



Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc.

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MKO Seeking Indigenous Artist to Paint Mural in Thompson

Treaty Five Territory, Thompson, MB – Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc. (MKO) is working with Strathallen Property Management to locate an up-and-coming Indigenous artist to develop a mural at The City Centre Mall in Thompson, Manitoba.

Strathallen owns the City Centre Mall and aims to provide an artist with the opportunity to design, create, and paint one mural at the City Centre Mall that will showcase the artist's talent and bring the artist exposure.

The mural will reflect life in the North, which may include natural beauty, natural landscape, and historic relevance.

The purpose of the mural is to display a snapshot of the community that will engage residents and travellers to enhance their appreciation of the qualities that make Thompson, Manitoba (located on Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Territory) unique.

Timeline:

- Deadline for artist application: July 30, 2022
- Winner selected: August 15, 2022
- Artwork complete: October 1, 2022
- Reveal: October 14, 2022

Benefits to the artist:

- Artist featured and recognized for their work
- An honorarium of \$1000 (If over the age of 18)
- A \$1000 scholarship towards post-secondary education (If under the age of 18)

“I commend Strathallen for continuing to work closely with Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak to take steps to recognize and honour the significant role First Nations have in the City of Thompson. I am encouraged when business leaders take steps to recognize and honour First Nations people,” shared **Grand Chief Garrison Settee**.

“By working together, we can make significant progress,” said Grand Chief Settee. “I encourage local business leaders to continue to work collaboratively with Indigenous peoples to develop projects and programs that contribute to reconciliation. This assists in building relationships that can help us move forward in a good way.”

To apply for this opportunity, artists can contact:

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