April 2011 Update: Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak – City of Winnipeg's Aboriginal Youth Strategy

Background:
In April 2008, City Council passed a motion to adopt an Aboriginal Youth Strategy. Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak (OAN) is Ojibway for Young Aboriginal People Leading, the name given to the Aboriginal Youth Strategy by Elders in the community. This name pays tribute to Aboriginal youth as leaders of today as well as tomorrow.

The goal of Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak is to provide funding support for Aboriginal organizations to deliver youth-focused employment development programs (*stream 1)* and to increase participation of Aboriginal youth in civic programs and services as well as to facilitate training and employment opportunities within the civic organization (*stream 2).*

Upcoming Events
Eagle's Nest B-B-Q April 12th
OAN's Stream 1 program partner, The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, will host a graduation B-B-Q from 12:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m. at the St. John's Leisure Centre for 12 graduates of the *Eagle's Nest Resource & Recreation Program for Youth*. This OAN funded program is a personal and professional development program for Aboriginal youth who are out of school or unemployed. It is designed to provide the necessary skills and personal supports to assist Aboriginal youth with the transition from secondary to post-secondary education or with the transition from education to meaningful employment.

Interview on Streetz FM's Urban Nation Program May 12th
Monique Woroniak, Outreach Services Librarian will join Streetz FM host Rick Harp for a discussion about the OAN's Elder-in-Residence programming for May and June. This interview will also include a discussion about "Discovering Aboriginal Collections at the Library", another initiative funded by OAN.

Community By-Law Enforcement Officer Graduation May 14th
On Saturday, May 14, 2 OAN Interns will graduate from the North West Law Enforcement Training Academy, which is a part of the OAN By-Law Internship initiative. Following their graduation, these Aboriginal youth will be qualified to apply for By-Law Officer positions with Community By-Law Enforcement Services.