

Winnipeg Indigenous Executive Circle

Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg
Aboriginal Health & Wellness Centre
Aboriginal Senior Resources Centre
Boys & Girls Club of Winnipeg
Build Inc.
Centre for Aboriginal Human Resource Development
End Homelessness Winnipeg
Fearless R2W
Ikwe Widdijitiwin
Indigenous Leadership Development Institute Inc.
Indigenous Women's Healing Centre
Ka Ni Kanichihk Inc.
Kinew Housing Inc
Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre Inc
Manitoba Indigenous Cultural Education
Manitoba Moon Voices Inc.
Mother Earth Recycling
Native Addictions Council of Manitoba
Native Clan Organization
Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad Inc. (Ndinawe)
Neeginan Community Campus
Onashowewin Justice Circle
Oshki-Gizhig
Oyate Tipi
Circle of Life Thunderbird House
Tunngasugit Inc.
Urban Circle
Winnipeg Aboriginal Sport Achievement Centre
Winnipeg Indigenous Friendship Centre
Rossbrook House

ARTICLES THAT GUIDE

- ✓ Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action
- ✓ MMIWG Calls to Action
- ✓ *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (3, 5, 43)

History

On September 17, 2014, the Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg met with leadership and Executive Directors from Indigenous based organizations; who came to an agreement to establish a collaborative to advance the well-being of the Indigenous Peoples in the City of Winnipeg. This resulted in the development of the Winnipeg Indigenous Executive Circle.

The Winnipeg Indigenous Executive Circle members consist of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Leadership whose interests are to support the urban Indigenous community in the City of Winnipeg.

Membership of the Winnipeg Indigenous Executive Circle agree to work collectively; engaging the urban Indigenous community to ensure increased access and opportunity in the process of Truth and Reconciliation in the City of Winnipeg.

Membership

Standard Membership is open to all Indigenous led organizations in Winnipeg.

Indigenous-led organization must contain the following:

- 1) Indigenous (Metis/ First Nation/Inuit) Leadership
- 2) 75 % of board and staff are Indigenous Peoples (Metis/First Nation/Inuit)
- 3) The organization functions according to Indigenous (Metis/First Nation/Inuit) cultural values and practices.

Associate Membership is open to organizations led by Indigenous Executive Directors for non-Indigenous organizations or non-Indigenous Executive Directors for Indigenous organizations.



Vision

The Winnipeg Indigenous Executive Circle is a collaborative to advance the well-being of Indigenous Peoples (Metis/First Nations/Inuit) in Winnipeg.

Goal

Through strong sectoral representation and broad-based membership; the Winnipeg Indigenous Executive Circle effectively leads on strategic priorities of Indigenous organizations in Winnipeg and foster reconciliation throughout the community.

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Love

Love guides our work to ensure the survival, dignity and well-being of Indigenous Peoples in Winnipeg.

Respect

We will operate in an inclusive manner, to ensure that the diverse voices of all Indigenous Peoples are heard.

Courage

We will take a leadership role in addressing key issues that prevent us from achieving reconciliation.

Honesty

We will share the realities facing our Indigenous community, identify necessary changes to ensure the survival, dignity and well-being of Indigenous Peoples.

Wisdom

We will draw on the wisdom of our people to guide our work.









Humility

We commit to honoring our values and self-evaluating the ways we work to achieve our shared goals.

Truth

We will respectfully convey the truths of the urban Indigenous community, facilitate understanding and create mutually beneficial relationships.

Objectives

-  Draw upon the shared priorities of each member service organization's strategic and community plans to create a common vision;
-  Engage Winnipeg Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities;
-  Promote gender equality;
-  Restore Indigenous governance systems, through reclamation of Indigenous ways of life;
-  Through self-determination, promote positive dialogue and relationship building to achieve reconciliation;
-  Form collaborative partnerships; restore Indigenous ways of being, influence policy; enhance resources and services to improve and increase positive outcomes for Indigenous Peoples in Winnipeg;
-  Promote, strengthen, and advocate for resource equity and sustainability for urban Indigenous service organizations; and
-  To realize and restore all the rights of Indigenous People as set out in the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action leading to systemic change. This includes rights related to lands, territories and resources.



Priority Areas of Focus

Priority areas that have life affirming impact on the overall social, economic and cultural well-being of the urban Indigenous community in the city of Winnipeg were established and are overseen by Urban Indigenous Strategic Working Groups. Members with experience and expertise in these areas work collectively to create a community where every member thrives.

The Winnipeg Indigenous Executive Circle has four priority areas:

- 1. Education and Training:** Increase graduation rates and access to employment and economic development opportunities.
- 2. Access to Housing:** Ensure there is safe, affordable, accessible and appropriate housing for Indigenous peoples in Winnipeg.
- 3. Support and Strengthen Families:** Create healthy communities where families are supported in caring for one another, address the issue of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls and reduce the number of children in care and incarceration rates.
- 4. Health and Well-being:** Encourage and promote healthy lifestyles, including nutrition, sport, and cultural expression, committed to quality, affordable, accessible and appropriate health care services, including culturally safe services.