



Voices of Our Youth Conference
Treaty Six Territory
Prince Albert, Saskatchewan
March 1, 2021

Presentation to City Council Executive Committee
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Our youth-led conference was originally planned for one full day in May 2020 in conjunction with the Heart of the Youth Pow wow; however, due to COVID restrictions had to be postponed. Our new date will be May 27, 2021 in conjunction with the Heart of the Youth Pow wow

Our intention today is to inform City Council of our work and restructuring regarding our youth-led conference. We request City Council's support in assisting us in communicating to the public of our conference.

- Our committee members are dedicated and determined to make this conference a reality in order to provide learning opportunities within our professional communities who serve our youth. We are focusing on an audience, which includes social workers, youth workers, health care workers, educators, justice, law, and corrections officers, city councilors, MLAs, parents, and other youth stakeholders in our community.
- Funding is in place as our supporters have generously continued financial support through this difficult time
- Our new concept of our conference will be a half day. Big Drum Media will prerecord our youth presenters in late April 2020. On the day of the virtual conference, May 27, presenters will be available live in break out rooms to be available to facilitate discourse with delegates
- Our youth (under 30) are local and northern presenters
- We anticipate 6-8 youth presenters
- His Honour the Honourable Russ Mirasty Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan will be presenting opening remarks
- Elder, Liz Settee will open our conference with prayer and smudge
- Our Keynote presenter is Cody Demerais, a local Métis youth and entrepreneur will be speaking on how the community has supported him on his healing journey
- Planning is ongoing and will be finalized in the end of March or early April
- Once the program is finalized a poster and registration information will be released to the public

Thank you for this opportunity for us to present this exciting project that honours our amazing youth

Respectfully,
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