

Celebrating Indigenous Peoples Day Through Community Collaboration

(Penticton, BC – June 18, 2024) – The Oonkane Friendship Centre, in collaboration with the Penticton Indian Band, the South Okanagan Similkameen Metis Association, and the City of Penticton, is proud to announce the celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day this Friday.

"We are honored to host this celebration and invite everyone to join us in recognizing the importance of Indigenous Peoples Day. This day is an opportunity for all of us to come together, learn, and celebrate the vibrant cultures and traditions of Indigenous communities," said Shauna Fox, executive director of the Oonkane Friendship Centre.

This special event takes place at Okanagan Lake Park on June 21 and will feature a variety of activities and entertainment that honor and celebrate the rich cultures and traditions of Indigenous peoples.

The festivities will commence at 1 p.m. with opening prayers and greetings, setting a respectful and inclusive tone for the day. Attendees will have the opportunity to experience a vibrant showcase of Indigenous entertainment, including traditional music, dance, and storytelling, continuing until 6 p.m..

About the organizing groups:

- The Oonkane Friendship Centre is dedicated to improving the quality of life for Indigenous peoples in the South Okanagan by providing culturally appropriate programs and services.
- The Penticton Indian Band is a proud community with a rich history and culture, committed to the well-being and prosperity of its members.
- The South Okanagan Similkameen Metis Association works to promote and preserve the heritage, culture, and rights of the Metis people in the region.
- The City of Penticton is dedicated to fostering a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable community for all its residents.

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"We honoured to live, work and play on the traditional ancestral, and unceded tmx^wula?^x" (land) of the Syilx/Okanagan people