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BROKENHEAD OJIBWAY NATION

AUGUST 15 - 17, 2023



AMC 35TH AGA EMCEE: KATHERINE WHITECLOUD



It is with great honour that we introduce Katherine Whitecloud as the Emcee for this year's Annual General Assembly. An esteemed figure in our community, Katherine brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and passion to the 35th Annual General Assembly of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs. We are privileged to have her guiding us through this significant event, ensuring that our discussions and deliberations are both meaningful and memorable.

KATHERINE WHITECLOUD Katherine Whitecloud is a mother, grandmother and Knowledge Keeper from the Wipazoka Wakpa Dakota Oyate. Learning from her Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Father, Mother, and her extended family, her greatest passion is to insure that the language and teachings of our ancestors are shared and continue to live and thrive through the youth of today. Katherine is an Educator, fulfilling roles as Teacher, Guidance Counsellor, Director of Education, Superintendent, Education Board Chairperson, and Regional Director of Education. She has been Executive Director for the DOTC, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, and the Assembly of First Nations. As a Leader, Katherine was chosen by the People of Sioux Valley to be Council Member and Chief, and by the Chiefs of Manitoba for the Role of Regional Chief. She has served as Board member for many Institutions and organizations in support of our First Nations Peoples. Katherine's professional life has been devoted to supporting Indigenous Peoples, her Nation, and most importantly our Children.

Her personal life is devoted to fulfilling her responsibilities as a Dakota Winyan, Mother, Grandmother and helper. A strong advocate for children and families, her love for children and understanding that without healthy children, we cannot have healthy families, and without healthy families, we do not have healthy communities, guides her role and responsibility as a Knowledge Keeper and Grandmother. With a profound faith in the goodness, love and guidance of our Creator, Katherine's message reinforces that without our children, we have no tomorrow. Our greatest gift is to be blessed with new life through the gift of children and the dawning of each new day. Katherine's greatest blessing is the gift of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Currently, she is a member of the AMC Council of Elders and Grandmother's Council.

AMC 35th Annual General Assembly Theme:

'LEAVE NO CITIZEN BEHIND' THE IMPORTANCE OF COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP

We are delighted to announce that the 35th Annual General Assembly of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs will convene under the compelling theme of **"Leave no citizen behind - the importance of collaboration and partnerships."** At this crucial juncture, we must come together as a collective force to address the challenges faced by our First Nations communities and work towards building a better, more inclusive future for all.

The AMC has long been a steadfast advocate for the 62 of the 63 First Nations in Manitoba, representing the diverse and vibrant cultures that make up our histories. With this responsibility comes the duty to ensure that every citizen is granted the opportunity to thrive and prosper. We firmly believe that no member of First Nations in this province should be left behind, irrespective of their location or circumstances.

As we set forth on this journey, we recognize that the path to progress lies in collaboration and partnership. The power of collaboration cannot be underestimated; when like-minded nations, organizations and individuals join forces, their collective impact multiplies manifold. Together, we can combine our strengths, expertise, and resources to forge a brighter future for our peoples.

Our partnerships extend beyond the boundaries of our organization. We actively seek collaboration with governments, non-governmental organizations, private enterprises, and concerned citizens, all of whom play a crucial role in uplifting our communities. By fostering these partnerships, we create a network of support, enabling us to leverage the best ideas, practices, and initiatives that can address the multifaceted challenges faced by our citizens.

At the heart of our collective endeavour is the commitment to provide an improved quality of life for all First Nations citizens, both on-reserve and off-reserve. We believe in an inclusive approach that ensures every individual has access to essential services, education, healthcare, and economic opportunities. This commitment to inclusivity reflects the values embedded in our cultural heritage, where the well-being of the community is intrinsically linked to the well-being of each member.

Through our collaborative efforts, we will endeavour to address issues such as poverty, housing, education, healthcare, environmental protection, and the preservation of our rich cultural traditions. By recognizing and respecting the unique strengths and perspectives each partner brings to the table, we can build sustainable solutions that have a lasting impact on the lives of our citizens.

As we gather for the 35th Annual General Assembly, let us reiterate our commitment to "Leave No Citizen Behind" and embrace the spirit of collaboration and partnership. Together, we can break barriers, overcome challenges, and create a future where every member of our First Nations communities can flourish. We eagerly anticipate your active participation and support as we embark on this transformative journey.

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Day 1 - Tuesday, August 15, 2023

8 AM	Pipe & Water Ceremonies Breakfast & Registration of Chiefs / Proxy Delegates / Elders
9AM	Opening Ceremony, Grand Entry and Welcoming Remarks Host Chief Gordon Bluesky, Brokenhead Ojibway Nation-Treaty One Grand Chief Cathy Merrick, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Grand Chief Garrison Settee, Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Grand Chief Scott Harper, Anisiniwew Okimawin AFN Regional Chief Cindy Woodhouse, Manitoba Region Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Indigenous Services Canada TBC Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations & Northern Affairs Special Presentation to Chiefs & Jubilee Awards Recipients
11:30	AMC Council of Elders Perspective <i>Elder Florence Paynter and Elder Dr. Harry Bone</i>
Noon	Lunch Break & Presentation: National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation <i>Jennifer Wood, Intergovernmental and Community Relations Liaison</i>
1 PM	Health Transformation and Treaty <i>Ovide Mercredi</i>
2 PM	AMC Secretariat Annual Report & Audited Financial Statement
3:00	AFN Regional Chief Report <i>AFN Regional Chief Cindy Woodhouse</i>
3:30 PM	Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba Annual Report <i>Loretta Ross, Treaty Commissioner</i>
4:00 PM	Clear Sky Connections Annual Report <i>Bill Murdoch</i>

4:30 - Assembly Adjourned for the Day

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Day 2 - Wednesday, August 16, 2023

8 AM	Breakfast & Registration
9AM	Opening Remarks
9:30 AM	AMC Womens Council Presentation Chief Betsy Kennedy, War Lake First Nation
10 AM	Manitoba First Nation Education Resource Centre Annual Report Charles Cochrane, Executive Director
10:30 AM	First Peoples Development Inc. Annual Report Ethel Anderson, President
11 AM	Constitutional Amendments to the Election Rules and Procedures Howard Burston, Executive Director
12 PM	Lunch & Presentation Bell MTS—Rhonda Barrow Theriault, Senior Sales Executive
1 PM	First Nation Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba Annual Report Ardell Cochrane, Executive Director
1:30 PM	First Peoples Economic Growth Fund Annual Report Fabian Sanderson, Chief Executive Officer
2 PM <i>3 PM - Assembly Adjourned for the Day</i>	Provincial Party Leaders First Nation Election Platforms
3:30 PM	Meet & Greet (BON Pow Wow Arbour)
5 PM	35th Anniversary Dinner Private Tom Chief Memorial Hall



6:30 PM
Light Refreshments for
Community at BON Arbour

7 PM
Live Music at the BON Pow
Wow Arbour: **C-Weed**

8 PM
Ray 'Coco' Stevenson &
The Walking Wolf Singer and
Dancers

8:45 PM
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9:45 PM
**Archangel
Drone Show**



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Day 3 - Thursday, August 17, 2023

8 AM	Breakfast & Registration
9AM	Opening Remarks Manitoba First Nations Casino Trust Annual Report Dave Kobliski, Executive Director
9:30 AM	Gaming Litigation Update Chief Clarence Easter, Gaming Steering Committee Member
10 AM	Landfill Search Feasibility Study Chief Kyra Wilson, Long Plain First Nation
11 AM	2024-25 AMC Manitoba First Nations Alternative Federal Budget Dr. Alain Beaudry, Waapihk Research
11:30 AM	Natural Resources Transfer Agreement and Crown Lands Legal Strategies Carly Fox – Fox LLP
12 PM	Lunch
	<i>Closing Ceremonies</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Host Chief Gord Bluesky, Brokenhead Ojibway Nation• Grand Chief Cathy Merrick, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs• AFN Regional Chief Cindy Woodhouse, Manitoba Region• Elder's Invocation – Elders Mary and Robert Maytwayashing• Retiring of Eagle Staff/ Southern Thunderbird Medicine -Drum Group

Thank you for joining us at the 35th Annual General Assembly of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

We appreciate the valuable insights and discussions that took place during this gathering. As you journey back home, we extend our warmest wishes for a safe trip. Your continued support is invaluable to our mandate, and we look forward to seeing you at our next assembly.

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HOST NATION PROFILE



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Brokenhead Ojibway Nation is a proud Nation that is working towards building a healthy, independent, self-sustaining, evolving community, that strives to meet the needs of its citizens by making economic development and our Ojibway identity priorities in every aspect of our planning.

The Brokenhead Ojibway Nation (BON) is a Treaty 1 Nation located northeast of the Winnipeg, Manitoba on Hwy. 59. The Brokenhead Ojibway Nation are a proud and thriving First Nation. We're focused on providing education and opportunities that can help assure a positive tomorrow for our youth, our families and our Elders.

Brokenhead Ojibway Nation #4 extends north to the shores of Lake Winnipeg and includes part of the Netley Creek Mars area. The Brokenhead River runs through the core area of the community. Both PTH #59 and the CN rail line cross through the northwest section of the Reserve. To the south is Winnipeg, 82 kilometres down highway #59 and to the north is Grand Beach, Patricia Beach and Victoria Beach to name only three beaches in this area located along 59 north.

To learn more about Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, visit www.brokenheadojibwaynation.ca

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AMC AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS



Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba - We Are All Treaty People. And so are you! Although the idea that you are a Treaty person may be new to you, all Canadians benefit from the Treaties. That's why we like to remind everyone that "We Are All Treaty People." Since we all benefit from Treaties, we have a shared responsibility to maintain our Treaty relationship. To do this, we need to be sure that all Manitobans understand why we have Treaties and what the Treaties do. Creating more awareness of the Treaties is why the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba was created. We strive to strengthen, rebuild, and enhance the Treaty Relationship between First Nations and Canadians through education, facilitation, and research.

Manitoba First Nation Education Resource Centre - The Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre Inc. (MFNERC), established in 1998 by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, offers leading education, administration, technology, language, and culture services to 58 First Nations schools from 49 Manitoba First Nations. Originally starting with a few employees, MFNERC has grown into a multifaceted organization that supports the diverse needs of these schools. They provide professional development training for school staff and work in partnership with Manitoba First Nations to uphold high educational standards. The Centre emphasizes respecting the diversity of First Nations and promotes best practices based on academic research and extensive experience working with these communities.



First Peoples Development Inc. - Incorporated in 2006, FPDI is a non-profit organization that facilitates partnerships designed to develop and deliver training-to-employment programs to meet labor market needs internal and external to twenty-eight Manitoba First Nation communities. One of the programs administered by FPDI is the ISET program. FPDI has legal agreements with twenty-eight First Nations; referred to as Sub-Agreement Holders (SAH). The ISET program offers a variety of training based on the needs and priorities identified by the SAH's and FPDI. There are also wrap-around services such as child care supports to mitigate barriers to training. FPDI administers other programs and initiatives such as a Robotics and Drone programs for youth and the ILMI Survey pilot.

First Nations Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba - An Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs' resolution established the Manitoba First Nations Interim Health Secretariat (MFNIHS) as an interim corporate entity with the Chiefs in Assembly as its membership and the Chiefs Task Force on Health as the Board of Directors. The First Nations Health & Social Secretariat of Manitoba (FNHSSM) aims to increase First Nations' involvement in the planning and development of a Unified Health System in Manitoba. They seek to influence regional and national health policy and program development in various areas, including health consultation, maternal child health, e-Health/Panorama, mental health, and health governance, among others. The goal is to enhance opportunities for First Nations' participation and influence in these aspects of health and social development.



FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECRETARIAT OF MANITOBA



The First Peoples Economic Growth Fund Inc. is a joint economic development initiative between the Manitoba government and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC). It aims to bridge the standard of living gap between First Nations and non-Aboriginal Manitobans. The fund focuses on seven program areas, including business plan assistance, skills development, entrepreneur loans, community economic expansion loans, joint-venture investments, professional support aftercare, and resource & energy investment. The board of directors, comprising outstanding Manitobans, will oversee the fund's operations to support economic growth and development in First Nations communities.

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DAY 2 EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Brokenhead Ojibway Nation Pow Wow Arbour



Errol Ranville, C-Weed Band

With almost four decades of music under his belt, including nineteen albums and counting, Errol “C-Weed” Ranville has been a stalwart figure in Canada’s country music scene. After spending the 70s perfecting his craft in small clubs, Ranville slid onto the nation’s music scene in 1980 with his cover of The Band’s “Evangeline.” The song would hit number one on the Canadian Country Music Charts, and Errol and his ever-evolving C-Weed Band have shown no signs of slowing since.

A string of quality albums in the 80s, highlighted by tracks like “Bringing home the good times” and “Magic in the Music” would lead to back-to-back Juno nods for Country Group of the Year and several Manitoba Country Music Awards. But Errol has never really played for the accolades. C-Weed’s brand of country music has always been flush with honesty, with lyrics indicative of his proud aboriginal heritage.

Ray 'Coco' Stevenson & The Walking Wolf Singer and Dancers

Ray 'Coco' Stevenson has led the Walking Wolf Singers & Dancers, for over 25 years, doubling as a form of cultural celebration as well as a means of educating audiences about the rich traditions of First Nation. With drum beats that echo generations past and graceful movements that tell ancient stories, the Walking Wolf Singers and Dancers not only captivate but also enlighten, fostering a deeper understanding and respect for First Nations cultures and their legacies.



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WELCOME
TO TREATY 1

35 YEARS OF
AMC

DRONE SHOW GUIDE

Welcome to Treaty 1

Today, we begin our drone show with a bright Welcome to Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, located in the heart of Treaty 1 Territory.

35 Years of AMC: Advocating Unity and Action

The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) emerged 35 years ago as a response to the shared concerns of First Nations in Manitoba. It stands as a testament to the enduring solidarity among these nations. Born from a need to counteract Canada's assimilation efforts, the AMC unites diverse linguistic, cultural, and geographic backgrounds.

The AMC Headdress: Symbolizing Leadership and Culture

A part of our AMC logo, the Headdress holds cultural, spiritual, and symbolic significance, often serving as a representation of leadership.

Treaty Handshake: Honouring Treaty Relationships

The AMC (Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs) recognizes the crucial importance of treaties in shaping our nation-to-nation relationships, both among Indigenous nations and with the Crown. Despite ongoing challenges in upholding treaty commitments, we are dedicated to pursuing self-determination and ensuring that the federal government fulfills its obligations outlined in the treaties. This entails striving for equitable treatment and holding the government responsible for meeting its treaty-related duties.

MIB Logo: Paving the Way for AMC

The Manitoba Indian Brotherhood (MIB) preceded the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC). Functioning as a representative political body, it featured elected vice presidents and a president who advocated for First Nations within the province. The MIB, later renamed the First Nations Confederacy, fought vigorously for Treaty and Aboriginal Rights recognition, navigating evolving politics and community growth, leading to the eventual reformation into the more comprehensive AMC due to burgeoning complexities and regional priorities by the early 1980s.

Sacred Unity Pipe: A Beacon of Reconciliation

The Unity Pipe was commissioned by Blackfoot Elder Morris Little Wolf and held by the late Elder Dave Courchene Jr. at Turtle Lodge for many years.

"The Pipe will lead the whole country, including those who follow the many different religions that our people practice today. Our long-term vision is to unite and bring our People back together again, north and south, east and west. We can start at the centre where the sacred Pipe of unity is being held." - Morris Little Wolf, *Wahbanung, The Resurgence of a People: Clearing the Path for Our Survival*.

Guiding Principles: A Medallion of 7 Sacred Teachings

The 7 Sacred Teachings are Honesty, Wisdom, Truth, Humility, Love, Bravery, and Respect.

Eagle Feather Staff: Emblem of Heritage and Honour

The eagle staff was the first flag of these lands; long before colonizers came, Nations carried Eagle Staffs to represent their Nations, individual families, and various other groups. Eagle Staffs can come in many shapes and sizes, but they always feature at least one eagle feather along with other adornments. These staff are usually cared for and carried by a Knowledge Keeper, as carrying a staff is seen as a great honour.



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Orange Heart

The orange heart represents the 'Every Child Matters' movement. Honouring the innocent lives lost at Residential Schools. The Orange heart symbolizes that every child is important, including the ones who lose their lives and the adults who are still healing from their difficult time at residential schools.

The Red Dress: MMIWG2S+ Advocacy

The crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit individuals in Manitoba highlights the alarming rates of violence, disappearance, and murder. Rooted in systemic racism, colonialism, and social disparities, this issue emphasizes the vulnerability of First Nations women and Two-Spirit individuals. The AMC persistently champions their cause, advocating for change until safety is ensured for all.

The Turtle: Turtle Island's Spiritual Connection

First Nations have many creation stories; one says that the lands we live on were formed on the back of a turtle. If you look closely, the lands of North America vaguely depict the shape of a turtle, and so many call these lands 'Turtle Island.' Turtle Island carries spiritual, cultural, and historical significance, representing the connection between land, people, and their traditional teachings. It emphasizes the sacred relationship we have with the land and our stewardship responsibilities.

Eagle Feather: Our Sacred Responsibility

The Eagle Feather is significant and often represents strength, courage and our connection to Creator. We use it when we pray, when we speak, and when we need strength for whatever we are going through.

MB Province: First Nations United

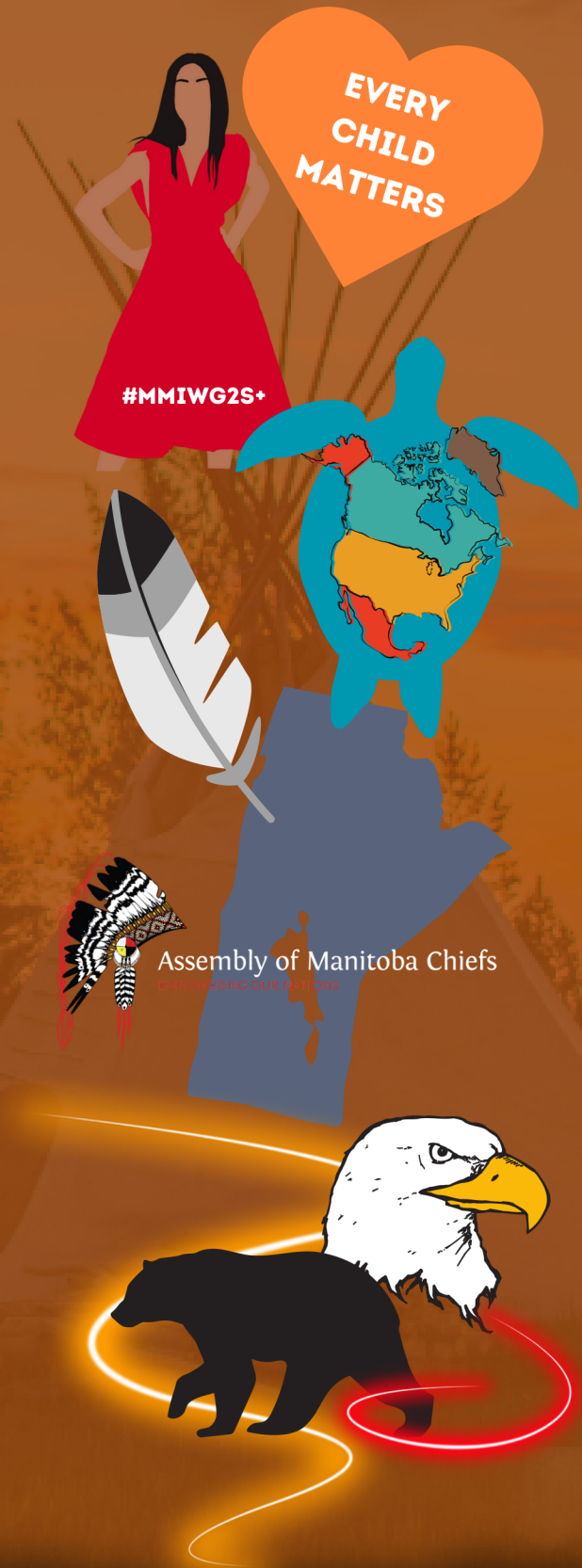
AMC represents 62 of the 63 First Nations in Manitoba, with more than 151,000 First Nation citizens in the province, accounting for approximately 12 per cent of the provincial population. AMC represents a diversity of Anishinaabe (Ojibway), Nehetho / Ininew (Cree), Anishininew (Ojibwe-Cree), Denesuline (Dene) and Dakota Oyate (Dakota) peoples.

AMC Logo

Today, the AMC continues to work tirelessly to address critical issues such as land rights, treaty implementation, social justice, education, and healthcare. Through collaboration with governments, organizations, and communities, the AMC aims to amplify First Nation voices, advance policy changes, and drive initiatives that foster economic development, cultural preservation, and improved quality of life for First Nations citizens in the province.

As the show concludes, images of Migizii (eagle), Makwa (bear), and a spectrum of vibrant colours fill the sky, encapsulating the essence of our identity, strength, and diversity!

Thank you to Archangel Fireworks Inc. and NorthStar Fireworks Entertainment Inc. for the incredible show!



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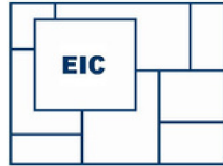
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