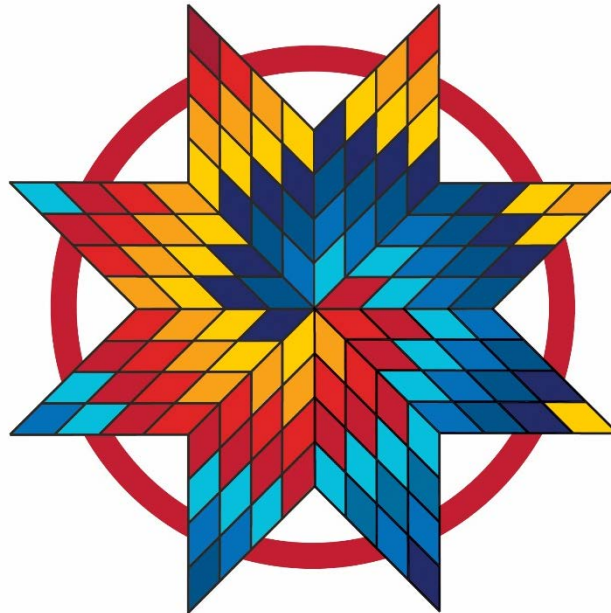


Indigenous Health in Indigenous Hands: Building an Indigenous Health Strategy

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Presentation to the Aboriginal Affairs Committee

December 18, 2015



A Healthy City for All

Strategic Plan 2015-19

“Implement an Indigenous Health Strategy based on collaborative, community-led assessment of needs of the urban Indigenous population”

Examples:

- Dental clinic at Anishnawbe Health Toronto
- Aboriginal Peer Nutrition Program
- Funding grants have included Indigenous organizations
- Services delivered within Indigenous organizations:
 - Parenting programs
 - Sexual health education
 - Drug prevention
 - Chronic disease prevention
 - Vaccination clinics

Purpose:

To improve TPH practice and health outcomes for Aboriginal communities in Toronto by:

- Supporting learning
- Sharing knowledge about respectful, culturally appropriate practices
- Exploring opportunities to work collaboratively
- Fostering innovation and community partnerships

Responding to the
ABORIGINAL
Social Determinants of Health:
Local Perspectives

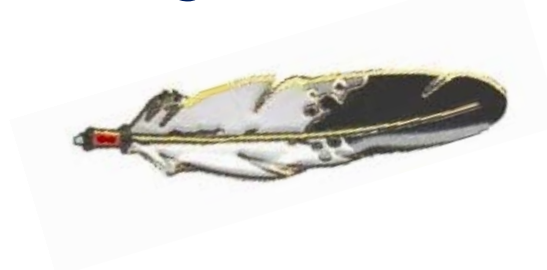


**Building Partnerships to
Promote Aboriginal Health**



Complimentary Mandates

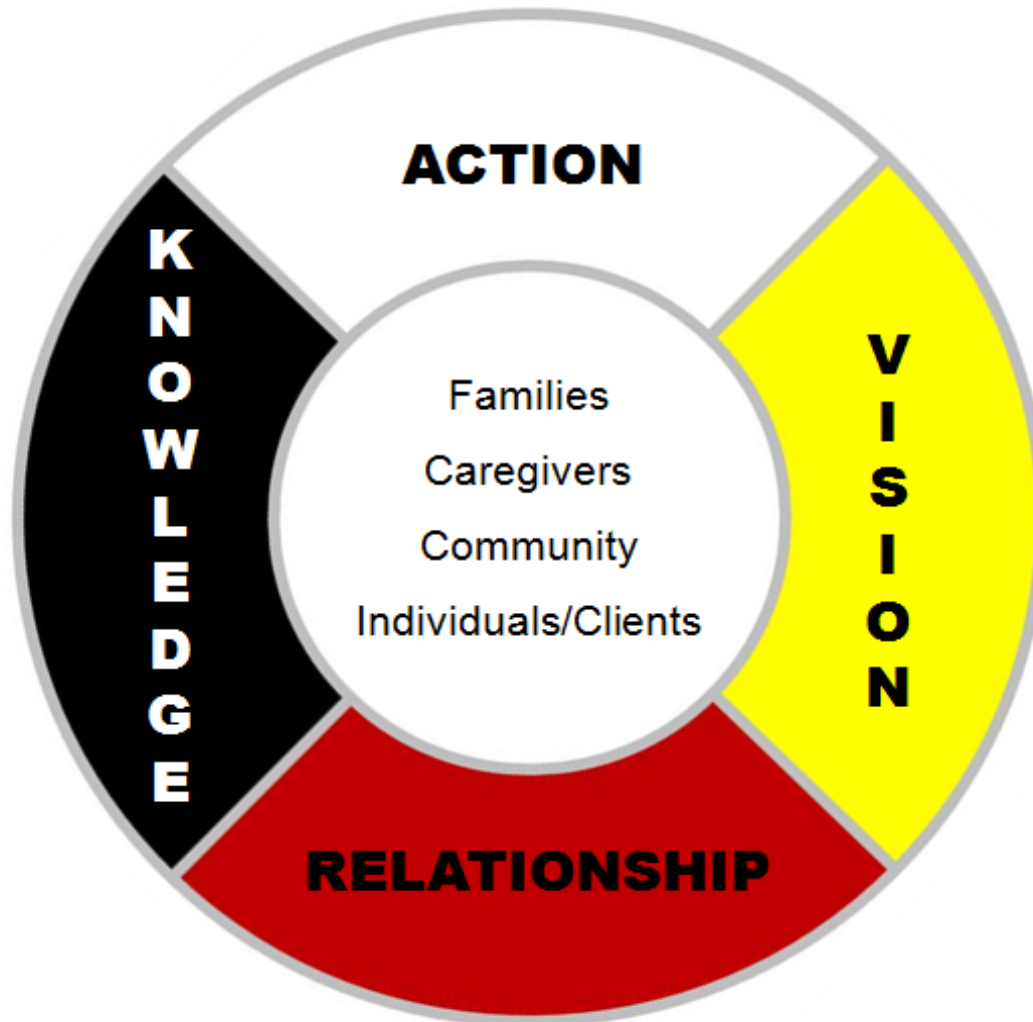
*Meet the health needs of
Toronto's Indigenous communities*



Our Goal:

- Develop a wholistic, comprehensive and community-driven strategy to guide the work of TPH and the TC LHIN
- Increase access to culturally competent preventative and acute health services
- Improve health outcomes in Toronto's Indigenous community

Vision Wheel



TORONTO ABORIGINAL HEALTH STRATEGY

COMMUNITY LAUNCH & FEAST

You are invited to the
Community Launch
& Feast of the
**Toronto Aboriginal
Health Advisory Circle**
on **January 23rd** at
the Native Canadian
Centre of Toronto.
A Celebration of the
Creation of the
**Toronto Aboriginal
Health Strategy**

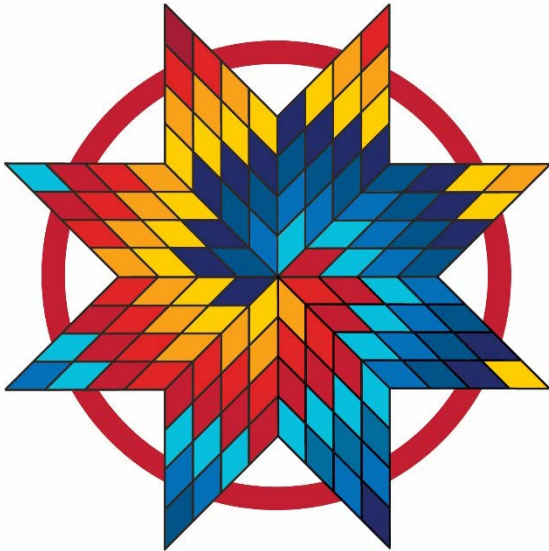
FULL DAY SCHEDULE	Time	Activity
	7:30 - 8:30 am	Sunrise Ceremony and Sacred Fire - James Carpenter
	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Community Ceremony and Launch - Diane Longboat with Eagle Staff, Drumming, Singing, Pipe ceremony
	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Community Feast
	6:30 pm	Closing Ceremony

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TORONTO Public Health 

Mandate:

- Provide oversight, guidance and advice to the TC-LHIN and TPH in the identification, planning, implementation, funding, research and evaluation of culturally based/secure health programs and services for Toronto's diverse Indigenous community
- Influence public policy that impacts urban Indigenous health outcomes



Membership

Advisors:

- Elder Cindy White, Diane Longboat
- Youth: Myles Jacko, Cedar Landon
- Kenn Richard
- Dr Janet Smylie
- Joe Hester
- Larry Frost
- Sara Wolfe
- Sara Midinak

Ex-Officio Members:

- Dr. David McKeown, TPH
- Susan Fitzpatrick, TC LHIN

Secretariat:

- Leila Monib, TPH
- Ellen Blais, TC LHIN





Harmonized Governance Structure:

- Engrained in the Terms of Reference
- Honours Indigenous self-determinative processes and worldviews; incorporates mainstream structures
- The Ethical Code for members was created by the Elders' Council and is based on Haudenosaunee and Anishnawbe teachings



Animkeonkatook Kaitlyn Adams-Lewis

Meegwanehseek Akeesha Footman

Cedar Landon

Sam Mukwa Kloetstra

Myles Jacko

Cody Moore

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TIHAC Youth Council is a group of seven Indigenous youth between the ages of 16-29.

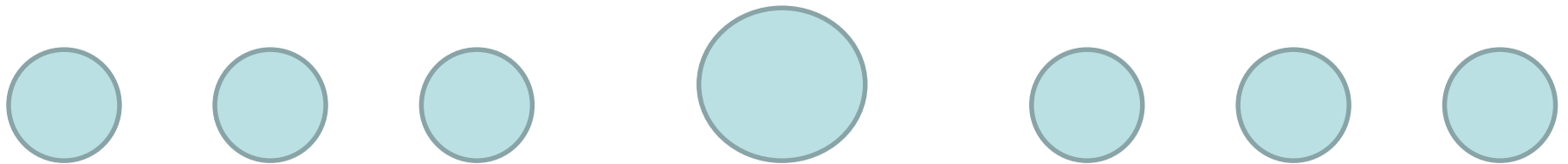
TIHAC Youth Council advocates on behalf of Indigenous youth in Toronto to address the holistic health needs of Indigenous people for 7 generations.



- TIHAC Youth Council discusses self determination and self governance in a health based setting which includes access to cultural programming, medicines and culturally safe staff
- TIHAC Youth Council recognizes the importance of Indigenous teachings such as the Medicine Wheel
- TIHAC Youth Council believes in cross generational sharing between youth and elders
- The TIHAC Youth Council is founded in traditional knowledge
- TIHAC Youth Council Informed by the Elders council and Youth council

Using the Seven Generations model, the TIHAC youth will recommend ideas and solutions to overcome health related issues within Toronto.

The TIHAC Youth Council will identify and recommend the creation of accessible safe spaces including Healing Lodges and land to practice culture and healing.



- Created a Code of Ethics using the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action with 94 recommendations and in collaboration with the Elders Council
- TIHAC Youth has worked with other health councils on subjects such as Indigenous Cultural Safety and Tobacco Cessation
- Identified self determination and sovereignty in a health setting as our main goal for future generations in line with the 8th Fire Prophecy

- TIHAC Youth Council is working towards an Indigenous governance approach taking models from the clan system
- TIHAC YC will be working towards a youth forum in 2016 to better understand our fellow Toronto Indigenous youth's health needs
- Our collective vision of Indigenous healing and wellness in Toronto is an Indigenized health system through collaboration, and community consultation to foster self determination and healing as Indigenous nations
- Completion of the strategic plan specific to Indigenous youth health

THE 8TH FIRE



- Indigenous Cultural Competency Training for TPH staff
- Community forum/feast to engage stakeholders
- Incorporate community feedback
- Finalize Indigenous Health Strategy
- Report to the Board of Health
- Develop community-defined indicators to measure strategy's impact

