



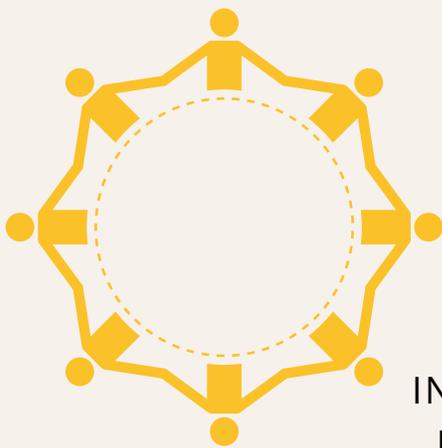
GRAND COUNCIL TREATY #3

The GOVERNMENT OF THE ANISHINAABE NATION in Treaty #3



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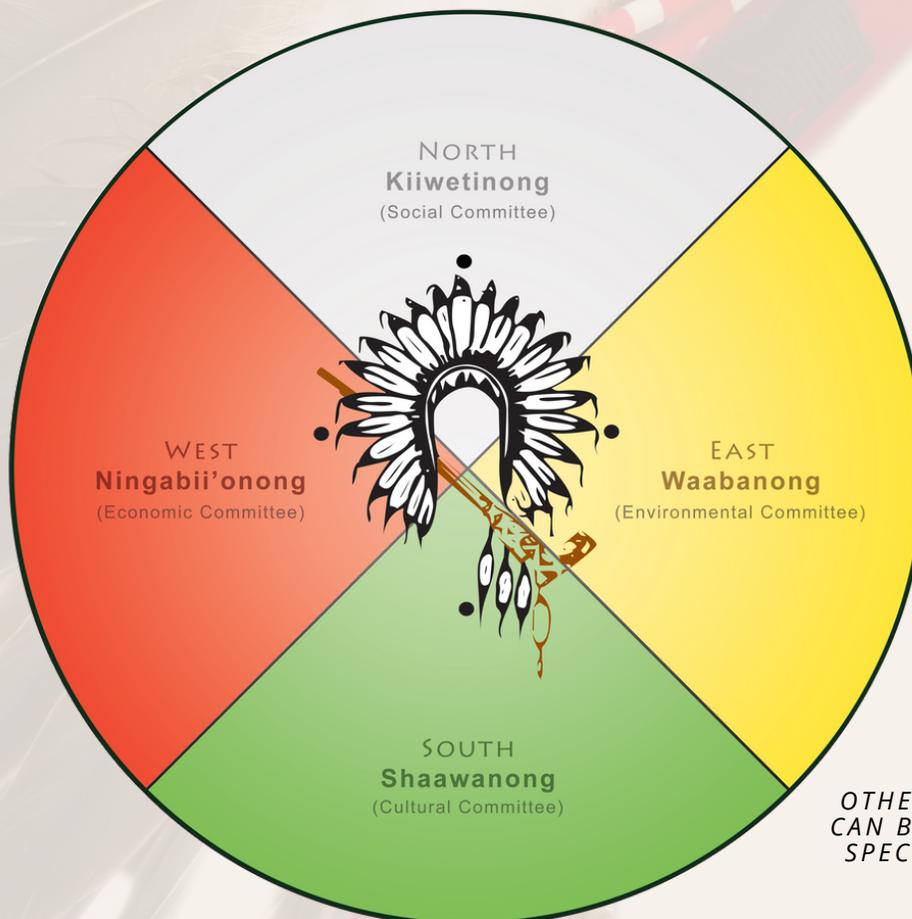
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OSHKINIIGIIG

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.

WINTER LIPSCOMBE
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CAIDENCE SKEAD
WAUZHUSHK ONIGUM

LIAM GEORGE
NAONGASHIING

STRATEGIC PLANNING

From August 22-24th, 2022, YEC members Winter Dawn Lipscombe, Lindsay Bain, Kayla Morrison, Ernie Cobiness, and Alex Calvert met in a hybrid format alongside Elder Terry Skead, file holder Sarah Whorpole, and admin support Shy Loon for a strategic planning session in Winnipeg Manitoba. This was the first time the group could host such a close in-person gathering as COVID had limited travel options; this was a great opportunity for the proxies and primaries to get to know each other better. Importantly, this meeting provided the YEC with an opportunity to learn about the ongoing work happening at GCT#3 and to discuss areas of collaboration. Additionally, the YEC were able to set their priorities for the year, further develop their youth co-chair policy and create a transition plan for a new council (Fall 2023). The YEC would also like to thank Jaden Lakie for providing us with new headshots and photos for our website and social media.

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ISC JOINT MEETING

YEC member Alex Calvert attended the ISC joint gathering in Toronto alongside 2SLGBTQ+ council member Kieran Davis from October 24-27, 2022. Discussions included highlighting the importance of safe, clean drinking water. Nibi is an essential building block to life and one of our most important resources. There was also discussion surrounding emergency management plans, including an increasing desire for First Nations led Emergency Operations Centres.



“There’s a sense of stagnation because although change and progress are discussed repeatedly in these meetings with frameworks and timelines displayed there is not a lot of of that actually happening. Discussions happen with the best intentions in mind but actual progressive action needs to be taken and individuals from both sides need to hold themselves accountable to actually work on these issues.”- Alex

AFN CLIMATE GATHERING

The first Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Climate Gathering was held in Whitehorse, Yukon and intended to bring together First Nations youth, Elders, Knowledge Keepers, leadership, expert to address climate change. The gathering touched on topics including the right to determination, capacity needs, Indigenous knowledge systems, and more. A key component of this gathering included a youth dialogue that allowed young people to come together to discuss the impacts of climate change and develop potential solutions. From this event, there were six calls to action that were developed, which the youth had the opportunity to re-assess progress at the youth gathering held on September 26, 2022 before the start of the official 2nd Climate Gathering from September 27 to 29, 2022 in Fredericton, New Brunswick. The inclusion of youth specific spaces is key to climate action.



While at the event, Winter Dawn attended the Youth Gathering held on September 26 before the start of the climate gathering. This event included a keynote address by Ricky-Lee Watts which emphasized the importance of being connected to breath, self, and community as climate action. Concurrent Sessions were held over each of the three days of the AFN Climate Gathering, The sessions the youth reps chose to attend reflected themes of importance to the youth rep, including those that amplified youth voices and perspectives, issues relevant to Ontario youth, and those of personal interest or relevance. While at the Climate Gathering, Winter Dawn met with a delegation of youth from Onigaming in Treaty #3. She also participated in an interview for a film about the gathering being document by Wabanaki Media. Throughout the gathering she also attended panels and keynotes, including Knowledge Keeper Albert Marshall and a panel looking at international examples of climate action.

IAO

As part of GCT#3’s relationship table with the province of Ontario the YEC has attended to meetings with Indigenous Affairs Ontario to present on past youth initiatives and discuss current priorities for youth in Treaty #3.

(Shaye, Winter Dawn, and ADM Michael Reid)





GAAGIIDOO-IKWEWAG

WOMEN'S COUNCIL UPDATE



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

On October 20th, the Territorial Planning Unit along with Giigaagiido Ikweewag, Treaty 3 Women's Council held the fall water ceremony in Fort Frances, Ontario. This event was a special one because APTN Treaty Road did film the event. Men, women, youth, and children came to the Nanicost building to hear a presentation on Nibi declaration by Priscilla Simard, followed by water teachings from Laura Horton, Elder from Rainy River First Nations. Those who attended learned how to make three water bundles to be placed in the waters of Rainy Lake, Rainy River, and Seine River. Lunch was catered to those present. All of this was on film except for the actual water ceremony which Elder Horton did. There was so much knowledge transferred that morning, including a water song, Zhaagimaa Waabo, to the ones who attended. After lunch, the walk began from Nanicost building, escorted by Treaty 3 Police Service, leading the way. At each shoreline, more teachings and stories were given by Elder Laura Horton. "Water is healthy if we sing to it," she said, so we all joined her in many different water songs sometimes lead by community people. Offerings of food and tobacco were made not only to the water but to the land as well. The Women's Council thank everyone who took time to come out and participate, share their songs and teachings. The film done by APTN Treaty Road will be aired in the new year. So, watch our water teachings event.

October is water month, just before freezing up before winter comes, so many events happen. Anita Collins along with TPU staff attended the following events:

- ~ June 6-8 - Canmore BC - Nibi Declaration presentation
- ~ October 3 - Winnipeg Fort Gary Hotel - Ecotoxicity Workshop & Nibi Declaration presentation
- ~ October 19 & 20 - North York University - Nibi and water teachings

The Women's Council held its first meeting on November 8th to plan the first three events for the 150th Treaty #3 celebrations. Another meeting is scheduled for December 6 to finalize the plans for January 2023. Watch for more details of the events we will be sponsoring in the new year.

The Women's Council continues to advocate to strengthen the Manitou Aki Inakonagawin (Mother Earth Law). This is important for people to be aware of so advocacy can begin at the community level.

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MAMAWICHI-GABOWITAA-ININIWAG

MEN'S COUNCIL UPDATE



The Treaty#3 Men's Council has been able to participate in Grand Council Treaty#3 meetings for Abinoojii Inakonigiwin, Economic Development and Health.

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.

The Treaty3 Men's Council, in association with Grand Council Treaty #3 Social department, hosted a 3-day Men's Healing Gathering at Wauzhushk Onigum Pow Wow Island on September 9-11, 2022. The Healing Gathering was a great success. It helped a lot of Men individually in their healing journey and gathering focused mainly on family violence and touched on other traditional teachings like effects of colonization and decolonization, Traditional Ogichidaa Teachings, clan system etc.

The "Warriors Sweat" hosted by Elder Gary Councilor helped many men's minds and spirits. Along with the Grand Council Treaty #3 Men's Council thanked the auspicious presence of Chief Chris Skead, Chief Bill Petiquan, Ogichidaa Francis Kavanaugh and other Elders.

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

2SLGBTQIA+ COUNCIL UPDATE



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

SHAYLA HOURIE
NAONGASHIING
(ECONOMIC)

KIERAN DAVIS
LAC SUEL
(ENVIRONMENTAL)

MELODY MCKIVER
LAC SUEL
(CULTURAL)

DAHLIA JOURDAIN
COUCHCHICHING
(SOCIAL)

The Treaty#3 2S Council would like to share some recent achievements with everyone.

The 2S Council provided an update to the Treaty#3 Fall Assembly hosted in Lac Seul and was proud that Echo Davis was able to be mentored by Don Jones and Eric Fisher as an Assembly Co-Chair. With the support of the Treaty#3 Youth Executive Council Kieran Davis of the 2S Council has been able to attend some regional meetings to advance the awareness of the 2S Council in Treaty#3. Kieran has attended the Chiefs of Ontario meetings and had the opportunity to Chair the 2022 Ontario Region Joint Indigenous Services Canada gathering.

One of the challenges that the 2S Council has initially faced was securing some funding to carry out outreach to communities and to organizations within and outside of Treaty#3 territory. In the fall, Shayla Hourie and Wawatay Fobister was able to attend a Relationship Table meeting with Ogichidaa Kavanaugh and the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs to share on the background of the 2S Council. In November Shayla travelled to Toronto to participate in another meeting with IAO and IAO was able to identify a funding allocation for the 2S Council to carry out some outreach and network with other First Nations and organizations in Ontario.

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OFFICE OF THE OGICHIDAA

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT UPDATE



OGICHIDAA FRANCIS KAVANAUGH

OFFICE OF THE OGICHIDAA

Over the course of the Fall, the Political Office has had the opportunity to engage with partners at both levels of government to strengthen and maintain relationships that were transformed by COVID-19. Although many of these meetings are still partially virtual, the opportunities for travel have allowed for many relationships to be re-established.

Most importantly for me in my role as Ogichidaa, we have been able to resume regular in person meetings for Treaty #3 leadership. The strategic planning session with the Treaty #3 Chiefs held in early November allowed me to hear directly from leadership as we discussed and reaffirmed our mandate here at Grand Council Treaty #3. I was able to hear the perspectives of Chiefs on a wide range of issues. Although it was difficult to hear the struggles communities face, especially with the drug epidemics we face, it was also important to hear of the successes we have achieved over the past few years.

I was pleased to attend a similar strategic planning session held for all of the Grand Council Treaty #3 staff. It was great to meet new staff, hear more of the projects currently being worked on, and learn some of the staff perspectives on what they need to better advocate for our nation. Over the next year I will be excited to see how this planning rolls out and what we will be able to accomplish.

This fall I was honoured to be invited by Grand Chief Niganobe to conduct a pipe ceremony in Thunder Bay. This reaffirmation of the relationship with the Anishinabek Nation is an important step in reconnecting with one another after being separated for the past several years. There are many opportunities to cooperate and support our neighbours and we are truly stronger together when we come together to discuss what it means to be Anishinaabe and the shared interests that we have.

In terms of ongoing efforts, I want to commend the elders that came together to discuss the legacy of the Indian Residential School system and the future of the Cecilia Jeffrey site. These discussions take an emotional toll but have to happen in order to ensure our survivors are able to heal and we honour and protect those that did not come home. I know that for many there is a desire to see action on this issue as we are all impacted by the legacy of these schools.



**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.

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However, it remains our top priority that these discussions happen in a good way and that proper protocols are respected. We will continue on with these efforts but realize that it will take as long as it takes as this is one issue that we certainly will not want to rush.

Finally, I would like to commend the efforts of our health workers after attending the Senior Officials Health Transformation meeting earlier this month. It is clear that these discussions are very complex and that there are many factors at play but I am positive that the Anishinaabe Nation in Treaty #3 is making real progress in the area of health transformation. I am hopeful that the ongoing work towards the development of a health law will help us along this path over the next year.

As this fall marks the beginning of the final year of my term as Ogichidaa, I look forward to seeing many of the projects I have seen grow over the past three and a half years reach their completion. Over the past year both Gamikaan Bimaadiziwin and the Kenora Justice Centre have seen significant leaps in their development and are expected to be well underway in the next year. As we approach 2023 we will also be approaching the 150th anniversary of the signing of Treaty #3. Over the next few months I ask that all our citizens consider what this means to them and how we may be able to celebrate our nationhood and build better communities for the next 150 years. The next year will be one of celebration for all of us and I look forward to spending it out in the nation during the last year of my term as Ogichidaa.



GICHI OZHIBI'IGE OGAAMIC ADMINISTRATION OFFICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE



STRATEGIC PLANNING

Grand Council Treaty#3 staff participated in a Strategic Planning event. Patrick Kent facilitated the session and Thinklogic provided a Graphic illustration of the session. A strategic planning session will also be followed up by the Treaty#3 leadership as we look forward.



OFFICE OPERATIONS

Grand Council Treaty#3 offices remain open and staff are carrying out in person meetings with a virtual option if required. Masks are available for visitors. We ask that if you are feeling unwell with cold/flu or COVID symptoms that you not visit the offices and reschedule.



Grand Council Treaty#3 has new office signage at 315 Main Street, wood carving created by Kavin Redsky and at our East Hwy office location.



FINANCE

We continue to request our meeting participants and vendor to participate in enrolling to receive EFT. EFT processes facilitate easy of deposit and our efforts to become a "paperless office". If you have any questions, please follow up with our Finance staff who can assist in sharing about the EFT process.





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.



CREATIVITY IN MEETING SPACES

Over the COVID pandemic Grand Council Treaty#3 has explored many “outdoor” meeting venue options. This summer and into the fall months we were able to host a variety of meetings on Lake of the Woods. The lake has provided a wonderful opportunity to connect, build relationships, share information about the history and importance of our waters and keep people safe.

WE ARE HIRING!

WATER MONITORING TECHNICIAN
CONTRACT - KENORA

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS WORKERS (CCW)
FULL TIME - DRYDEN, FORT FRANCES, KENORA

JUSTICE RECEPTIONIST
FULL TIME - KENORA

JUSTICE RECEPTIONIST
FULL TIME - DRYDEN

EDUCATION POLICY ANALYST
FULL TIME - KENORA

DISCHARGE PLANNING COORDINATOR
FULL TIME - KENORA

INDIGENOUS SUPPORT NETWORK COORDINATOR
FULL TIME - KENORA

ABINOOJII INAKONIGEWIN POLICY ANALYST
FULL TIME - KENORA

INDIGENOUS CARE COORDINATOR
FULL TIME - THUNDER BAY

MMIWG COORDINATOR
FULL TIME - KENORA

NOHFC FISH AND WILDLIFE
INTERNSHIP - DRYDEN, FORT FRANCES, KENORA

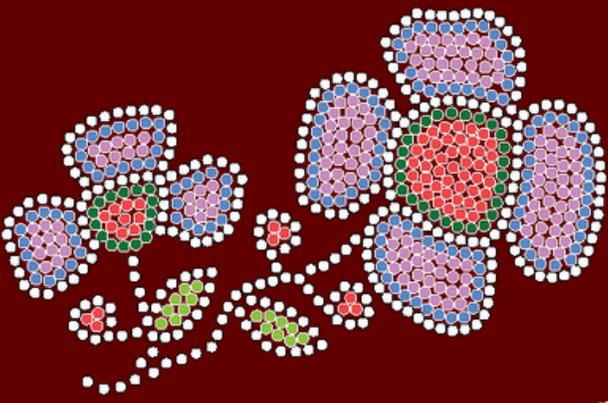
COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST
FULL TIME - DRYDEN, FORT FRANCES, KENORA

ANTI-RACISM COORDINATOR
FULL TIME - FORT FRANCES, KENORA

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER
FULL TIME - KENORA

GLADUE WRITER
FULL TIME - DRYDEN

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



HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE



DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR FLU SHOT AND COVID BOOSTER THIS SEASON!



As we approach winter; let's be ready!

- Carry a mask for indoor public spaces
- Feel unwell; stay home
- Get your flu shot/covid booster to protect you and your loved ones



TREATY #3 YOUTH SUMMIT

Over two days Grand Council Treaty #3 Health Department hosted a Youth Summit in Winnipeg, November 14-15, 2022. Over 80 Youth participants travelled from 20 different communities within the Treaty #3 territory to gather and empower each other from many workshops and keynote speakers.

Youth learned how to use laughing yoga in their everyday lives. Resources and tools regarding harm reduction, relationships and listening to two keynote speakers, Aj Douglas Bear and Fawn Wood.



Health Department also hosted 3 Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) and Assessing Suicide in Kids (ASK) workshops starting in September 2022. Over 70 Treaty #3 members are now trained and certified.

INDIGENOUS SYSTEMS COORDINATOR - MINO GHIIZIGUD AKINA-GO

Mental Health and Addictions – Treaty #3 Client Journey Mapping Engagement will continue into 2023, keep an eye out for Save The Date Posters on Grand Council Treaty #3 social media platforms or local band/health administration offices. Each Engagement will target specific groups such as people with lived experience, LGBTQ2S, regional organizations, health directors, allied partners, Treatment Centres, R.A.A.M. Directors and community members. The outcome will help create a more effective and sustainable system for those experiencing problematic substance use and mental health, as a response to the ongoing mental health crisis, opioid overdose crisis and those impacted by suicide.

MIDWIFERY

Ghizewaadiziwin Health Access Centre and Grand Council Treaty #3 have coordinated a Full 4 Day Spectrum Indigenous Doula (Birthworker) Training on October 20, 21, 22 & 23 at Nigigoonsiminikaaning Roundhouse. 10 ladies from the southern Treaty #3 First Nation communities received their certification. Congratulations all!

Treaty #3 is proud and honoured to announce the first certified, Traditional Midwife in the territory. Elaine Ross is from Northwest Angle #33 First Nation she describes her training being a very long journey which took many years to learn about birth, and more importantly understanding the Traditional Birth Bundle and how it works. She truly believes that once we bring traditional birthing practices back, there will be a momentum to birth our future generations back into our homes and communities. She also relates there will be less need for western social interventions.



CHRONIC PAIN RESEARCH PROJECT

Chronic Pain Research Project: Develop Education and Awareness to create pain-related resources and needs for communities to improve pain care and related drug use through an engagement process utilizing talking circles. The knowledge gained will also help teach healthcare providers about what's important to you and your community when you seek medical treatment for your pain.

HEALTH TRANSFORMATION

Ogichidaa Kavanaugh and Chiefs gathered to have a full day of discussions on health transformation at the Delta Marriott in Thunder Bay November 17, 2022.



DRUG TASK FORCE

Opioid Research will wrap up with a Final Gathering in November, bringing the two groups together who have participated in this project to hear the final research outcome and recommendations for next steps. As mentioned in the Summer Newsletter, the research focus was on Data with respect to overdose and drug related deaths.

The Dibaajimowin Project will build fibre optic network to bring high speed internet to all community buildings and homes in participating Treaty #3 First Nation communities.

The construction costs are 100% funded with no cost to the community.



Representatives from Bell Canada, Project Partners with GCT3 on the Dibaajimowin connectivity Project, met in Thunder Bay, November 17 with the Treaty #3 Chiefs to update them about the progress of the project and Bells commitment to the partnership.

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

Construction of fibre optic line upgrades under Phase 1 of the Dibaajimowin Project has begun 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 is slated to begin early next spring (2023) and due to be completed by December 2025. Communities will be connected as construction is completed.

A meeting to update and consult with the Dibaajimowin Chiefs Advisory Committee (Social & Economic Chiefs) was held on October 3rd and a report given to the National Assembly on October 4th to confirm Nation consent for Dibaajimowin Project construction in Treaty #3 territory.

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





SOCIAL

DEPARTMENT UPDATE



Boozhoo/Hello,

My name is Pauline Wahl. I am very excited to join with the Social Department as the new Administrative Assistant. I am a Canadian French Metis descendant originally from Manitoba and moved to Kenora in 2014. I love camping, swimming, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, traveling and anything to do with the outdoors. I have a loving husband of 23 years and 1 biological child, but many foster children as I have been a foster parent for over 20 years. I love to help anyone in need and hope to put my life experience to good use here at GCT#3.

Miigwech.

Social Department continues our work with community technical working groups and child welfare organizations for the Abinooji Inakonigewin Implementation. On October 31, 2022, the Social department joined Niisaachewan Anishinaabe Nation's Abinooji Inakonigewin Customary Care Meeting and Pathway Workshop. The meeting concluded with the official ceremonial selection of Niisaachewan Abinooji Inakonigewin Technical team and strengthened work in Niisaachewan's AI -implementation. Furthermore, the Social department continues its involvement in Housing discussions with the Ministry and other community partners and ensures Treaty#3 participation in Chief of Ontario meetings.



Social Department is proud to support our 2S council, Women's council and Men's Council in their activities. With the support of Family Violence prevention funding, the Men's Council hosted its first Men's Healing gathering at Wauzhushk Onigum Roundhouse on September 9-11,2022. The gathering helped many Grassroot men in their healing journey with Traditional Warriors Sweat and Teaching.





ANTI-RACISM YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAM

Our work with the Anti-Racism project is still going on very well. We developed our Anti-Racism Youth Training Manual and Finished two curriculum presentations with the Keewatin Patricia district school board and Rainy River District School board of youth training programs. We are working on hosting more sessions with two more school boards before February 2023. On November 16, 2023, Education committee meeting, Our Treay#3 Education directors and Principals showed interest in continuing their work on Anti-Racism and Bullying in each first nation school with the resources developed by the Social department.





EDUCATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE



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



EDUCATION MESSAGE

Our past leaders at the time of treaty negotiations shared the message of the connection of Anishinaabe people to Creator and the sacred responsibility we carry as Anishinaabe people. These reminders are there to guide us moving forward, learning from the wisdom of the past. May we continue to follow the ways, teachings and path left by our ancestors.

***"I WILL TELL YOU
WHAT HE [THE GREAT
SPIRIT] SAID TO US
WHEN HE PLANTED US
HERE; THE RULES THAT
WE SHOULD FOLLOW -
US INDIANS - HE HAS
GIVEN US RULES THAT
WE SHOULD FOLLOW
TO GOVERN US
RIGHTLY."***

***- CHIEF MAWINTOOPINESSE ON
3 OCTOBER 1873 FROM WE
HAVE KEPT OUR PART OF THE
TREATY: THE ANISHINAABE
UNDERSTANDING OF TREATY #3
DOCUMENT OCT 3 2011***

RE-IGNITING PATHWAYS EDUCATION GATHERING

An Education Gathering "Reigniting Pathways" was held August 23-26, 2022 in Winnipeg. Day 1 & 2 was the Education Partnership Program (EPP) Forum of the gathering with communities that are a part of the EPP. Topics included: EPP Lead Updates, Learning Resource Priorities, PD Strategy, Student Transition Handbook, Great Lakes Cultural Centre presentation on Indigenous Student Transitions land-based program, Task Team identification, Elder's Endorsement Language Model presentation by EDU, Early Development Instrument Presentation by McMaster, New Teacher Orientation, Land-based Education presentation, education issues discussions. Day 3 & 4 was the Education Committee meeting. Topics included: RRDSB/TNCDSB/KCDSB/KPDSB Updates, Education Committee terms of reference review, Education Research collaboration opportunity with University of Manitoba, Post Secondary Education research report, Education Task Team formation, ISC update, Teaching Treaties in the Classroom, Strategic planning updates and education issues discussions.



DIBAAJIMOWIN: SHARING OUR HISTORY ELDER'S GATHERING 2022

On August 27th & 28th 2022 the Dibaajimowin: Sharing our History Elder's Gathering was held at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Winnipeg. Grand Council Treaty #3's Education Unit is pleased to have organized and hosted the event which saw 25 community Elder's from the Treaty #3 Territory invited and had an exciting opportunity to share information and stories about the history of the Treaty #3 and to begin preliminary discussions on how to best preserve and document the information shared. This gathering ensured that we came together to share our history as a nation and to record the shared knowledge for the future generations of students within our communities so that they in turn can learn the localized history of Treaty #3 as understood by the Elder's in a respectful way.

Day one opened in a fun way with Staff treating the Elders to Breakfast Bingo, there was tons of fun and laughs and appreciation when prizes were won. Once everyone had their fill of breakfast and bingo, the gathering was opened by our visiting drum Azhiwe Kiizhik from Giishkaandago' Ikwe Health Services (Fort Frances). We opened the gathering in a good way with our lead elder Kelvin Morrison conducting the opening protocols.

Edward Mandamin did a presentation for the Elders on the Treaty in the scholarly context, the Elders took a break and broke out into smaller groups for discussions on Traditional Protocols and Names for treaties and discussions of the connection of Land and Treaty.

"MANITOU MAZINEIGAN" - ELDER

"7 TEACHINGS IMPORTANT TO INSTILL IN TREATIES" - ELDER

Day Two saw another round of breakfast bingo! And we went right into discussions again, topics covered were: Anishinaabe perspective on Treaty understanding and perspectives, Treaty #3 -Anishinaabe perspective on treaty history sharing, creating respectful places to share treaty knowledge with students, with discussions ending with one last topic Perspective on bringing Maamowendamowin (working together) and Treaty together.

"BRING TECHNOLOGY TO CONNECT US WITH OUR YOUTH" - ELDER BRIAN COCHRANE

The Elders that were brought together developed friendships and a bond, they were grateful for the opportunity to have been brought together for this information sharing event. They would gladly attend another.



POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION RESEARCH

A Grand Council Treaty #3 Education Review of the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) Community Engagement Report has been completed. It was based on research that was conducted virtually and in-person through surveys, interviews and focus groups with members of Treaty #3 on the topic of post-secondary education. The report has been shared with education directors and leadership of Treaty #3. Some key findings and recommendations that resulted from the research are as follows:

1. More information and engagement on the Post-Secondary Student Support Program;
2. Increased financial allowances to meet basic living costs and access to support services;
3. Access to mental health services including culturally-relevant supports;
4. Role models and mentors to support students before, during and after graduation;
5. Elders/spiritual guidance during post-secondary education - more holistic support and learning about Anishinaabe language, culture, history;
6. Outreach and advertising of Indigenous student services and the supports available at post-secondary institutions;
7. Preparing for post-secondary education by providing student transitional support funding;
8. Academic specific supports during post-secondary education;
9. Career counseling – transitions to the job market after graduation;
10. Training and increased financial support for First Nation post-secondary education staff and administration;
11. Increased First Nation support & recognition for post-secondary education students - staff, leadership & Grand Council Treaty #3.

There will be continued advocacy at regional and national levels for improving the PSSSP through appropriate funding and support services for post-secondary students. These recommendations have been shared with Chiefs of Ontario in development of an Ontario Post-Secondary Education Regional Model. Treaty #3 Education Committee will continue to work together on post-secondary education.

VIRTUAL TEACHER ORIENTATION WORKSHOP

A Virtual Teacher Orientation Workshop held September 26, 2022 with 65+ participants on topics: outdoor classrooms, First Nation Education Resources and Services, School Water Programs, Anishinaabemowin in Daily Learning, Environmental Education, GCT3 Drug Strategy and Teacher Planning.

GAABII IZHIIJIGENG CAREER/SCIENCE EXPERIENCE CAMPS 2022

Grand Council Treaty #3 Education Unit is hosting 3 Regional Gaabii Izhijiigeng Career/Science Experience Camps in the Kenora, Fort Frances and Dryden regions we will be working with Origin in creating a Virtual Reality career exploration experience, and Science North along with an Elder that utilizes both scientific and traditional knowledge in their teachings. Area youth will get an opportunity to learn about careers and science through experiential learning. These are exciting times for our youth to experience careers and science in a different manner, and we hope that they come away from the experiences with a new passion for unconventional occupations and science/traditional knowledge.

UPCOMING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES:

Youth Career and Science Experience Regional Camps, Education Committee Meetings, Language, Land and Treaty Resource Development, Education Gathering and Education Law community engagement.





Treaty Recognition Week

Grand Council Treaty #3 Education Unit



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TREATY #3 INVESTMENT GROUP

ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT UPDATE



CECILIA JEFFREY PROPERTY UPDATE

Through resolution, Grand Council Treaty 3 has developed an Elders Advisory Council for the Cecilia Jeffrey's Residential School site. The CJ Property Advisory Council is as follows:

East	South	West	North
Dan Geyschick Lac La Croix	Dorothy Medicine Rainy River First Nations	Lorraine Major Animke Wa Zhing	Gary Cochrane Grassy Narrows
Kathy McIvor Wabigoon Lake	Roy Tom Big Grassy River	Richard Green Shoal Lake #40	Iris Kelly Wabaseemoong

On September 29th 2022, GCT3 put on the first CJ Property Advisory Council meeting at the Best Western in Dryden. During this meeting the council came together to discuss the residential school site at Cecilia Jeffrey's Property and started to develop a pathway forward in regard to the residential school site and burial sites. This meeting was the introduction for the elders in the working group on the tasks for the advisory council, looking for guidance on the site/burial sites, and discussed finding a spiritual advisor to facilitate a shake tent ceremony. The Elders were in agreement that we need to be sure we do not rush this process and to make sure we seek guidance while we undertake this work. This is a very sacred process and we need to be sure that we follow all the proper protocols. Delaney Cox was the Graphic illustrator at our meeting and she has illustrated the proceeding of our first meeting through her work.

On October 17th, 2022, GCT3 hosted the second CJ Property Advisory Council meeting at the Grand Council Treaty #3 Political Office/CJ Property Site in Kenora. Elder Steven Kejick came to the meeting and he shed light on the history of the residential school site and ceremonies that had taken place there. The next steps will be to find a spiritual advisor to ensure that the ceremonial aspects are concluded and for the advisory council to develop appropriate questions and a framework for the cultural protocols to be concluded for the residential school and burial sites.

ENERGY

Grand Council Treaty #3 has been working with the Ministry of Energy to convene a meeting with the Economic Chiefs Committee to discuss items of a mutual interest. It is anticipated that our initial meeting will be held in January 2023. The potential agenda items include the following:

Outreach on the long-term energy planning using three (3) components (1. Develop the Panel. 2. Develop Energy Study. 3. Use Key Findings to Make Recommendations.)

Discuss procurement opportunities for First Nations in Treaty #3.

Application of Manito Aki Inaakonigewin to energy project and education of Ministry officials.

Seimens Canada

Grand Council Treaty #3 has been working with Jerry Chwang, Siemens Canada to develop micro-grid solutions for the twenty-eight (28) First Nation in Treaty #3. Initially, the work entails completing an energy audit for the First Nation and we have suggested that Jerry consider utilizing four (4) First Nation communities to complete the audit. Those First Nations will represent a cross-section of energy requirements or challenges that reflect the reality of Treaty #3. The communities selected include Lac La Croix (small, semi-remote), Couchiching (large, urban), Northwest Angle #33 (small, remote) and Wabaseemoong (large, semi-remote). We will examine the load requirements of the community, i.e. The electrical power and energy consumed by the community over a year or two. If metered loads are not available, we can construct a load profile using electricity bills and discussion with the community. Look for Grand Council Treaty #3 to send out a tender document for a consultant/individual to undertake work with First Nations as part of this project.

ENERGY SYMPOSIUM IN TORONTO

On November 8th and 9th, Hailey Krolyk and Drake Crosson attended the First Nations Energy Symposium in Toronto at the Chelsea Hotel. The event was sponsored by the Independent Electrical System Operators (IESO) and the event's intent was to bring First Nation communities together to speak about energy programs being offered at the IESO, and hear success stories on individual projects.

Day 1 started off with a keynote presentation on Indigenous Women and Youth Building Community Capacity. This session highlighted the work that women and youth are doing to support education and awareness of energy issues in their respective communities. The speakers have helped prepare their communities/organizations to fully leverage energy opportunities and are working towards cleaner and more affordable energy systems for First Nations.

-The Energy Efficiency Program session provided an overview of the current suite of energy efficiency programs offered by the IESO. Programs are available for on- and off-reserve community members, as well as grid- and non-grid- connected communities.

- The Regional Planning and Procurement session discussed the ongoing and upcoming procurements for new and expanded facilities to meet the province's emerging reliability needs.

- The Community Project Success: Energy Solutions for Communities session allowed for attendees will to hear from Indigenous community members, including Five Nations Energy Inc.'s CEO Pat Chilton, on their management of successful energy projects in their community. The speakers highlighted how they overcame obstacles and maintained their community's values throughout the development of their project.

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Day 2 heard a keynote presentation on Meeting the Energy Champions. In this presentation the Community Energy Champions (CECs) discussed how they are developing innovative energy solutions for their communities/organizations. The session highlighted the work CECs have been able to complete through IESO.

-The Energy as a First Nation Priority session highlighted community members who have been successful in gaining the support of leadership in the community for their energy initiatives. Speakers discussed best practices for securing community buy-in.

-The Building Community Capacity through Certificates and Training was the symposium closing session and it focused on certification and training opportunities for community members as offered by CIET and ICE.

In summary, the IESO Energy Symposium was a great way to learn from the IESO and to gain insight into how we can use the programs to assist our communities. The symposium allowed for a great opportunity to engage with other First Nation communities to learn from each other and share their failures and successes in energy.

HOUSING STRATEGY

GCT#3 and Clear Direction continues its work on the GCT#3 Housing Strategy.

To quantify the current need for housing and related infrastructure, a Tenant Survey and Housing Assessment was developed. The survey and assessments have been delivered to each of the 26 Treaty #3 communities located in Ontario.

Due to timing and shortages in the labour market, the surveys and assessments have been distributed to households to complete themselves. To ensure that a high rate of completion, we are offering a \$50 incentive per household for each completed assessment.

Once completed, the information from the assessments shall be entered into a database, per community. Once entered, the data will be analyzed and a report provided to each respective community.

The housing information from all 26 communities, will then be rolled into a singular GCT#3 Housing Needs Report.

In conjunction with the Tenant Survey and Housing Assessment, we are looking at rolling out a Housing Demand survey early in the New Year. Like the Tenant Survey and Housing Assessment, the Housing Demand survey will be distributed per Treaty #3 community to both on- and off-reserve citizens. The Housing Demand survey will assist us to better understand the housing requirement per community in terms of repatriating its citizens and meeting the housing needs of young people 'coming of age' in each community.

It is our intention to meet with individual Treaty #3 communities and Tribal Councils in the first quarter of the calendar year, to further discuss how information from the surveys and assessments can inform and provide direction to other aspects of the GCT#3 Housing Strategy, namely:

- the potential of enhancing/expanding Technical and Professional Housing Services across Treaty 3, and
- the potential of community, Tribal Council and/or GCT#3-owned Housing Focus Enterprises

Again, it is our intention that the work we complete over the next few months can be presented at a GCT#3 Housing Summit that will be organized towards the latter half of March 2023.

HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

GCT#3 and Clear Direction have developed a discussion paper outlining key components of a GCT#3 Homelessness Strategy. The Homelessness Strategy will be one of key pillars to the overarching GCT#3 Housing Strategy. Our early work on the Homelessness Strategy has two main areas of focus, 1) Prevention and 2) Caretaking.

We look forward to introducing and engaging with Treaty #3 communities on the Homelessness Strategy at an individual and regional level. We envision, at the planned GCT#3 Housing Summit in March 2023, that we will formalize the first phase of the Homelessness Strategy.

HOUSING SUPPLY CHALLENGE

Clear Direction developed an entry on behalf of GCT#3 for CMHC's Housing Supply Challenge: Round 3 – Northern Access that was submitted in June 2022. In September 2022, CMHC notified GCT#3 that its entry was one of 33 projects selected to move into Phase 2 of the Challenge.

GCT#3's entry was based on the concept of development of a GCT#3 Housing Supply Trade Corridor and Distribution Centre. Through this initiative, we will realize an opportunity for Treaty #3 communities to achieve significant cost -savings through:

- procurement and bulk purchasing;
- entering into trade agreements/contracts with Indigenous nations/corporations across Turtle Island – as is our right per Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) and UNDRIP;
- constructing warehouses/distribution centres in strategic locations and in each of the member First Nations of Treaty #3
- procuring/securing a GCT#3 transportation network by
 - a) securing semi-tractor trailers and
 - b) establishing shipping contracts with major railways.



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; Naothamegwanning, 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 on-going 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:**

**JORDAN BENOIT
NATURAL RESOURCES
POLICY ANALYST**

**TIMOTHY ZAPORZAN
TPU COORDINATOR**

**AMANDA HENRY
TPU RECEPTIONIST**



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Emergency Management Team has been working with Treaty #3 communities and partners to complete the response & recovery stages from 2022 flooding, as well as working together to ensure all emergency plans are up to date. The EM team is in the process of cleaning the deployable devices in preparation for the New Year! Congratulations goes out to all 24 Treaty #3 community members that successfully completed & graduated the recent 10 day Evacuation/Security Training held in Dryden ON.

A big thank you to Don Jones for supporting our trainees throughout the training
More training coming soon!





CUMULATIVE EFFECTS PLANNING

As our communities plan for the future, we're seeing substantial industrial development in our traditional territories because the Ontario government is removing significant environmental protections by means of legislative and regulatory changes. To challenge those changes and developments at a Treaty level, GCT3 TPU is taking the initiative to develop a Cumulative Effects Model for decision-making, which will be coupled with the Environmental/Impact Assessment process and, most importantly, the Nation of GCT3's Manito Aki Inakonigaawin's governance protocols. As we prepare to take 'next steps' to engage with industry and the Crown, the TPU has begun engaging communities in Regional sessions to discuss the strategy for their input on how we should be approaching this work. We strongly encourage anyone interested in attending the Regional sessions to provide input.

As the TPU continues to connect with communities, and interest develops in the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line Project, the Treaty #3-Wide Energy Strategy, and/or the Cumulative Effects Model development, inquiries can be directed to Michelle Shephard, Regulatory Specialist at (204) 898-4848 or Michelle.Shephard@treaty3.ca.

POLICY ANALYST (FOCUS IN NATURAL RESOURCES)

Jordan Benoit was born and raised in Kenora, Ontario and has indigenous roots within the Treaty 3 Territory. Jordan has been employed by different indigenous organizations throughout Canada. He has acted in the following roles: Conservation Officer in Nunavut working with an Inuit community; a Forestry Coordinator for the Metis Nation or Ontario; and just recently, the Emergency Management Coordinator for Bimose Tribal Council. Jordan studied Forestry at Sault College as well as GIS Technology at Fanshawe College, and holds technical diplomas in both. He also has a background in Natural Resources Law & Compliance. In his spare time, Jordan enjoys hunting & fishing with family and friends. In his new role as Policy Analyst (Focus in Natural Resources) for the Territorial Planning Unit of Grand Council Treaty 3, Jordan will provide a broad range of technical and policy advice to Grand Council Treaty #3, Treaty #3 communities and leadership. His role will support the Territorial Planning Unit's review of policy as it relates to Natural Resources and Development and other initiatives to provide comment and expertise in the exercise of Anishinaabe Governance and Jurisdiction as guided by Manito Aki Inakonigaawin and the protection and enhancement of inherent and treaty rights.

RESOURCE REVENUE SHARING

The Grand Council Treaty #3 team continues to work on the administration of the Resource Revenue Sharing that shares stumpage fees from Forestry and royalties of mining between Ontario and the Anishinaabe Nation in Treaty #3. Currently, Grand Council Treaty #3 is focused on the independent evaluation of the agreement in partnership with Ontario.

A requirement of the RRS Agreement is audit reporting for the revenues shared. It is important that each community provide the audit reports as soon as possible to the Territorial Planning Unit of Grand Council Treaty #3 in order to work with Ontario for future revenue distributions.





COMMUNITY BASED MONITORING

Environmental monitoring season is coming to a close. Over the season TPU monitoring staff travelled across the Territory to work with communities to identify monitoring sites and collect water quality and fish habitat data. For water quality and fish habitat TPU and community members monitored basic surface water parameters (temperature, pH, conductivity, dissolved oxygen, and water clarity), collected water samples to test for heavy metals and nutrients, and took aerial reference photos and water depth measurements. Over the course of the coming winter the TPU will be hosting community engagement sessions to help build towards more CBM water and fish habitat monitoring come Spring 2023. If you are interested in having a CBM engagement session in your community for the CBM program, please contact Chris Herc at chris.herc@treaty3.ca



SPECIES AT RISK

New to this year the TPU monitoring team has begun mapping growing locations and DNA testing for invasive Phragmites within the Territory and mapping Purple Loosestrife within the Territory. At the start of Summer monitoring staff collected DNA samples for testing for invasive Phragmites with results showing that all samples taken were of native Phragmites. However, testing done by other groups in Thunder Bay have shown that invasive Phragmites is growing in the northern region and likely could spread westward into Treaty #3. Through the rest of Summer, TPU monitoring staff digitally mapped growing locations of Phragmites for future DNA testing and growing locations of Purple Loosestrife around the Kenora region. Mapping locations will allow for better planning of mitigation and removal initiatives for these species. For more information on invasive species work please contact Chris Herc at chris.herc@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."

The Wiisokotatiwin department helped fund the "We Are Here" project that was helping to bring the "awareness of the challenges that our youth face, from identity crisis, dropping out, drugs/alcohol, becoming at risk. We wanted to do something to show our youth that they can achieve good things with hard work. So we decided to begin this project, we designed and made some clothing, then recruited some indigenous youth to model them." Kim Sandy-Kasprick and Brenn Wille. This event was hosted on November 5, 2022.



November 08, is known as Indigenous Veterans Day and we take this time to remember and honor our Anishinaabe Warriors who served and sacrificed for our freedom. We shall never forget.



MESSAGES FROM THE STAFF OF WISOKATATIWIN



DONALD KELLY IRS SUPPORT WORKER

E'naa niich' anishinaabewitoog, nidinawemaaganag, niwiichiwaaganag, poozhoo my fellow anishinaab's, cousins and close friends, this is Don Kelly of the IRS/IDS unit, branch of the Grand Council of Treaty 3, addressing the newsletter for the Fall of 2022. Aanwasa, okay now, I am here to impart a little knowledge about the fall, and what Fall means to me as anishinaabe, culturally, of course. As anishinaabe once told me, to remember he said, " giitwaagoong", means that the fall is upon us, and that time is to be ready for the coming winter. Harvest the wild rice, and the corn, gather the wood, which you will use for warmth, make ready the meat and make storage, dry and smoke the fish, tan the hides of the moose and deer, you will use and make clothes for the winter months, make your aagimak, and your makalaks, prepare, prepare, prepare, like the ants who all summer prepared and stored their food, so that their queen will survive the cold winter months ahead. And so it is, with the anishinaabe, that we too will be ready, and celebrate life and give our miigwech's to the grandfather, our creator, for having bestowed us with the breath of life in our bodies, and learn from the awensiwag (animals), the seven grandfather teaching's on life. So remember said He, all that we do is for naught, but for the survival of that lives that matter, as you matter. Miigwech nidinaa nimishoomis, as we give thanks to you, Grandfather, and to you, because you matter...to me, miigwech, Don

KAREN BLUEBIRD TRAUMA INFORMED COORDINATOR

I started working for Grand Council Treaty 3 in November 2022 as the Trauma Informed Coordinator. The following items are some of the activities on my agenda in the upcoming quarter: support the ongoing healing process of IRS, IDS Survivors and their families. Provide information and support resources, and search for a private and safe place to get together and share their stories. I enjoyed working with Elders that I met while working as a health care worker. And I will be meeting IRS and IDS Survivors in this job also.

HAYLEY JACULAK IDS SUPPORT WORKER AND ADMIN ASSISTANT

Boozhoo, the Wiisokotatiwin department is beyond thankful for everyone who showed their support by wearing an orange shirt on September 30! Over 700 people from all over came together to bring awareness about what Orange Shirt Day is really all about. For those who don't know I mean by Orange Shirt Day, "September 30th has been declared Orange Shirt Day annually, in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and wellbeing, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters." A big reminder that Indian Day School applications are still being accepted with the additional extension form attached to it. If any of you are in need of assistance of filling out the extension and Day School Application please contact the office or stop by the office located at 315 Main Street in Kenora. Miigwech Hayley



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!)

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2

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



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

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.)

5



The Prevention House
NURTURING RESILIENCE IN FAMILIES



KAKEWAASEYA JUSTICE SERVICES

DEPARTMENT UPDATE



JUSTICE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE, ARTHUR HUMINUK

Greetings to all. It appears like winter is about to take over the activities for the next several months, and I hope everyone is prepared for this wonderful time of year. Winter always brings out the best in people, not only with the productivity in the workplace but also with the winter activities that are so invigorating and healthy.

As we are all getting ready for the holiday season, there is good news coming out of the Kaakewaaseya Justice Services. First of all, the Kenora Community Justice Center, funded by the Ministry of the Attorney General's office, is nearing the final stages before opening to serve Treaty #3 citizens and Northwestern Ontario courts.

In addition, we now have the opportunity to provide services to inmates who leave the correctional facilities through our reintegration and case planning program, assisting them with their return to society and guiding them down the right path on their healing journey.

We have, at the request of the Department of Justice, postponed our Justice Gathering from the end of November until the end of January due to conflicting dates. We are anticipating a positive and successful event on Restorative Justice Practices to start off the New Year.

As we all may have heard, COVID is trying to make a comeback this season. We are encouraging staff and clients to use masks again to stem the growth of the virus.

Next is our Autumn newsletter, outlining several updates and announcements of activities that have continued through the past season, 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 M.C.C.S.S. Youth Justice Division, Heritage Canada, and the Department of Justice Canada to improve the effectiveness of our services.



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



KAKEWAASEYA JUSTICE SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to warmly welcome the new staff from our dynamic justice department: Randy Fobister (Youth Reintegration Worker, Grassy Narrows) and Emily Hyatt (Community Justice Coordinator/Bail Verification & Supervision Worker).

Open Positions:

- Anti-Racism Coordinator - Location: Kenora & Fort Frances, ON
- Gladue Writer - Location: Dryden, ON
- Shanawentasooi – Civil Family Mediation Worker - Location: Kenora, ON
- Discharge Planning Coordinator - Location: Kenora, ON
- Justice Receptionist - Location: Dryden & Kenora, ON
- Community Corrections Workers (C.C.W.) - Location: Dryden, Fort Frances, Kenora, ON

For More Information, Contact:

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEWS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

October 29: Justice Department Staff joined in on the fun at Dryden's 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat



JUSTICE INFORMATION BOOTHS

August 16-18, 2022: Kaakewaaseya Justice Service's Youth Intervention & Youth Reintegration Workers attended the Anishinaabeg of Kabapikotawangag Resource Council (AKRC) Cultural Camp Days at Wauzhusk Onigum. The event was open to all ages and provided an opportunity to engage with youth and elders who attended throughout. Information on assistance accessing or navigating the Justice System was provided, as well as information on their programs. Staff networked with other service providers in hopes of getting Kaakewaaseya's services better known, as well as other places they could connect clients to. Questionnaires were collected on various topics, and a prize was drawn on the final day.





MAKING ROOM FOR FUTURE LEARNING AND GROWTH

The staff at Grand Council Treaty #3 are highly valued, and the organization makes a point to provide ongoing learning and development opportunities that are suited to the interests and skills of each individual.

At the end of September, Windfire Boucha (Justice Receptionist) participated in the Thinklink Graphic Recording Training.

During this training, she learned some of the necessary skills to create graphic representations of ideas and notes.

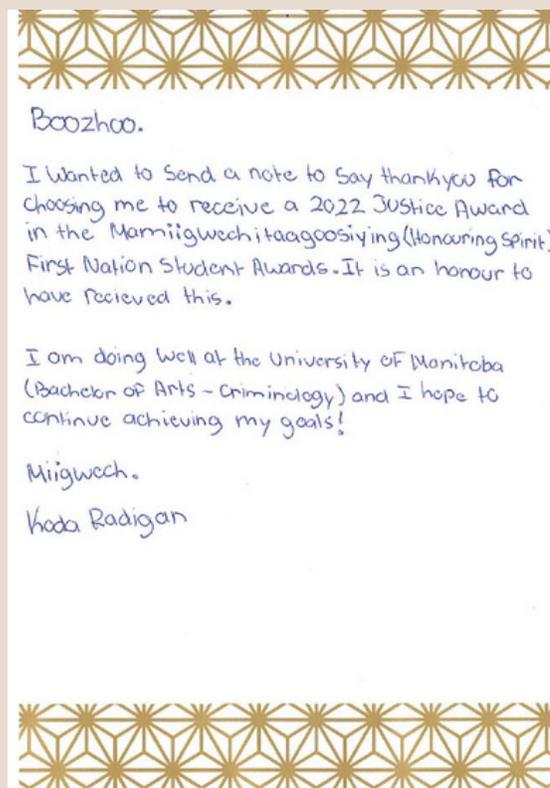
She had a chance to put these skills to use this Autumn, taking the notes written during the staff retreat, and creating a Graphic Recording for the Justice 5-10 Year Plan.

2ND ANNUAL IGNACE AND AREA YOUTH GATHERING

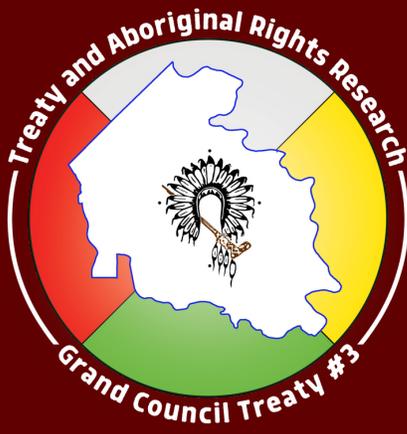
September 9th, 2022: Members of the Dryden Justice Office attended the Annual Ignace and Area Youth Gathering on September 9. The gathering, held in standard with the Ignace Youth Engagement Strategy, was focused on building connections and useful skills. The youth explored essential life skills, health literacy, information on youth employment, and the importance of Truth and Reconciliation within our communities. All while connecting with the local community and exploring the regional resources available to support them on their path.

MAMIIGWECHITAAGOOSIYING (HONOURING SPIRIT) FIRST NATIONS AWARD

July 7th, 2022: The Justice Team extends our congratulations to Koda Radigan, who was this year's recipient of the Mamiigwechitaagoosiyng First Nations Award in the Justice Category. This is a student bursary and Mr. Koda Radigan is using it at University of Manitoba, where he is studying Criminology. It is our understanding that Koda is a dedicated student, an active community volunteer, and positive role model for his peers. We wish all the best to this exemplary young man in his continued studies!



Windfire plans to continue to develop her skills, and hopefully will eventually be able to do Graphic Recordings in real time.



TREATY & ABORIGINAL RIGHTS RESEARCH

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

October 3, 2022 – Cultural Chiefs Committee Meeting – Forest Inn, Sioux Lookout – Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Research presented TARR Update to the Chiefs Committee. Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Research (TARR) department of Grand Council Treaty #3, is responsible for undertaking and completing historical and legal research in the specific claims process for Treaty #3 member First Nations. TARR has 14 First Nations working with 54 Claims at different stages of research. These include: Timber, Pre-1915 Reserve Land Surrenders, Agricultural Supplies Research, Treaty Land Entitlement, Farming Land, Annuity Payments Shortfall, Flooding, Cows and Ploughs, Flowage Impacts, Loss of Timber Revenue, Riparian Boundaries, Patented Lands.

October 4 – 6, 2022 – National and Chiefs in Assembly was held in Lac Seul First Nation. Update to the Chiefs - The National Claims Research Directors have been in discussions with Treasury Board Secretariat and Department of Justice regarding opportunities for Indigenous peoples' engagement related to reviews of the Access to Information and Privacy Acts.

Background information: “Access to information” describes a legal right of access to information held by government departments and other public bodies. In Canada, requests for government information (other than personal information and a suite of other exceptions) may be made under the federal Access to Information Act. Informal access to information procedures are also used by Indigenous researchers to facilitate access to government records.

Canada's Access to Information Act (ATIA) came into force in 1983. In 2015, the federal government committed to reviewing the act in two phases. Phase one consisted of drafting targeted amendments through Bill C-58 which became law in 2019. Phase two, currently underway, is a full review of the ATIA. Public engagement on the review concluded in August 2021, but engagement with First Nations and Indigenous organizations is currently underway.

October 18 – 20, 2022 – National Claims and Research Workshop. Presentations included: Museum and Record Access, Digital and Community based Records Database management. Assembly of First Nations presented on, “Update on the development for an Independent Centre for the Resolution of Claims” by Aaron Asseltine, Associate Director and Jesse Donovan, Senior Policy Analyst. Specific Claims Tribunal and Engagement Tribunal Operations, presented by The Honourable Victoria Chiapetta. To obtain complete copies of the presentations, visit the National Claims Research Workshop for more information.

October 24 – 26, 2022 – Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Research was in attendance for the Grand Council Treaty #3 Staff Retreat. Patrick Kent, facilitated the two day session in Carlton, Minnesota.





AGRICULTURE: THE ECOLOGICAL STRENGTH OF THE ANISHINAABE NATION

The Anishinaabe people are well known for migrating from the east, moving westerly, creating a society blessed with culture, unique with skills in producing food sources that were land grown. Over the millennia, the Anishinaabe learnt ways to grow foods such as the three sister plants: corn, beans and squash. The amazement of beautiful gardens greeted early European explorers, which described gardens along the Wabigoon River as a vast abundance of harvest from which feed the community and had more than enough to trade to other tribes.

To ensure the harvest lasted, the Anishinaabe people dug holes to preserve the harvest for use over the winter months. The Anishinaabe developed in the word of science sophisticated horticultural techniques to help the land with fertilizer management. The use of fire was a standard tool to regenerate the land. Methods of rotating the ground and burning would provide the land with fresh nutrients giving the land time to heal.



Traditional ecological scientific knowledge of the Anishinaabe people changed the landscape that began over 9,000 years ago. Hence, the term “culturally modified” soil is evident where the Anishinaabe people settled throughout Turtle Island. Agriculture was the primary provision that surrounded the discussions of the making of Treaty# 3 and was seen as an economic activity to sustain the Anishinaabe in the new market trades.



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