



OTTAWA ABORIGINAL COALITION

hosts the

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY FORUM

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

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Greetings!

Kwey Kwey!

Wahchay!

Aaniin!

Ainngai!

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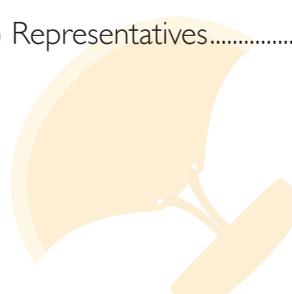
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February 8, 2017

Dear Elders, Community Members, Partners and Friends:

On behalf of the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition (OAC), I am pleased to welcome you to this Aboriginal Community Forum. I hope that you enjoy this evening and participate fully in the discussions that we will have, particularly around the History Project that the OAC has undertaken.

In 2016, the Coalition was not able to hold a Community Gathering. In 2016, the new Liberal federal government took the opportunity to rethink how best to implement the Urban Aboriginal Program. That is the program that funds our Coalition. As soon as we had our funding confirmed in November, we organized this gathering. We hope to hear shortly as to the direction that the federal government will go in to support urban Aboriginal initiatives including the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition.

The provincial government is also going through changes and no longer funds the Coalition. They have been doing consultations for a new Urban Aboriginal Initiative and the OAC has worked hard to contribute our thinking into their process.

The OAC remained very active in our community in 2016, including:

- ▶ Contributions to the federal government's consultation process around the Urban Aboriginal Strategy.
- ▶ Continued participation in full partnership with the City of Ottawa on the Aboriginal Working Committee.
- ▶ Participating on the Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee (ACAB) for Housing First.
- ▶ Coordination and participation in an Aboriginal Awareness Day with the City of Ottawa, that included the renewal of an annual proclamation from Mayor and Council regarding National Aboriginal Day.
- ▶ Participating with the City of Ottawa on cross-cultural activities and discussion workshops on Aboriginal issues with City staff members and Aboriginal community members.
- ▶ Two Elder's lunches.
- ▶ An Elder's lunch and a youth gathering to gather input into the Urban Aboriginal Health Strategy.
- ▶ Worked with the Canada 2017 in preparation for the 150-year celebrations.

- ▶ Actively seeking new relationships and funding opportunities.
- ▶ Confirmation of funding to work on a homelessness project through the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres.
- ▶ Successful application of our funding agreement with Indigenous and Northern Affairs.

We also updated our strategic plan to reflect the work that we want to accomplish for the community. As the Chair of the OAC, I have the responsibility to maintain our relationships with other UAS sites at the provincial and national level.

I want to thank our community partners who continue to work with us as we work to strengthen the Ottawa community that welcomes and supports Aboriginal community members.

On behalf of all the members and partners of the OAC, I would like to recommit to the community that the Executive Directors, who are the members of the OAC, will continue to work on your behalf and show that strength and beauty of the Aboriginal community.

Respectfully,



Marc Wm. Maracle, Chair
Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition



Jim Watson
Mayor/Maire

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Dear Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition,

On behalf of Ottawa City Council, it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all attendees of the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition's Aboriginal Community Forum on February 8, 2017 at Ottawa City Hall.

In 2007, City Council approved the creation of the Aboriginal Working Committee (AWC), a partnership with the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition (OAC), the Ottawa Police Service, the United Way and the Ottawa Carleton District School Board. Since its inception, the AWC has focused on building relationships with Aboriginal community agencies and residents, and enhancing service delivery for the Aboriginal community in Ottawa.

We know that the focus on relationship building has been productive. AWC members are committed and agree that this relationship model is a best practice. This would not be the case, without the cooperation, mutual support and commitment of the OAC. Thank you for working with us to serve our wonderful community.

The City's relationship with Ottawa's Aboriginal community agencies and residents is very important to us, and our partnership is an example of what can be accomplished when we open up, learn about and listen to the community we serve.

Allow me to convey my best wishes to the participants for a successful Community Forum.

Sincerely,

Jim Watson, Mayor/Maire



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Mesdames et Messieurs les membres de l'Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition,

J'ai le plaisir de souhaiter la bienvenue, au nom du Conseil municipal d'Ottawa, à tous les participants au forum sur la communauté autochtone de l'Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition, qui aura lieu le 8 février 2017 à l'hôtel de ville d'Ottawa.

En 2007, le Conseil municipal a approuvé la création du Comité d'étude sur les questions autochtones, qui réunit l'Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition (OAC), le Service de police d'Ottawa, Centraide et l'Ottawa Carleton District School Board. Depuis sa création, ce comité s'est efforcé d'établir des liens avec les organismes communautaires et les résidents autochtones et d'améliorer les services offerts à la communauté autochtone d'Ottawa.

Nous savons que les efforts consacrés à l'établissement de liens ont porté leurs fruits. D'ailleurs, les membres du Comité d'étude sur les questions autochtones s'entendent pour dire que la création de liens est un modèle à suivre. Il faut toutefois souligner que ce modèle ne connaîtrait pas une telle réussite sans la coopération, le soutien et l'engagement de l'OAC. Merci de nous aider à servir notre merveilleuse communauté.

Les relations de la Ville avec les organismes communautaires et les résidents autochtones d'Ottawa sont pour nous une priorité, et notre partenariat est un exemple de ce qui peut être accompli lorsque nous nous ouvrons à la communauté que nous servons, que nous nous y intéressons et que nous l'écoutons.

Je souhaite à toutes et à tous un forum communautaire des plus réussis.

Veillez agréer, Mesdames et Messieurs, mes sincères salutations.



February 8, 2017

On behalf of the City of Ottawa management and staff, and as Co-chair of the Aboriginal Working Committee, I wish to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending the Aboriginal Community Forum.

I would like to begin by acknowledging and thanking the Algonquin People, on whose traditional territory the City of Ottawa is located. I would also like to thank the First Nations, Inuit and Métis people for their ongoing hospitality and contributions to this land.

The City of Ottawa remains committed to working together with Aboriginal partners as we build and strengthen relationships and continuously improve service delivery to be inclusive and responsive to the needs of the urban Aboriginal Community in Ottawa.

This collaboration is demonstrated through the efforts of the Aboriginal Working Committee established in 2007. On this 10th anniversary year, we are very proud of the work we have done together that includes a new working model reflecting the priorities of the community. The relationship that we have forged together is recognized across Canada.

This meaningful partnership is but one example of how we are breathing life into the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action.

We know by actively listening and learning that we will continue to work together towards reconciliation; to break down barriers and create welcoming spaces and services. Aboriginal service partners, City staff, management and other community partners have all expressed how important it is for us to walk this path together in an authentic and open way.

As we acknowledge and celebrate the great work that has been done, we accept that there is still much to do and we are committed to working on this together.

I look forward to this year's event and wish everyone an enjoyable and successful forum.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janice Burelle'.

Janice Burelle

General Manager
Community and Social Services
City of Ottawa



OTTAWA ABORIGINAL COALITION (OAC)

The Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition (OAC) was formed in 2001 as a means of presenting a unified voice on behalf of the Aboriginal community. The Coalition is an alliance of Aboriginal delivery organizations that provide front-line programs and services to Aboriginal people living in the National Capital Region (NRC).

The current membership of the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition includes Gignul Non-Profit Housing Corporation, Kagita Mikam, Koki Mino-miikan Nosawawadoon, Makonsag Head Start, Minwaashin Lodge, Tewegan Housing for Aboriginal Youth, Tungasuwingat Inuit, Ottawa Inuit Children's Centre and the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health as well as a representative of the Ottawa Métis community.

The OAC advocates at the community, municipal, provincial and federal levels and seeks to educate and raise awareness on Aboriginal issues and the unique circumstances of Aboriginal people and their interests in Ottawa. Ultimately we seek to increase the positive and healthy choices available to Aboriginal community members and their families across a wide and diverse range of considerations, whether it is health or housing or education to employment and training or access to cultural activities.

VISION STATEMENT

To support a self-reliant¹, culturally engaged, healthy urban Aboriginal community in Ottawa.

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a community based process for ongoing discussion through collaboration and coordinated, informed action on urban Aboriginal issues in the City of Ottawa.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- ▶ To utilize a holistic framework that acknowledges the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual aspects of all stages of the life cycle.
- ▶ To respect and acknowledge Aboriginal cultural values and practices.
- ▶ To recognize the value of capacity building at all levels and amongst all participants.
- ▶ To ensure transparency and accountability in our consultation and engagement.
- ▶ To foster and maintain respectful relationships and partnerships.

¹Self-reliant refers to Aboriginal people accepting responsibility for their actions, identifying opportunities and addressing challenges.

Our Elders for the Evening...



Grandmother Irene Lindsay



Elder Sally Webster



Senator Lois McCallum



Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition
ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY FORUM

AGENDA

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

5:30 p.m. **Call to Order:**
Joan Riggs, Master of Ceremonies

Opening Prayer:
First Nation Elder, Grandmother
Irene Lindsay
Inuit Elder, Sally Webster
Métis Senator, Lois McCallum

Feast

5:45 p.m. **Welcoming Remarks:**
Marc Maracle, Chair, Ottawa
Aboriginal Coalition
Mayor Jim Watson, City of Ottawa
City Councillor Diane Deans,
Gloucester-Southgate Ward

6:00 p.m. **Opening Song:**
Theland Kicknosway

6:15 p.m. **“Someone Who
Understands”**
Introduction: Singer/Songwriter
Tara Shannon
▶ Video
▶ Song

6:30 p.m. **City Structure and
Relationship with
Aboriginal Community:**
Presenter: Steve Kanellakos, City
Manager, City of Ottawa

**Aboriginal Working
Committee:**
Marc Maracle, Chair, Ottawa
Aboriginal Coalition
Clara Freire, Manager, Partner and
Stakeholder Initiatives, Community
and Social Services, City of Ottawa

6:50 p.m. **Urban Aboriginal Health:**
Presenter: Joan Riggs

7:00 p.m. **Ottawa Aboriginal
Community History Project**

7:45 p.m. **Performance: Cody Coyote
and Theland Kicknosway**

8:00 p.m. **Closing Prayer**

Aboriginal Organizations Updates



Signal Non Profit Housing Corporation

OVERVIEW:

Gignul Housing has 201 units under administration located in 73 buildings throughout the City of Ottawa. This is comprised of 162 rent-g geared-to-income units and an 11-unit seniors building. Additionally, through Madawan Management & Development Inc., a parallel corporation to Gignul, we own and operate a 28-unit affordable housing project located in one building near the St. Laurent shopping mall in the east end of the City.

We are governed by a seven-member volunteer Aboriginal board of directors and have a staff of 11.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS:

Since the last Community Forum in December 2015, we have welcomed three new members to the team at Gignul. Noah Adams, Gordon Serrurier and Gregory Guerin have joined the Maintenance Staff.

NEWS/HIGHLIGHTS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

Gignul/Madawan continue to pursue the development of an assisted-seniors project that would be ideally located close to the newly renovated and constructed Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health. The intention is to provide assisted living for Aboriginal seniors and make provisions for health services to be extended to residents to allow them to age-in-place. We are also actively pursuing other development options and considerations with the expiration of operating agreements related to housing subsidies.

OUR ORGANIZATION, AS A MEMBER OF THE OTTAWA ABORIGINAL COALITION, IS WORKING WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

EDUCATION: Fully support the OAC and efforts of the Aboriginal Education Committee as well as Education Report commissioned by Wabano.

HOUSING/HOMELESSNESS: Fully support the efforts of the Housing First agenda and the work of the Aboriginal Community Advisory Board (ACAB).

YOUTH: Fully support the efforts and priorities of the OAC regarding children and youth and representations to the OAC relationship streams with the City of Ottawa, the United Way of Ottawa and the school boards.

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF OTTAWA: Fully support the relationship and outcomes of the Aboriginal Working Committee (AWC) and its alignment of efforts and priorities with the OAC. We are also in support of the evaluation of the AWC and its outcomes and an Aboriginal framework for results-based-accountability developed through the partnership with the City and the Aboriginal community through the OAC.

OTTAWA ABORIGINAL COALITION



Kagita Mikam Aboriginal Employment and Training

OVERVIEW:

Kagita Mikam Aboriginal Employment and Training provides services to Aboriginal peoples within Ottawa, the Ottawa Valley and Gatineau. The employment office provide full employment counselling for individuals as well as access to computers, a job board and community events board. First visit will be a meeting with the employment development officer to ensure resume is up to date, and to determine career goals. Kagita Mikam provides funding to support community members with training and employment goals.

STAFF MEMBERS:

Carolyn McDonald, Community Developer, Carolyn@kagitamikam.org
Lydia Belanger, Employment Development Officer, Lydia@kagitamikam.org

NEWS/HIGHLIGHTS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

Youth Initiatives: In partnership with St. Lawrence College, we have an on-going 18 week Pathways to Employment program for community Aboriginal youth. The youth earn minimum wage for the full 18 weeks. The goal of the program is to have all youth employed at the end of the program.

The program is to help prepare youth for employment. The program aims to provide youth with the skills employers are looking for. The first three weeks will provide employability skills training, resume preparation and certification in WHMIS, First Aid, CPR, AED and Safety training followed by 15 weeks of work placement.

This is the third year for the program and all sessions have been very successful to date. New intakes will start April 2017 for the May program.

OUR ORGANIZATION, AS A MEMBER OF THE OTTAWA ABORIGINAL COALITION, IS WORKING WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

EDUCATION: Committed to ensuring that pro-active measure are taken to improve the recruitment, training and employment of Aboriginal people.

HOUSING/HOMELESSNESS: Inform community of housing resources and referring clients to Aboriginal housing agencies.

YOUTH: Encourage youth to continue their high school education and move towards post-secondary training to enable them to secure sustainable full time employment. We encourage youth who are looking to complete their Gr 12 to contact the office as there are several options available to help youth achieve this goal.

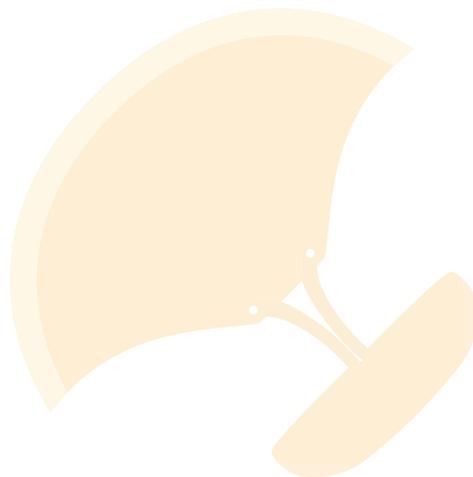
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF OTTAWA AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS: Collaborate and partner in various employment and training initiatives to assist the Aboriginal community in accessing community resources and to gain work and develop new employability skills.

KAGITA MIKAM'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE OTTAWA ABORIGINAL COALITION (OAC) AND THE UAS-OTTAWA STEERING COMMITTEE:

Information sharing, promotion of services offered by other OAC members, promotion of job opportunities and training offered by other OAC members, client referrals to other member agencies, positive and proactive community involvement .

AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE OAC AND THE UAS-OTTAWA STEERING:

Kagita Mikam looks forward to a continued positive and progressive working relationship among OAC membership, community members and with the overall employment and training network across the city. Like Kagita Mikam on Facebook for updates on employment and training opportunities.





Koki Mino-Miikan Nosawadoon

(Algonquin: "Following the Good Road Again")

OVERVIEW:

Koki Mino-Miikan Nosawadoon is an organization that is dedicated to providing programs and services for Aboriginal offenders and individuals at risk of being repeat offenders in the City of Ottawa and surrounding area. Our mandate is to help decrease the rate of incarceration and those entering the criminal justice system. It is well known that Aboriginals are overrepresented in the criminal justice system.

Koki Mino-Miikan Nosawadoon is Algonquin for "following the Good Road again." Many Aboriginal offenders have fallen, been led down, or strayed from the "Good Road." In most instances this is not the fault of the Aboriginal offender, but the circumstances in which they were exposed to. Most Aboriginal offenders are in a fragile and broken state in which they need help to get back on the good road again.

Koki Mino-Miikan Nosawadoon or "Mino-Miikan" for short, will offer programs and services that will provide assistance to Aboriginal offenders and individuals at risk of being repeat offenders as they move through the criminal justice system. These programs and services will be culturally appropriate and embedded in the principles of restorative justice and be made available at all stages of the criminal justice system including: Prevention, Pre-Charge, Post-Charge, and Reintegration.

NEWS/HIGHLIGHTS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mino-Miikan continues to operate unfunded. In the past year, Mino-Miikan has begun to develop partnerships with various stakeholders within the Criminal Justice system. It has made contact with neighbouring First Nation communities to begin developing partnerships with programs and services that cater to Aboriginal offenders.

Mino-Miikan has entered into partnership building with the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) and the Ontario Court of Justice and Superior Court of Justice. The ED has met with and will continue to work with outreach team leaders of the OPS to engage in knowledge-sharing as well as to ensure best practices are employed where Aboriginal individuals are concerned.

The ED has begun communication with the Crown Attorney and various Judges to determine how Mino-Miikan can integrate their future services with the Court. Mino-Miikan is currently working to develop a volunteer program in which basic services will be made available to Aboriginal offenders who are attending bail hearings, diversion, and non-custodial sentencing. It is hoped that a partnership will be built with the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa to provide Aboriginal law students with placement opportunities.

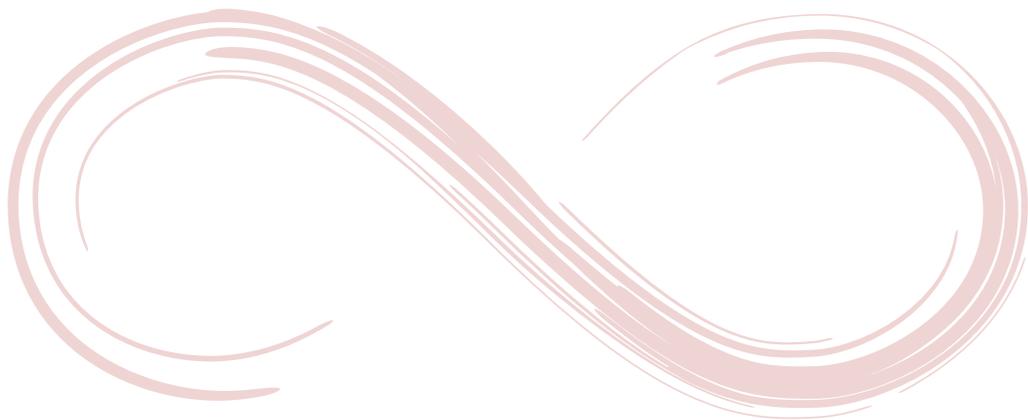
The ED of Mino-Miikan is a member of various "justice" themed committee's providing a voice for Aboriginal offenders as well as the urban Aboriginal community in general. The ED is a representative of the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition for COMPAC (Community and Police Action Committee) which is a OPS community engagement committee. The ED is also a member and community lead for the Service Initiative Community Advisory Group for Service Implementation representing again OAC by offering a voice for Aboriginal offenders as well as the urban Aboriginal community in general.



OUR ORGANIZATION, AS A MEMBER OF THE OTTAWA ABORIGINAL COALITION, IS WORKING WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

Mino-Miikan's objective, as a member of the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition, is to:

- Support Aboriginal agencies and urban Aboriginal community where Aboriginal offenders are involved
- Complement existing programming in the urban Aboriginal community made available to Aboriginal offenders
- Provide a voice for Aboriginal offenders and to include them in urban Aboriginal community discussions
- Developing structures and facilitating information exchange
- Developing and fostering partnerships with non-Aboriginal agencies working with Aboriginal offenders
- Gladue Advocacy and Training
- Training and Services (i.e. cultural sensitivity and understanding the principles of restorative justice) geared to Correctional Staff





Makonsag Aboriginal Head Start

OVERVIEW:

Makonsag Aboriginal Head Start provides Indigenous child care to Aboriginal children through a culturally relevant framework guided by the principles of the Aboriginal Head Start federal initiative.

Makonsag also forms part of the Ontario Aboriginal Head Start Association (OAHTSA), comprised of Aboriginal organizations throughout the province providing Aboriginal Head Start programming and Indigenous child care.

Makonsag is licensed by the Ministry of Education as a Child Care Centre and offers a culturally-enriched environment for Aboriginal preschool children.

Programming centers around the six components of the Aboriginal Head Start initiative:

- Education:** Prepare Aboriginal children for entry into the school system.
- Culture & Language:** Promote the retention of Aboriginal cultures and languages for preschoolers and their families.
- Parent Involvement:** Include parents and caregivers in all aspects of the program.
- Social Support:** Provide advice, support and information to parents and caregivers.
- Health Promotion:** Provide and model healthy lifestyle choices for Aboriginal children.
- Nutrition:** Encourage healthy eating habits using a variety of nutritious foods, which also includes traditional food options.

STAFFING:

The Makonsag teaching team is comprised of Registered Early Childhood Educators (RECEs) who deliver programming through the unique integration of early childhood development and best practice activities.

A cultural curriculum guides planning to ensure an environment where Aboriginal children socialize with peers in a play-based learning environment.

NEWS/HIGHLIGHTS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

Makonsag Aboriginal Head Start has embarked on an engagement process to guide the growth and expansion of our existing child and family programming, with a specific focus on Indigenous childcare.

Makonsag will also be celebrating their Cultural Coordinator, who has been working hard to achieve their ECE diploma and graduates this spring!

OUR ORGANIZATION, AS A MEMBER OF THE OTTAWA ABORIGINAL COALITION, IS WORKING WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

Makonsag leads the Aboriginal Best Start Circle, a collective of the Indigenous organizations providing culturally relevant programming for children and families.

As a part of this work, Makonsag is an active member on the Best Start Leadership table in Ottawa and sits on the Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres (OEYCFC) Planning Advisory Group.





Minwaashin Lodge – Aboriginal Women’s Support Centre

OVERVIEW:

Minwaashin Lodge - The Aboriginal Women's Support Centre - provides a range of programs and services primarily for First Nations, Inuit and Métis women and children who are or have been impacted by violence and abuse, who are or may become homeless, and who may be suffering the effects of the Residential School system, or the intergenerational effects of the residential school system.

Primary programs include:

- A 21 bed shelter for First Nations, Inuit and Métis women and their children fleeing abusive life situations.
- Sacred Child Program (for 0-6 yrs) with Family education and support.
- Spirit Movers and Fire Keepers Program (for youth).
- Grandmothers 55+ program. Recruiting incoming grandmothers and preparing them to becoming Elders in the community.
- Counselling Services for women, youth and children including crisis and family counseling, art therapy, play therapy, sexual abuse, addictions, anger management, relationship issues, anxiety
- Strong Women - “Mashkawizig Ikwewag” Support group for all women seeking traditional and life skills support.
- Culture and Reclamation Program (ceremonies, traditional teachings, Elders' support - for all ages).
- “Children Who Witness” Therapist – Oshki Kizis shelter children ages 4 – 12 yrs who have witnessed domestic violence receive Sandtray and Play therapy.
- Wisdomkeepers Senior Support 55+ Program - Cultural Program of Empowerment for women 55 years and over.
- Employment Unit delivers 4 programs: 1) Employment Readiness for adult women to obtain employment and/or go back to school 2) Courage To Soar for adult women to obtain Administrative Assistant Diploma, 3) Apatisiwin, to assist women with interventions to go back to school, obtain employment or start businesses 4) Four Arrows – Trades for Success Program: 3 unit program consisting of Skills Trade training; Apprenticeships and training opportunities for youth ages 16-30 yrs old.
- Advocacy, Family Support, Transitional Support, Housing First-Case Management Support, Day Outreach, Sex Trade Outreach Mobile, and Court Accompaniment.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS:

Annie Kingston- Miller– “Children Who Witness” Therapist
Angela Martincich – Child and Family Therapist/Art Therapist
Boni Dean – Sex Trade Outreach Worker

New Positions:

Jasmine Kelly – Housing First Case Manager

Deena Fontaine – Four Arrows – Trades for Success Program

Interim Contracts:

Amanda Giroux – Addictions Counselor

Natalie Morin-Door – Housing First – Case Manager

Jenna Spagnoli – Sex Trade Outreach Worker

Kathleen Moore – Apatisiwin Employment Counselor

NEWS/HIGHLIGHTS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

Minwaashin's Annual General Meeting was held on September 22, 2016. Our new Executive is as follows:

Maryanne Pearce – President

Louise Profeit-LeBlanc – Vice President

Jo McCutcheon - Treasurer

- Minwaashin Lodge – Aboriginal Women's Support Centre continues to move forward with the FNIM Women and Children Treatment Centre. An updated Feasibility Study and Environmental Scan were completed in 2016.
- City of Ottawa donated space at City Hall for the Annual Children's Winter Gathering on December 17, 2016. Despite the weather we received approximately 250 families.
- The Hon Yasir Naqvi, MPP attended the Annual Children's Gathering and shared a meal with our families.
- The Diversity & Race Relations Section and Liaison Outreach Team from the Ottawa Police Service volunteered at the Annual Children's Gathering this year.
- Annual Women's Gathering will be held at the Rideau Hill Camp on June 9-11, 2017.

OUR ORGANIZATION, AS A MEMBER OF THE OTTAWA ABORIGINAL COALITION, IS WORKING WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

EDUCATION:

- Member of Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition's Aboriginal Education Committee.

Partnerships:

- Algonquin College; Carleton University; Ottawa University; Kagita Mikam; Herzing College; Everest College; St. Lawrence College; St. Nicholas Adult High School; Ontario Works; Congress of Aboriginal Peoples; Causeway; Job Connect; Ottawa Community Coalition for Literacy; Academy of Learning; Minwaashin Lodge's Employment Readiness Program; Youth Service Bureau (YSB) – Employment Ontario Service Centre; Adirondack and Maxsys (Aboriginal employment services); Apatisiwin (training & cost sharing); and Accenture Inc. – Management & Consulting.

HOUSING/HOMELESSNESS:

- Member of the Alliance to End Homelessness Committee.
- Partnerships: Gignul Non-Profit Housing; Inuit Non-Profit Housing; Ottawa Housing; Wiigwamen; Salvation Army; OFIFC.

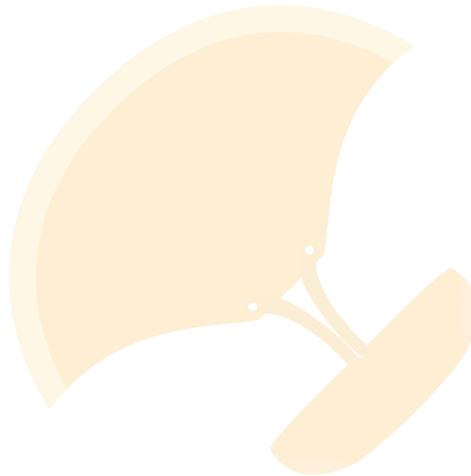


YOUTH:

- Partnerships: Odawa; Wabano; Makonsag; Ottawa School of Art, The Children's Aid Society of Ottawa, Youth services Bureau of Ottawa, Ottawa Carleton School Board, Ottawa School of Art Outreach Program, Toy Mountain/Sharing in Students Success program, Caring and Sharing Exchange, United Way – Gifts in Kinds program, Métis Nation of Ontario, Canadian Association of Family Resource programs (FRP Canada).

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF OTTAWA:

- Member of the Aboriginal Community Advisory Board (ACAB)
- Member of the City - Community Advisory Board (CAB)
- Member of the Aboriginal Working Committee (AWC)
- Partnerships with City of Ottawa Public Health, Ottawa Public Library, Ottawa Food Bank.





Ottawa Inuit
Children's
Centre

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Ottawa Inuit Children's Centre

OVERVIEW:

The Ottawa Inuit Children's Centre is a multi-service Inuit organization that provides cultural, educational, recreational and social support services to children, youth and families of Ottawa's growing Inuit community. The center serves as an integrated hub of early years and youth services for Inuit families in Ottawa. Mandate: to serve Inuit children and youth and their families.

Vision: Strong culture, strong families, strong community

Mission: In partnership with parents and the community the Ottawa Inuit Children's Centre fosters strong and proud Inuit children, youth and families.

OICC programs support Inuit children, youth and their families by delivering services that are preventive in nature and that promote the health and well-being of the whole family. We offer a continuum of services that follows children and their families from new born until they transition into adult hood.

- Tumiralaat Child Care Centre
- Sivummut Head Start
- JK-SK Kindergarten in partnership with the Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB)
- Youth Small Business and Entrepreneurial Program
- Woman Services/Violent Prevention Program
- Innunguiniq Parenting Program
- Family Well-being Program
- Elders Program
- Tukimut Afterschool Program
- Akwe:go
- Wasanabin
- Bridging the Gap School Program
- Uqausivut Language Program
- Mental Health Systems Navigator
- Right to Play
- We Belong Youth Program
- Moving Forward Youth Program

STAFF MEMBERS:

Ulrike Komaksiutiksak - Director of Programs

Holly Vullings – Early Years Manager

Reepa Evic-Carleton – Family Support Services Coordinator/ OICC Cultural Lead

Janice Messam – Manager Family Well-being (moved manager position)

Rebecca Jones – Women's Program Coordinator

Charlotte Qammaniq – Bridging the Gap Presenter (returned to OICC)

Zöe Brow – Bridging the Gap Presenter

NEWS/HIGHLIGHTS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Close to 600 people attended our Annual family Christmas Party where they played traditional games, ate country food and had a visit from a special guest.
- The leadership from the OICC continues to participate at the Ministry of Children and Youth leadership roundtable where new provincial strategy for Aboriginal Children and Youth is being developed.
- We hosted an Inuk author, Deborah Webster. Deborah read her book to our kinder class and spoke about the importance of our children learning about their culture.
- We see over 120 Inuit children and youth on a DAILY basis. On top of these children and youth we see another 100 plus in our other programs. We also work with the family of these children. We do not do this work alone and are happy to partner with many other agencies.
- We continue to receive calls from other agencies in Ottawa, Ontario and the North around the work that we do in early years. We will continue to share our work and assist others as Ontario looks to increase the number of child care spots in Ontario.
- The staff, some of our youth and Sytukie Joamie have been attending monthly meetings with the Ministry of Education where they have been involved in the planning of a language symposium.
- We facilitated a community cultural forum called "Seeing the Light". Over 100 professionals attended the forum.
- The community has been involved in focus groups and discussions with OICC staff around the need for new space for our community. We have also been engaging with community around renaming of our agency to better reflect the work that we do.

OUR ORGANIZATION, AS A MEMBER OF THE OTTAWA ABORIGINAL COALITION, IS WORKING WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

EDUCATION:

- Since September over 286 cultural presentations have been done in Ottawa schools by our Bridging the Gap team. These presentations have reached over 7,459 students throughout this City. We have also provided presentations for teachers and have assisted in enrolling and supporting several students within their schools and classrooms.

HOUSING/HOMELESSNESS:

- The OICC works with parents to ensure that they have safe and affordable housing for their families. We do this by referring individuals to the other aboriginal agencies who focus on this type of support. Our staff in the family well-being team will work with any family to ensure that they access to meaningful supports and programs for their families.

YOUTH:

- The Tukimut Afterschool program has kids learning about her culture, participating in recreation and at activities
- Through our programs for older youth we have students learning about educational and employment opportunities.
- The youth in our social enterprise/arts program are learning how to throat sing, paint, drum and carve and how to market and sell their art.

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- Through our Bridging the Gap program we are offering one to one support for students.
 - System Navigator is working with youth with mental health issues and their families to ensure that all service providers are supporting the health and well-being of the youth.
 - Through our youth programs children are accessing recreational programs such as swimming thanks to the I Love to Program and our partnership with the City of Ottawa.

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF OTTAWA:

- The OICC sits at the Aboriginal Best Start table where we are looking at the needs of the community in terms of childcare.
- We are actively engaged at the City of Ottawa Aboriginal Working Committee (AWC).
- The Ottawa Public Health Department visits the youth during programming to talk about healthy choices and does dental care with the children in the Early Years Programs.
- The Tumiralaat Childcare Centre which is funded through the City of Ottawa continues to operate at full capacity with a waiting list.
- Our children and Youth access recreational programs through the City.





Tewegan Housing for Aboriginal Youth

OVERVIEW:

Tewegan Housing for Aboriginal Youth is a 12 bed transitional home for First Nations, Inuit and Métis women, ages 16 to 29 that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. As an Aboriginal organization, Tewegan Housing recognizes that culture is vital to a young First Nation, Inuit or Métis woman's sense of self and to her identity and includes this as part of regular programming.

NEWS/HIGHLIGHTS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

Since first opening in 2004, more than 550 young women have called Tewegan Housing for Aboriginal Youth home. We provide support and resources to these women that assist them in finding employment, returning to school, reconnecting with their culture, gaining valuable life skills, and overall improving their lives.

If you are or know someone who is between 16 and 29 years old who is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless please let them know about Tewegan Housing. Tewegan provides a variety of services to our residents to help them achieve their goals and objectives, including:

- Safe and secure accommodations for up to one year
- 24 hour supports
- Goal setting and action planning
- Assistance finding permanent housing
- Weekly house meetings
- Weekly workshops on a wide range of topics, including social activities and group outings
- Bi-weekly cooking classes
- Referrals to agencies within the community
- Supportive individual crisis counselling
- Outreach supports and referrals after departure
- Tutoring and employment assistance
- Financial management assistance
- Recreational and sporting equipment
- Scheduled visits with Elders from the community
- Weekly Tewegan House "smudge" with Sage

OUR ORGANIZATION, AS A MEMBER OF THE OTTAWA ABORIGINAL COALITION, IS WORKING WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

EDUCATION: Tewegan is a member of the Aboriginal Education Committee (AEC). We will continue to work with other AEC members to increase the number of Aboriginal children attaining their high school diploma.

HOUSING/HOMELESSNESS: Irene Goodwin, Executive Director, is a member of the Aboriginal Community Advisory Board on homelessness. We will continue to work with other Aboriginal and City agencies to ensure there is a collaborative approach in the delivery of supports and services to reduce homelessness.

YOUTH: Tewegan continues to operate the only Aboriginal specific transitional house for youth. We support the OAC's focus on youth programs, supports and services.

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF OTTAWA: Tewegan is a member of the City of Ottawa's Aboriginal Working Committee and supports the work plan set forth for the coming year. Tewegan continues to partner with various City departments, providing in-house workshops for our residents.



Tungasuvvingat Inuit

OVERVIEW:

Tungasuvvingat Inuit – “a place where Inuit are welcome”. We are a not-for-profit, registered charitable organization.

It is the mission of Tungasuvvingat Inuit (TI) to broadly provide Inuit-specific programs that contribute to the health and well-being of Inuit and to encourage and support similar programs for Inuit across the country.

TI is a registered, charitable, not-for-profit organization, offering more than 20 highly integrated, front-line services. The agency is the only Inuit-specific service organization of its kind in urban Canada offering support through the entire life cycle.

TI has 30 years of highly successful experience in crafting the design, development and delivery of a wide range of effective, client-centered services.

With about 30 per cent of Inuit now living outside of the north, TI is recognized as a leading advocate for urban Inuit and is prominent within the framework of national Inuit organizations.

Our comprehensive agency is a respected leader and the primary model for Inuit-specific service delivery, working in both urban and non-urban settings. We partner with over 60 Inuit and non-Inuit organizations.

TI is called on to provide advice and support on Inuit topics to other agencies across the country; such as courts, hospitals, schools and social services agencies. We offer them information on Inuit culture and values, resources for Inuit-specific programming, an understanding of Inuit rights in the city and information on labour market engagement including financial assistance for Inuit post-secondary students and employment and training opportunities.

The majority of TI's staff is Inuit. The organization serves a critical and invaluable role in the education, training and development of high-performing Inuit professionals.

TI prides itself on a rich history of community development. With limited Inuit specific resources available, several TI projects have evolved into standalone Inuit service providers, enriching the options for Inuit needs to be met and strengthening the community voice. Beyond Ottawa and across southern Canada, TI has been working with Inuit in many cities to help strengthen and develop local capacity to better meet the needs of Inuit.

Our agency has received mainstream recognition as a centre of excellence in several of our programs. TI is supported by more than a dozen public and private funders, including all levels of government.

TI is the only established Inuit specific service organization of its kind in urban Canada and as a result it is called upon to provide advice and support to other agencies across the province and country. TI's mandate includes:

- To provide supportive counseling and crisis intervention;
- To provide referrals to health and social services;
- To provide employment and training assistance;
- To provide family, youth and child support programs;
- To provide recreational and cultural programs;
- To assist with adjustment to southern urban culture;
- To provide a place for community gatherings and cultural events;
- To provide cultural awareness and knowledge through programs and education;
- To partner with governments and agencies in the design and delivery of programming and services; and
- To liaise with national, regional and community Inuit organizations on behalf of Ontario Inuit.

Inuit Blanket Toss

- Community members gather around the blanket and grabbing, pulling and holding tight to the blanket. The blanket and supporters will catch the individual in the air - no matter how high an individual is falling from, or how many times they are tossed.
- Like the blanket toss TI's supports will "catch" anyone who is in need of our support. The integration of all our programs is the cornerstone of our community of services.



BOARD AND STAFF:

- TI Board members have a wide variety of backgrounds and expertise and share a common interest in community services for Inuit living outside of Inuit Nunangat.
- The Board normally meets 6-8 times per year and as needed for special projects or initiatives.
- The Board of Directors governs TI by setting the strategic direction of the organization. The Board oversees and works with the Executive Director in providing a working environment which ensures that Inuit cultural and historical values are reflected in all corporate decisions and undertakings.
- As of January 2017, the TI team is comprised of 58 dedicated and talented staff, majority of TI staff are Inuit and have significant experience working with and on behalf of the Inuit community.

NEWS/HIGHLIGHTS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

DECEMBER 2016

10th	Annual Christmas Party	Knights of Columbus 260 McArthur Ave, Vanier, ON
15th	Community Feast	Knox Presbyterian Church, 120 Lisgar St Ottawa, ON

JANUARY 2017

19th	Community Feast	Knox Presbyterian Church, 120 Lisgar St Ottawa, ON
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FEBRUARY 2017

10th	Community Engagement on Basic Income Pilot	Check out T.I.'s Facebook for location
16th	Community Feast	Knox Presbyterian Church, 120 Lisgar St Ottawa, ON

MARCH 2017

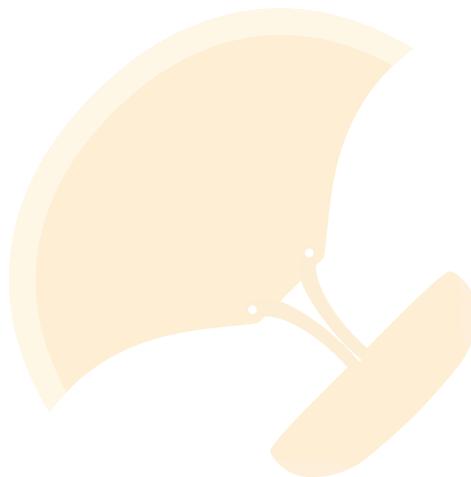
18th	Spring Equinox Celebration	Bronson Centre, 211 Bronson Ave, Ottawa
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OUR ORGANIZATION, AS A MEMBER OF THE OTTAWA ABORIGINAL COALITION (OAC), IS WORKING WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Education for children and youth including cultural supports and information
- Sports and recreation for children and youth
- Housing support and Housing First initiatives
- Health promotion
- Trauma and addictions treatment, crisis intervention, mental health support and counselling
- Community gatherings and cultural events
- Employment and training services
- Family, youth and children support, including pre-post-natal, parenting, CAS support and access visits
- Culture awareness and knowledge demonstrations and training

TUNGASUVVINGAT INUIT'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE OTTAWA ABORIGINAL COALITION AND THE UAS-OTTAWA STEERING COMMITTEE:

- A contributing member of OAC





Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health

OVERVIEW:

The Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health is a leader in community-based, holistic care. Each year, the centre serves more than 13,000 people through its health, cultural and social support services.

Mission:

- Provide quality, holistic, culturally-relevant health services to First Nations, Métis and Inuit in Ottawa
- Engage in clinical, social, economic and cultural initiatives that promote the health of Aboriginal people
- Promote community-building through education and advocacy
- Serve as a centre of excellence for urban Aboriginal health

NEWS/HIGHLIGHTS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

Social Enterprise

Wabano's Events and Catering social enterprise took off in 2016, renting out the Cultural Gathering Space, offering Indigenous catering, and providing a number of add-on services including linen rental, professional décor and cultural crafts and performances. The space is available for tours, meetings, conferences, galas, weddings and other special occasions. Some notable events that happened at Wabano in 2016 include:

- One Young World Summit – Youth Forum
- Culture as Treatment Symposium —Connecting Our Health to Our Creation Stories
- Collaboration in Art: Bas-relief Feather Workshop with artist Maria Saracino
- Harvest Moon Extravaganza featuring comedian Ron James
- Electric Wabano with Special Guests A TRIBE CALLED RED
- Feast & Film Night with Alanis Obomsawin, screening the film Trick or Treaty?

Healthy Kids Community Challenge continues to encourage active living

In an effort to support children and families in our community, and to promote healthy living through physical activity and healthy eating, the Wabano Centre's Healthy Kid Community Challenge established community partnerships, hosted various events, created programs and developed health education resources. Highlights include a lacrosse workshop, the Kindergym program, the Beauty in Movement: An Indigenous Guide to Physical Activity resource for parents and an instructional video series.

To learn more about Wabano's programs, services and events, visit wabano.com.

OUR ORGANIZATION, AS A MEMBER OF THE OTTAWA ABORIGINAL COALITION, IS WORKING WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

HOUSING FIRST: Wabano's Housing First and Outreach team continues to support the Aboriginal Community Advisory Board and will work closely with the OAC and other mainstream organizations to assist First Nations, Métis and Inuit in finding affordable, safe and permanent housing. Maintaining these relationships, and providing culturally-specific Indigenous resources and education with the OAC and partnered organizations is a vital role for the Housing First team.

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF OTTAWA: Ottawa Public Health keeps our clinic updated on all public health issues such as flu vaccinations (and provides vaccines), measles outbreaks, etc, as well as attending Culture Night and other community gatherings on health issues. On June 17, 2016, the Tooth Fairy helped Wabano launch the opening of our new dental clinic. Our dentist, Dr. Sylvain Quirion, and dental hygienist, Kim Edmond are working to improve the oral health of our Indigenous community. This very important and much anticipated program is funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, in partnership with the Ottawa Public Health.



ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (ACAB)

ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Aboriginal Community Advisory Board

The Aboriginal Community Advisory Board (ACAB) is comprised of representatives from the following agencies with the exception of the Chairperson, who is a community member:

- Minwaashin Lodge;
- Tungasuvvingat Inuit;
- Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health;
- Tewegan Housing for Aboriginal Youth; and
- Gignul Housing.

ACAB is responsible for the development of the Aboriginal Community Plan for Ottawa, making annual updates to the Community Plan and submitting it to ESDC for approval. It also provides recommendations to OFIFC (Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres) as the community entity, as to what supports are necessary to address gaps in service delivery when funding opportunities present.

ACAB Objectives

- To minimize duplication of services.
- To increase the visibility of the Aboriginal homelessness issues/concerns.
- Appropriately identify resources and programs to end homelessness.
- To continue to advocate on behalf of the Aboriginal community on issues affecting urban Aboriginal homelessness.

A Year in Review

Housing First

Housing First (HF) is a recovery-oriented approach to homelessness that involves moving people who experience homelessness into independent and permanent housing as quickly as possible, with no preconditions, and then providing them with additional services and supports as needed. The underlying principle of Housing First is that people are more successful in moving forward with their lives if they are first housed.

Housing First was implemented in Ottawa in April 2015 with a focus on housing individuals who are chronically or episodically homeless and living either in a shelter or sleeping rough. ACAB agencies currently delivering services under this model include: Wabano, Tungasuvvingat Inuit and Minwaashin Lodge. Despite some initial challenges with the implementation of this model, agencies have demonstrated success with housing and supporting some of the most vulnerable Aboriginal people in our community.

As of December 31, 2016 the three agencies delivering Housing First (Tungasuvvingat Inuit, Minwaashin Lodge, and Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health) have collectively served approximately 294 individuals and housed 116.



In addition to Housing First services, the ACAB members actively participate on the A Way Home Ottawa coalition which aims to develop a plan to reduce, prevent and end youth homelessness in the National Capital Region.

Community Events

In March and August of 2016, agencies delivering HF services collaboratively held two community feasts which were attended by approximately 150 individuals experiencing homelessness. These events proved to be a wise practice when wanting to engage with Aboriginal people who are experiencing homelessness. Building on the success of the community feasts, agencies will continue this practice.

Moving Forward

The Aboriginal Community Advisory Board will continue to work at building trusting relationships with all agencies in Ottawa in an effort to develop effective, cooperative partnerships that will serve to ensure that Aboriginal people experiencing homelessness are supported with obtaining and maintaining housing.



United Way Ottawa Report

Prepared by: Simon Brascoupé, February 8, 2017

It's been a pleasure to sit on the United Way Ottawa board for the past few years. Since being on the board I have attended several board meetings and weekend planning meetings. The United Way Ottawa has been a supportive partner for the Ottawa Aboriginal community

The United Way has targeted Community Investments benefiting Aboriginal populations over the past five years, as follows:

2016

The Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition worked on a Creative Arts Program for Indigenous and Ottawa youth for 2016. Local Indigenous artists will be involved in visual, musical and dance arts. OAC worked in collaboration with the United Way of Ottawa and the Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa.

Community builder profile: Minwaashin Lodge June 21, 2016

At the 2016 Community Builder of the Year Awards Gala, United Way Ottawa recognized eight people and organizations who make a difference in our community. In honour of National Aboriginal Day, we're sharing this year's Poverty to Possibility award winner: Minwaashin Lodge.

Source: <https://www.unitedwayottawa.ca/community-builder-profile-minwaashin-lodge/>

Play therapy helps Aboriginal children heal February 24, 2016

Minwaashin Lodge provides a range of programs and services to First Nations, Inuit and Métis women and children who are survivors of domestic violence and other forms of abuse, a program funded by the United Way Ottawa.

CBC Ottawa recently visited Toni King, Children Who Witness Therapist at Minwaashin Lodge, publishing a compelling feature on the program. Children Who Witness helps children cope with trauma through something called "play therapy" – where the child uses an inanimate object to act out something he or she has experienced.

Source: <https://www.unitedwayottawa.ca/tag/aboriginal-youth/>

Protecting Aboriginal language and culture June 5, 2016

United Way supports the Ottawa Inuit Children's Centre program that provides a safe and fun learning environment for children, including traditional Inuit cultural activities and games that promote Inuit culture. The residential schools system marks a dark period in Canada's history. This week, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission found that Canada's residential schools amounted to "cultural genocide" of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. This announcement was made on Tuesday as part of a report detailing 94 recommendations. Among the recommendations was a call to develop culturally appropriate

curricula and protect the rights of Aboriginal languages. While there still remains a lot of work to be done in our community, United Way is proud to partner with aboriginal organizations like Wabano Health Centre, Minwaashin Lodge, the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition and the Ottawa Inuit Children Centre who promote aboriginal culture in Ottawa.

Source: <https://www.unitedwayottawa.ca/protecting-aboriginal-language-and-culture/>

In 2015 United Way Ottawa was engaged in a partnership initiative led by United Way Canada to encourage participation in the Canada Learning Bond (CLB) among Aboriginal people in Canada.

In 2014 the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition (OAC) was awarded the Growing Up Great Award from United Way Ottawa for the work done with the National Gallery of Canada's 2013 Sakahàn exhibition. More than 250 Aboriginal youth were able to take part in a summer youth camp in Ottawa, and two Algonquin community youth projects in Pikwàkanagàn and Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nations. Aboriginal students from the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board and the Ottawa Catholic School Board also participated in Sakahàn school based art projects.

In 2013 the United Way Ottawa and the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition announced a Targeted Community Investment supporting five unique educational programs for 250 Aboriginal children and youth living in Ottawa and on three First Nations reserves. The \$195,000 investment, provided by an anonymous donor, funded summer camps featuring tours of the National Gallery of Canada's Sakahàn: International Indigenous Art exhibition, a weekend lecture series, workshops led by artists featured in the Sakahàn exhibition, and several youth-driven art projects. The new programming was offered in collaboration with the National Gallery of Canada.

In 2012 Accenture, Minwaashin Lodge and United Way Ottawa awarded a grant of US\$100,000 in funding as well as volunteer resources to three Minwaashin Lodge programs that help Aboriginal women affected by violence. Through Accenture's financial and volunteer resources, Minwaashin will enhance its Employment Readiness Program to equip women with the skills they need to enter the workforce with confidence. United Way will report on the results of the partnership and oversee the investment on behalf of Accenture.

In 2011/12 Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health was provided with \$111,472 for the Working Hope Program is based on the four core values that traditionally served as a foundation for child rearing in Aboriginal communities of North America.



Ottawa Urban Indigenous Health Strategy

Key results from the interviews and focus groups

- Move from an illness based to a wellness based approach.
- Address the wider social determinants of health. For example, youth need jobs and education in culturally safe teaching environment.
- Go beyond the construction of health as Primary care. Health interventions are happening throughout the community – in schools, community centres, recreation centres, and so on – not just in health care settings.
- Have a client-centred approach means going to the client: provide services in the home, or at locations in the community that are easy to access,
- We are “community members” rather than “clients.”
- Use a community-based approach that recognizes the range of social and cultural supports that are key to good health.
- Create community, a sense of connection among community members, so people feel they are part of a larger identity and people. A sense of belonging and being in community is essential to maintaining good health and helping people heal.
- Focus on culture as an integral part of the healing process and as essential to maintaining good health. Have more cultural programming in the health system.
- Community members need to know about services available, and how they can live in a healthy way.
- Collaboration among services is key between service providers.



Two key priorities

1. Culturally appropriate Mental Health and Addiction services.
2. Culturally competent services.

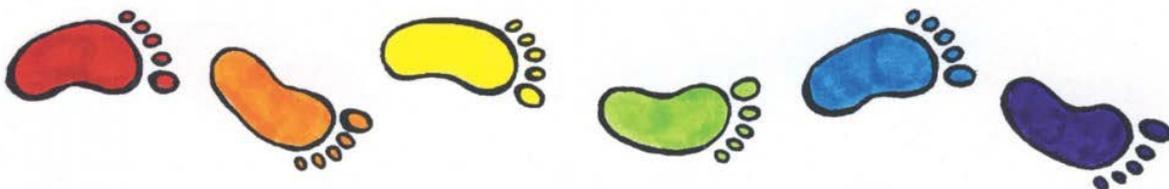


OTTAWA ABORIGINAL COALITION History Project

The Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition has taken on the responsibility to tell the story of the history of First Nation, Inuit and Métis people in Ottawa.

The project can tell any story of the Ottawa Aboriginal community. Some of the ideas that we have about our story are:

- What is the Aboriginal community in Ottawa?
- What is the history of all the Aboriginal social services that we have in Ottawa?
- What is the story of the leaders in the Ottawa Aboriginal community? Who are they and how did they become leaders?
- What is the story of the Elders in our community?
- How do we feel supported and that we belong to the Aboriginal community in Ottawa?
- What has been our experience as an Aboriginal person when we have come into the City?
- How did we connect to culture once in the city?
- What is the story of Aboriginal people who ended up working with the federal government?





City of Ottawa Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action Guidance from Circle of Elders

In 2007, Ottawa City Council endorsed the creation of a City of Ottawa Aboriginal Working Committee (AWC). The mandate of the AWC is look at ways to address emerging issues that impact Aboriginal people in Ottawa, and continuously improve services provided to the Aboriginal community. Membership of the AWC currently includes staff from various City of Ottawa departments, the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition (OAC), Ottawa Police Service, the United Way, the Champlain Local Health Integration Network, the Ottawa Carleton District School Board, and the Ottawa Catholic School Board.

The Aboriginal Working Committee (AWC) is a very meaningful Aboriginal-Municipal partnership, anchored in mutual respect and earned trust; it has made significant progress in various program areas across the City based on the priorities of the Ottawa Aboriginal Community. This partnership also demonstrates a commitment to reconciliation. As a municipality, our continued commitment to this partnership includes looking at how we can acknowledge the significant work and findings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) and incorporate the "Principles of Truth and Reconciliation" into our work.

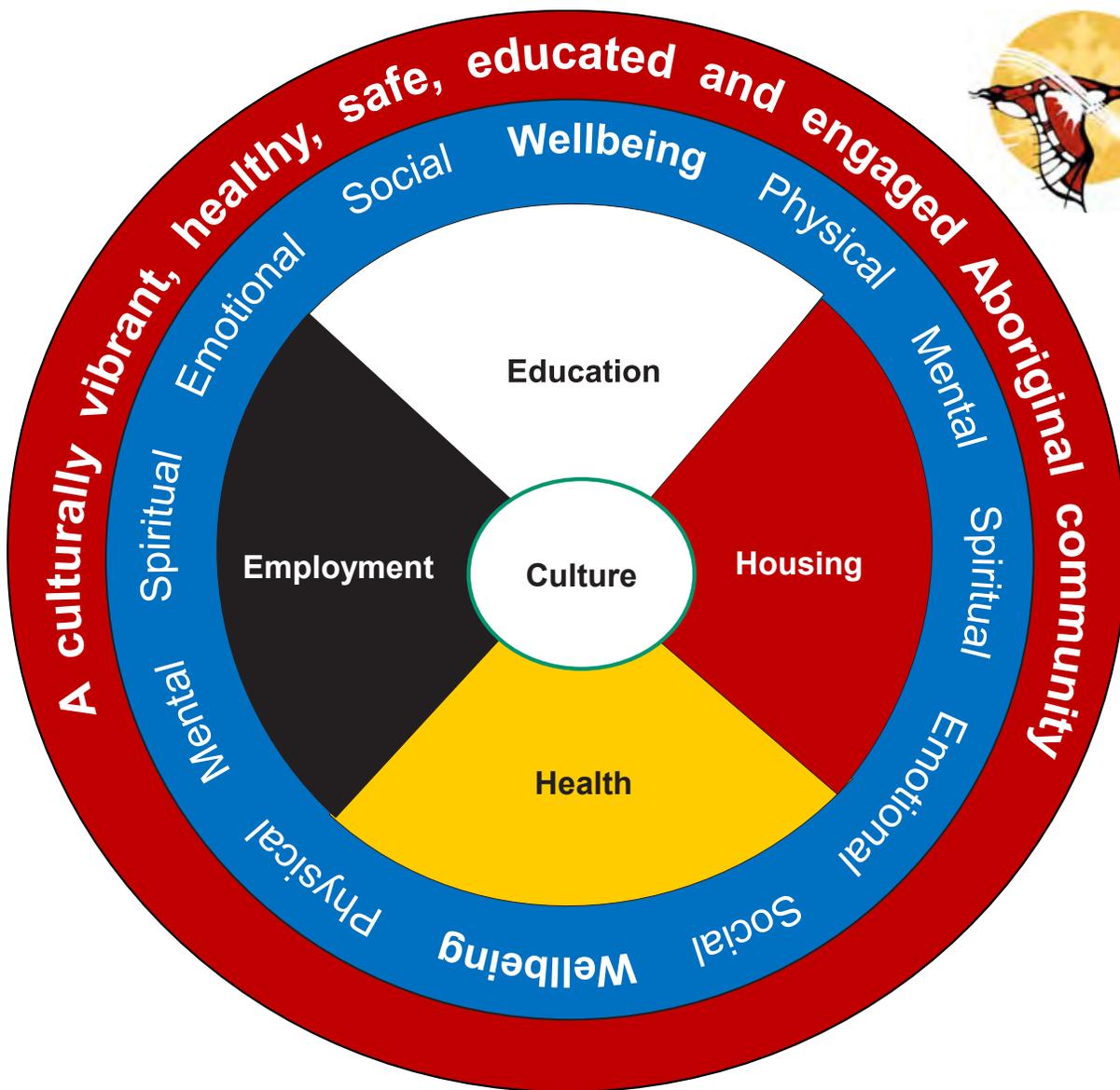
In the fall of 2016, staff from the Community and Social Services department, along with members of the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition, met with First Nations, Métis and Inuit Elders and Traditional Teachers. The Elders were asked for their insights on what the City could do to demonstrate Reconciliation. Their views and perspectives were wide ranging and enlightening. Several themes emerged during the discussion, such as:

- Action is important (the community needs to see tangible results)
- Focus on youth (youth will bring back the Aboriginal culture)
- Education (create awareness of Aboriginal culture, change behaviours, address discrimination)
- Respect and Trust (reflecting the significance of and need to improve)
- Involvement of the Elders makes a difference (be more engaged; to share history and culture).

We are grateful to the Elders for their time, wisdom, clarity and insights. The themes that emerged through discussions with the Elders, along with the TRC's Principles of Truth and Reconciliation, will be used to plan municipal actions and commitments related to Truth and Reconciliation. Suggested actions will be brought to City Council for consideration in 2017.

Submitted by:

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Partner & Stakeholder Initiatives
Community and Social Services Department





OTTAWA ABORIGINAL COALITION (OAC) REPRESENTATIVES

Organization	Description
<p>Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition 396 MacLaren Street Ottawa, ON K2P 0M8 Telephone: 613-232-0016</p>	<p>The Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition (OAC) was formed in 2001 as a means of presenting a unified voice on behalf of the Aboriginal community. The OAC advocates at the community, municipal, provincial and federal levels and seeks to educate and raise awareness on Aboriginal issues and the unique circumstances of Aboriginal people and their interests in Ottawa.</p>
<p>Gignul Non-Profit Housing Corporation 396 MacLaren Street Ottawa, ON K2P 0M8 Telephone: 613-232-0016</p>	<p>Gignul Non-Profit Housing Corporation works in partnership with other Aboriginal organizations to focus on both short and long term housing solutions, including supportive shelters to affordable, independent living.</p>
<p>Kagita Mikam 456 McArthur Avenue, Box 5 Ottawa, ON K1K 4B5 Telephone: 613-565-8333</p>	<p>Kagita Mikam provides provide training and employment support services to Aboriginal clients, including resume writing, employment counselling, labour market information, referral to employment and training opportunities.</p>
<p>Koki Mino-Miikan Nosawadoon 1560 Dorion Avenue, Suite 5 Ottawa, ON K1G 0J6 Telephone: 613-406-4863</p>	<p>Koki Mino-Miikan Nosawadoon is an organization that is dedicated to providing programs and services for Aboriginal offenders and individuals at risk of being repeat offenders in the City of Ottawa and surrounding area. Their mandate is to help decrease the rate of incarceration and those entering the criminal justice system. It is well known that Aboriginals are overrepresented in the criminal justice system.</p>
<p>Métis Nation of Ontario 500 Old St. Patrick Street, Unit 3 Ottawa, ON K1N 9G4 Telephone: 613-798-1488</p>	<p>Métis Nation of Ontario provides a range of employment training programs and supports for the educational success of all Métis across Ontario beginning in early childhood, continuing through K to 12 to post-secondary education and into adulthood.</p>



Organization	Description
<p>Minwaashin Lodge 1155 Lola Street Ottawa, ON K1K 4C1 Telephone: 613-741-5590</p>	<p>Minwaashin Lodge provides violence prevention and intervention services for Aboriginal women, youth, children and elders, including traditional healing, employment, counseling, shelter, youth and cultural programs, community development initiatives, and social support.</p>
<p>Ottawa Inuit Children's Centre 230 McArthur Avenue Ottawa, ON K1L 6P5 Telephone: 613-744-3133</p>	<p>Ottawa Inuit Children's Centre (OICC) provides cultural, educational, recreational and social support services to children, youth and families in Ottawa's Inuit community. The OICC operates an Inuit Kindergarten program and does class room presentation on Inuit culture.</p>
<p>Tewegan Housing for Aboriginal Youth 65 Harvey Street Ottawa, ON K1S 0A8 Telephone: 613-233-0672</p>	<p>Tewegan Housing for Aboriginal Youth operates a 12-bed home for young First Nations, Inuit and Métis women between 16 -29 years who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.</p>
<p>Tungasuvvingat Inuit 604 Laurier Avenue West Ottawa, ON K1R 6L1 Telephone: 613-233-0572</p>	<p>Tungasuvvingat Inuit is an Inuit-specific, provincial service provider that provides social support, cultural activities, counselling and crisis intervention as a one-stop resource centre to meet the rapidly growing, complex and evolving needs of Inuit in Ontario.</p>
<p>Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health 299 Montreal Road Ottawa, ON K1L 6B8 Telephone: 613-748-5999</p>	<p>Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health provides a combination of traditional healing, primary health care, cultural programs, health promotion, community development initiatives, and social support services to more than 10,000 First Nations, Inuit and Métis people each year.</p>

Thank you to the following organizations/agencies for their support in making this Aboriginal Community Forum a huge success:

City of Ottawa

First Nations Information Governance Centre

Gignul Non-Profit Housing Corporation

Mamidosewin Centre - Algonquin College

Métis Nation of Ontario

Minwaashin Lodge

Ottawa Carleton District School Board

Ottawa Catholic School Board

Ottawa Inuit Children's Centre

Tewegan Housing for Aboriginal Youth

Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health

Wawatay Catering

...as well as all of our volunteers, our
Aboriginal Community, and our partners.

Chi-miigwetch! Nia:wen! Zujannamiik! Thank You!

Thank you to the following Entertainers this evening...



Singer/Songwriter Tara Shannon



Cody Coyote & Theland Kicknosway



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