2018 Highlights

Celebration

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Providing Indigenous youth opportunities in the community and civic system

Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak, (pronounced Awsh-kay Anish-a-nob-bay nee-ga-nee-walk), which means, “Young Indigenous People Leading” in Ojibway, is the City of Winnipeg’s Indigenous Youth Strategy. Approved in 2008 by City Council, we have been working with community and city partners to develop and deliver programs for Indigenous youth ever since!

The mission of Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak is to give Indigenous youth positive opportunities in the community and civic system by bridging and providing culturally appropriate programs and supports related to employment, literacy and recreation to increase resiliency, self-sustainability, pride and future opportunities.
In the 12 months of 2018:

411 Youth accessed employment development and essential skills programs through our community partners.

273 Youth successfully completed and graduated from these programs.

108 Youth reported that they returned to high school, or began post-secondary education!

103 Instances of success were reported when youth found employment.

3 Youth completed administrative and project work placements with the City of Winnipeg: Indigenous Relations, Homelessness Partnering Strategy and Animal Services.

2 Youth were hired by the City of Winnipeg: As a Clerk A, and as an Intergovernmental Project Assistant, both with the Indigenous Relations Division!
COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Our community partners have a common goal: To improve Indigenous youth’s access to positive opportunities in Winnipeg. Our partners are experts in helping Indigenous youth explore and tap into their own unique strengths. All Indigenous youth in our city deserve the opportunity to gain valuable skills, grow to their full potential, to be engaged, and to be involved in our community.

ORGANIZATION
Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat Inc.
Boys and Girls Club of Winnipeg Inc.
Broadway Neighbourhood Centre Inc.
Indigenous Leadership Development Institute Inc.
Ka Ni Kanichihk Inc.
Ma Mawi Wi Itata Centre Inc.
Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad Inc.
Resource Assistance for Youth Inc.
Spence Neighbourhood Association Inc.
Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology
Urban Circle Training Centre
Centre for Aboriginal Human Resource Development

PROGRAM
Eagle’s Nest
Youth Recreation Activity Worker Program
Just TV
Indigenous Carpentry Program
Honouring Gifts
Future is Yours
Ndinawe Youth Resource Recreation Centre
Growing Opportunities
First Jobs 4 Youth
Youth Build - Exploration to Trades
Apprenticeship Training & Employment
Aboriginal Carpentry

We’d like to thank all of our partners for their support in providing incredible opportunities for Indigenous youth!
POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships in the amount of $1,000 are awarded to Indigenous students who are enrolled in full-time post-secondary education at a recognized post-secondary institution in Winnipeg. This award sets out to eliminate financial barriers and encourage youth to pursue post-secondary education.

In 2018, 10 Indigenous youth each received a $1,000 scholarship to go towards their post-secondary education tuition.

THE NEXT STEP AWARD

The Next Step Award is a financial assistance program designed by Indigenous youth Clairissa Kelly, who had the vision to create an award that would assist Indigenous youth in pursuing their education or employment goals. This award program is facilitated and administered in partnership with our community partners.

In 2018, 12 Indigenous youth received the 2018 Next Step Award with 8 receiving support towards their education goals, and with 4 receiving support towards their employment objectives!
The City of Winnipeg’s Indigenous Youth Strategy, Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak, has been a proud supporter in providing Indigenous youth access to training and employment initiatives through a stream focused on the construction and the skilled trades sector.

In December, partners met and heard from several youth with the goal to connect Indigenous youth with companies such as PCL and BIRD to discuss fine points of employing Indigenous youth within these sectors.

Their participation was amazing! We had the opportunity to talk with some of the youth after the meeting to hear more about their stories and aspirations.

Future Welder and Deep-sea diver, Josh is well on his way to complete his welding courses and take his skills into oceans and lakes around the world! Josh continues to push himself and his limits in completing his courses and meeting his personal and professional goals. Josh would like future employers to know how hardworking and focused he is.

Future Aerospace Mechanic, Lynsie is focused on becoming an Engineer, and one day working with Standard Aero. Lynsie appreciates that CARHD not only supports her as a learner, but also embeds Indigenous healing and history within their curriculum. Lynsie has emphasized this as an importance for reconciliation and believes many Indigenous youth would utilize and benefit from programs such as these if they knew about the opportunities.

Centre for Aboriginal Human and Resource Development Inc. (CARHD)

JOSH LAVALLEE

LYNSIE BRAUN
Future Red Seal Carpenter, Kelsey, focuses on maintaining a positive attitude in order to achieve his goals. Kelsey is driven with a strong work ethic and he loves to focus on custom builds with the hopes to get an opportunity for an Apprenticeship.

Future Red Seal Carpenter, Kacie, loved the opportunity to learn how to develop newly built homes. Kacie’s upbeat personality has no doubt given her the ability to meet daily goals on and off the work site.

To learn more about their stories, visit: winnipeg.ca/indigenous/oan/Youth-In-Trades.stm
In October, we gathered to celebrate and honour 52 Indigenous youth who participated in Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak initiatives.

This year’s celebrations included keynote remarks and wisdom from former Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak intern, Erica Daniels, Elders Jules and Margaret Lavallee and Vern Dano, followed by a special inspirational message from Grand Chief Arlen Dumas.

Thank-you to the talented performers: Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers and Inuit singer/songwriter Kelly Fraser, and to all of those that came out to enjoy a beautiful meal and traditional entertainment.

This was truly a special event!
Angela began her journey with the City of Winnipeg’s Indigenous Relations Division as a work placement in 2017. Angela was a participant in the 2017 Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Services (WFPS) Career Week and it had such an impact on her, that she returned in a Clerk A role internship, assisting with the coordination of the 2018 WFPS Career Week. Along with her volunteer experience and recent work experience with the City, she hopes to learn more about Indigenous culture while helping other youth in gaining employment and life skills.

Joshua graduated from the Red River College Design program where he found his passion and experience in the area of marketing by developing brand identity, web design, and illustration. Joshua was hired with the Indigenous Relations Division in December 2017 and served a one year term as the Indigenous Public Information Assistant, ending December 2018. Joshua lent his many talents of graphic design and artistic vision to various initiatives with the division, including redesigning the Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak Newsletter.
MESSAGE FROM THE INDIGENOUS RELATIONS DIVISION

Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak is a core component of the City of Winnipeg’s Indigenous Relations Division. The division provides leadership and experience from an Indigenous perspective on City of Winnipeg programs, services and initiatives that support and address the needs of Indigenous communities in Winnipeg, now and into the future.

As a proud supporter of youth achievement, the Indigenous Relations Division will continue to highlight the many wonderful youth, opportunities and achievements that are seen through a striving community. We will continue to honour our commitment by providing youth culturally appropriate programing and supports related to employment, literacy and recreation to increase resiliency, self-sustainability, pride and future opportunities.

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST!

Sign up to our distribution list for the latest updates and opportunities that Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak and our partner organizations have to offer. Never miss out on an opportunity relating to scholarships, awards, employment and recreational activities.

E-mail OshkiAnnishinabeNigaaniwak@winnipeg.ca to sign up!
Or apply online at www.winnipeg.ca/indigenous/oan

Please keep an eye out for our annual Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak video that highlights our youth and partners on: www.winnipeg.ca/indigenous/oan/videos.stm
A JOURNEY BEGINS WITH A STEP