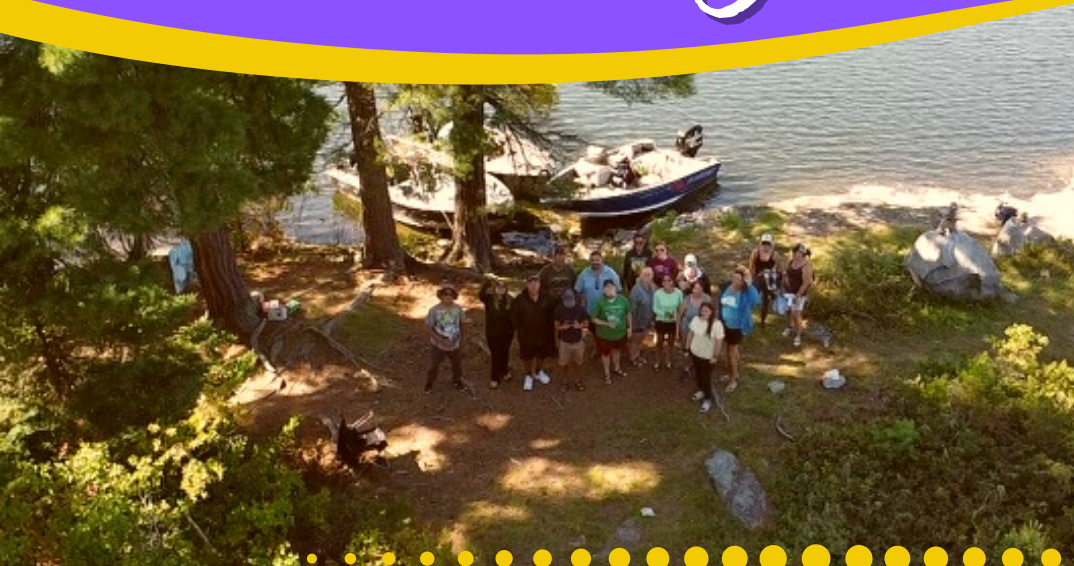
Wildrice is a common delicacy amongst the Anishinaabe people of treaty#3, especially during our pow-wow seasons where lots of wildrice is served. The importance of wildrice to the Anishinaabe goes back 3000 years and was given to us by the creator which came with instructions on how to grow and care for this unique resource. A more ancient term indicates the sacred relationship “MANITO GITIGAAN”, the Great Spirits Garden.

Manomin or wildrice can be explained from the perspective of Treaty #3 Anishinaabe in three dimensions. As a symbol, Manomin signifies the conflict in the constitutional divisions of powers in the Constitutional Act, 1867, which in section 91(24) gives authority over “Indians and lands reserved for Indians” to the Federal government while in section 92 reserving crown lands and natural resources to the provinces. This conflict continues in the Constitution Act, 1982, where section 35 “recognizes and affirms the aboriginal and treaty rights of the aboriginal and treaty rights of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada” Manomin as a symbol, then, affirms it as an aboriginal and treaty right rather than a provincial resource.

In fact, the culture and governance of manomin is the longest continuing form of self-government in the Treaty #3 area, including the ceremonies, preparation, control of the growing period, and harvesting camps where Elders regularly check the harvest and say when to pick and when to rest the rice. In the 19th century, manomin provides a portrait of “an aboriginal economic activity which is absolutely conception and workmanship.” It is solely an Anishinaabe exercise of authority over a resource, and manomin involves the organization of the Anishinaabe people that was untouched by successive Indian Acts. and has survived other forms of suppression of the sovereignty of the people, such as residential schools, relocation of villages, and anglicization of names. and the outlawing of traditional religion and ceremonies.

The relations between the Anishinaabe people and Wildrice remain intact since the creator powered us to care over this resource, that has been in our culture since time immemorial.

Miigwech!



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