

Keeping the Fires Burning

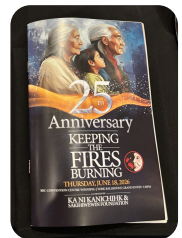
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Members of the MCSW Indigenous Advisory Circle, Board of Directors, and staff attended the 25th Anniversary of Keeping the Fires Burning hosted by Ka Ni Kanichihk & Sakihewin Foundation at the RBC Convention Centre.

The event celebrates and recognizes individuals who have made meaningful contributions to their communities by fostering connections, preserving and sharing language, and passing on cultural values, worldviews, and ceremonial traditions.



L to R: Amelie Findlay (staff), Jennifer Meixner (President), Desiree Morrisseau-Keesick (Board and Circle member); Barb Temmerman (Executive Director/Registrar); Elizabeth Spence (Board and Circle member); Wil Hedges (Board member); Kaysi Katchmar (Board member); Jacqueline Shortridge (staff); missing from photo: Cecilly Hildebrand, Elder Allen Sutherland, Sherry Gott



Congratulations to Ivana Yellowback, MSW, RSW, recipient of the Oscar and Amanda Lathlin 2026 Memorial Award. Ivana is an Associate Producer, Writer, Cree host and English co-host of Eagle Vision's "7th GEN". She is also a co-director and write for ApTN's "TAKEN" (season 5), which highlights Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples within Canada.



L to R: Barb Temmerman, Ivana Yellowback, Jennifer Meixner and Ivana's Niece

Congratulations Ivana!