



Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad Inc. AGM
2020



Executive letter to community



Thank you for joining us for our 26th Annual General Meeting.

It has been a busy year for us here at Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad and we are excited to celebrate another successful year of supporting Indigenous youth in our community.

This year has been about adapting to new challenges. The Child and Youth Care Certificate Program completed it's second year in our new location at 650 Burrows Avenue and graduated 119 students. While the pandemic has presented the organization and our programs with new challenges, we have been able to adapt and for the Child and Youth Care Program this meant hosting a socially distanced graduation ceremony outside at our Burrows location and it was beautiful. Tina's Safe Haven continues to operate as one of the only 24/7 safe spaces for youth in our community. Tina's Safe Haven ensure that Indigenous youth will have a safe, barrier free place to go any time of day or night when they are in need of support and resources.

In December 2019, our Executive Director, Tammy Christensen stepped down from her role at Ndinawe. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tammy for her thirteen years of leading our organization. Her contribution to Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad's growth was substantial and we are so grateful for your leadership.

As we celebrate and continue to look forward, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to everyone involved in moving our community forward. Thank you to Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad's Board of Directors for their leadership throughout this year. Thank you to our youth who continue to provide direction to our organization and the programs and services we offer. Thank you to our funders and partners who continue to support Ndinawe. I would like to acknowledge our employees

who have dedicated themselves to our organization, your hard work does not go unnoticed. I would like to take a moment to recognize those staff who are celebrating 5, 10, and 15 year anniversaries. Matthew Kitt celebrating 5 years at Chu Manitou Tanka Oyati Tipi, Carey Sinclair celebrating 5 years with the Child and Youth Care Certificate Program, Elizabeth Raven celebrating 10 years with the Ndinawe Safe House, and Jackie Stubbs celebrating 15 years working in Finance. Thank you all for your incredible contribution to Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad and positively impacting the lives of youth in our community.

Speaking on dedication and contribution to our community, on behalf Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad I would like to acknowledge Betty Edel who is stepping down from the Board of Directors after 16 years. Betty, your commitment to our community and the wellbeing of our young people is astounding. We recognize the impact your leadership and your support has had on our organization as we have grown throughout the years. On behalf of Ndinawe I would like to say thank you! We know that you will continue to lead positive change in our community.

In Friendship,

Kayla Stubbs

Board letter for community

Miigwetch, Ekosani and thank you for celebrating Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad's 26th Annual General Meeting with us and another successful year of providing support and encouragement to our community youth.

Ndinawe continues to grow and evolve to provide Indigenous youth in our community meaningful services that address their cultural, social, economic and personal needs. I want to thank the youth for dedicating their time to ensure that Ndinawe continues to respond to the needs of the community.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I gratefully acknowledge all of our funders, community partners, our employees and volunteers for supporting Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad and making each and every day a new opportunity for hope, healing and unconditional love. To my fellow Board members, I look forward to working together in the upcoming year on opportunities to grow the organization based on the needs of our young people. I wish to take this opportunity to thank Betty Edel for her commitment and contribution throughout her 16 years on the Board of Directors for Ndinawe. Your leadership and wisdom will be missed. We will continue to support you on your journey with the school division and in our community.

Respectfully,

Jordan Bighorn

Ndinawe Board Chair

Ndinawe Safe House



Ndinawe Safe House is a safe place for youth ages 11 to 17. Youth can self-refer and do not need to be in care of Child and Family Services. Ndinawe Safe House provides shelter for up to 16 youth, both female and male. Youth can be admitted for a variety of reasons such as parent/teen conflict, placement break down, living on the streets, being at risk of abuse or sexual exploitation.

Youth who reside with us, we address their immediate needs such as clothing, making appointments to see the doctor, dentist as well as the optometrist. While here we encourage our youth to go back to school or work or get them into programs available to them. One of our challenges is youth who are about to turn 18, we work with them in securing a place to live once they turn 18 years of age or on their behalf advocate for them in securing housing.

Chu Manitou Tanka Oyati Tipi



Our transitional home is offered to youth that want to live and be in a supportive environment to prepare themselves to live successfully on their own. Our program was designed for youth between the ages of 16 – 17 years of age. During their involvement in the program they are able to reside with us so they can gain the skills needed to be successful.

The program aims to empower youth in a safe and caring environment in which residents can explore and enhance their mental, physical, emotional and spiritual well being.

Second stage has celebrated many successes this past year with having 4 youth graduate from the program to go on to start their transition into adulthood. This year we also offered home schooling with our staff Kate Tucovic that saw 3 youth complete credits needed to be able to stay on track for graduation. We also have adjusted our programming due to closure of many activities in the city and the youth were able to adapt accordingly. We are always changing our programming to meet the needs of the youth in not only our program but in the community as well. The youth have proven to be resilient even in our uncertain times and have continued to flourish. Having the commitment from the youth we can continue to support them in achieving their goals.

We would like to thank the community for all their support in helping our youth succeed and empowering them to take control of the goals and making their dreams come true. We wish them all the best on their journey going forward.

Wazon Zagiiwaywin | Nest of Love & Care



Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad's Wazon Zagiiwaywin is where youth between the ages of 18 and 24 years old looking for support and community belong. Wazon Zagiiwaywin is a supportive and inclusive environment where youth can access resources to meet a number of immediate needs such as showers, water, and snacks as well as laundry facilities (by appointment). Within the space there exists a housing program along with independent living Mentors and a Systems Navigator to help advocate for systems involvement. This advocacy includes referrals to community resources, accessing healthcare and recovery services, therapy, and cultural programming as well as educational supports. At Wazon Zagiiwaywin youth can directly access online applications for the provincial Employment and Income Assistance program and receive guidance on obtaining identification and community financial literacy programs.

Wahkohtowin - The Strengthening Families Program (SFP)



Sara McIvor-Prouty, Site Coordinator

We Prioritized culture and recreation for families to increase chances of bonding.

helped big and small families to build stronger relationships.

involved community knowledge keepers, Grandmothers and Grandfathers to increase cultural knowledge and help families create mindfulness.

Accompanied families on outings including spending time on the land.

Had the honor of supporting families on their journeys forward.

pre Covid19 we were doing our programming at 650 Burrows building, giving families a quiet, safe and peaceful space to create positive communication skills.

As of March 9th, 2020 all Wahkohtowin sites began supporting families in their homes. Teaching lessons online, sending meals, groceries, sacred medicines, hygiene supplies, masks, puzzles, colouring books and craft kits out to families to help support them where they were most safe. We also connected some families with needed technology to support lessons during the pandemic. This created many challenges for families and staff and have had many creative solutions. We appreciate all the support Ndinawe Operations staff provided us in 2020.

Music [?](#)



Daniel Emerson is the Music Coordinator at Tina's Safe Haven and has a wide-ranged experience and knowledge of the musical arts. He is a recognized emerging Metis musician and performer across the country who continues to diversify our program. Daniels purpose as the Music Coordinator is to motivate and mentor our youth with various exciting, engaging, cultural workshops designed to inspire, develop passion, and to build confidence and self-expression within musical arts.

By understanding the strengths and weaknesses of youth accessing the music programs we are able to determine what direction is needed and how to better serve them with their self-efficacy. Watching them utilize skills they have learned outside of scheduled programming socially with other youth is motivating. Observing them self-motivate based on personally noticed improvement is inspirational. By learning how to play along with songs they are familiar with and enjoy they are able to become more experienced and passionate about the musical arts. When teaching them other forms of self-expression

such as song writing we are also teaching them healthy ways to release their emotions and reflect on their feelings. By encouraging them to participate in our song sharing circles revolving around The Seven Sacred Teachings we connect with indigenous culture and reflect upon ourselves. Our Music Program is in its infancy stages and we are implored to watch it grow and develop along with our youth. From what we have seen the potential for this program to grow is exponentially greater every day our youth participate. Those between the ages of 13-24 are able to participate in this interactive and safe space.

North End Arts Center/ NEAC



Bernard Ferguson is the art coordinator at NEAC. Bernard Has A BFA in Fine Arts from the UM and is a recognized ceramic artist in Winnipeg with an extensive background in community arts. As an arts coordinator my role is to attract and schedule some of winnipeg's most experienced artists and crafters who have extensive experience and engagement skills with youth.

Bernards objective at the NEAC is to creatively engage/mentor the youth through creativity and provide them the opportunity to evoke something within themselves that they may not have experienced before. There is also the opportunity for youth to engage in story telling, and developing communication and interactive group skills. It is highly rewarding to see youth transferring skills from one art process to another or to another aspect of their life. It is inspiring to see the youth's communication and interpersonal skills evolve through art/craft/music.

The youth at NEAC need a safe interactive space for social, engaging and creative experiences. We often do Tshirt printing workshops which is important for the youth because they get a clean shirt with a design they had created and are proud to wear after completion. Pottery and Jewellery are also interesting for the youth because they can make art that they can wear and use. The hiphop program allows the youth to express something about them self through sound and lyrics.

The NEAC is a unique creative hub in the Norh End. We have a diverse and extensive art program that covers the contemporary arts/crafts, traditional crafts, pottery, sewing, video, Hiphop. With our annual budget we invite some of the best art, craft, music facilitators in winnipeg to do programming with us Monday to Friday. The diversity of the NEAC art program allows youth to try different art mediums and engage with our art facilitators from a mentoring perspective. The youth can take a lot of the technical, creative thinking, patience and interpersonal skills involved in the creative process and transfer those to high school, college, university or an occupation. The interpersonal, communication and engagement skills involved are also highly important for current and future experiences.

There is a lot of potential for the NEAC to expand and be more diverse to offer more opportunities for youth. I am looking forward to seeing how the NEAC will evolve and engage the youth in the near future.

Bernard

Child and Youth Care Certificate Program



Ndinawe's Child and Youth Care Certificate Program has started our 15th year and we are honoured to part of the Ndinawe family. We have also hired our first two program graduates as core staff! We welcome Isabel Daniels as our EA and Tracy Sawchyn as our Wellness Coordinator.

There are now 119 graduates of this program that are certified Child and Youth Care Practitioners through Red River College and over 24 that have gone on to complete their full diplomas and another 7 individuals that have gone on to University.

Our program's graduates work in group homes, as outreach workers, youth justice workers and as CYC's in the school system. We are so proud of our graduates and the work they do to directly help the youth in our community by bringing their lived experiences and education to their work.

Whole families are changed as a result of mom or dad receiving a college education. Generational cycles of poverty, violence and low levels of education are interrupted by the hard work and dedication of each student. There are now over 300 children whose parents have graduated and now have new choices and opportunities due to their hard work and success in this program.

Our staff and Ndinawe are so proud of all that each of our students has accomplished.

Ode Zhigo Ode



Heart to Heart - Ode Zhigo Ode began in 2018 as a 5 year community based and research driven project that focuses on creating a teen dating violence prevention program from an Indigenous designed lens. Ode Zhigo Ode means Heart to Heart in Anishinaabemowin.

The design and implementation of this initiative involved input from a Youth Advisory Council, two Elders, Ndinawe and Ma Mawi Chi Itata Centre staff and the University of Manitoba.

The project is ongoing and has had a few challenges ahead with how we will pilot and share the curriculum due to COVID, but we are a flexible and resilient team and are continuing to move things forward.

We would like to thank Sheldon and Angie Cote for their work guiding the initial pieces of this program and curriculum.

Ndinawe financial report

