



Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc.

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MKO Assists with Organizing Celebration of National Indigenous Peoples Day in Thompson on June 21, 2022

Treaty Five Territory, Thompson, MB – Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc. (MKO) is part of the Thompson Urban Aboriginal Strategy (TUAS), a group of partners working together to plan an all-day celebration for National Indigenous Peoples Day 2022.

National Indigenous Peoples Day takes place each year on June 21, the same day as the Summer Solstice. This day is observed nationally to raise awareness of the cultures and traditions of Indigenous people from across Canada.

“Systems such as residential schools and the Sixties Scoop attempted to erase Indigenous people and cultures. We are proud of our languages and traditions that keep our cultures alive. On June 21, 2022, join us as we celebrate the traditions and accomplishments of our MKO citizens and Indigenous people from all over Turtle Island. It is important for people across Canada to acknowledge and learn more about Indigenous peoples and cultures—taking part in National Indigenous Peoples Day is one way to learn more. Join us on June 21 to recognize and celebrate the strength of Indigenous people,” shared **Grand Chief Garrison Settee**.

The TUAS National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration in Thompson will kick off with a sunrise ceremony and go on to celebrate Indigenous traditions with activities to learn about the seven teachings, jingle dress making, tipi raising, and more. There will be live entertainment throughout the day, emceed by Starlett Beardy and David Sanderson.

A team from CBC Manitoba will be live on location and will broadcast many of the events on CBC Radio and CBC News.

Event details:

Wednesday, June 21, 2022, in MacLean Park in Thompson, MB

- 4:30 am Sunrise ceremony, all are welcome
- 9:00 am Seven teachings booths and jingle dress making activities until 9:00 pm

- 10:00 am Tipi raising teaching
- 12:00 pm Hotdog lunch
Live entertainment begins
- 1:00 pm Opening ceremonies, Cree and Dene drum groups, traditional dancing
Natural medicines teachings
- 2:00 pm Tipi lowering teaching
- 3:00 pm Bubble pond, face painting, and popcorn until 8:00 pm
- 4:00 pm Stew and bannock dinner until 5:00 pm
- 5:30 pm Soaring Eagle Awards
- 9:00 pm Closing ceremonies and round dance

For more information on the TUAS National Indigenous Peoples Day 2022 events, please contact:

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