

Public Service Announcement

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Calling all arts: "We are all Treaty Six People"

The City of Edmonton and the <u>Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations</u> have launched a call for submissions for an <u>art contest</u> in honour of the upcoming <u>Treaty Six Recognition Day 2015</u> in Edmonton. The annual celebration will take place on Friday, August 21.

All residents of Alberta's Treaty Six Territory are invited to participate. Two art pieces will be chosen as the gifts exchanged between the Grand Chief and the Mayor as a symbol of their shared commitment to nation-to-nation collaboration, goodwill and respect.

The art pieces entered should reflect the theme, "Reconciliation: We are all Treaty 6 People". The art contest aims to encourage residents of all skills and abilities to express their ideas on what reconciliation means to them. In addition to knowing their art works will be exchanged between municipal and First Nation leaders, the chosen artists will also receive \$500 each in exchange for their art pieces. The artworks will be proudly displayed at the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations office and at City Hall

Contest guidelines, submission forms and details of the contest requirements can be found online at <u>edmonton.ca/treatysix</u>. The deadline to submit an artwork for consideration is Tuesday, August 11. The two winning pieces will be chosen a jury of Treaty Six Elders, and selected artists will be notified by August 14.

Treaty Six Recognition Day was created in 2013 to honour the signing of Treaty No. 6 between the Plains and Wood Cree people and the Crown at Fort Carlton on August 23, 1876, and the signing of the adhesion to Treaty No. 6 by local Chiefs at Fort Edmonton on August 21, 1877. Edmonton is proud to rest in the heart of Treaty Six territory. The recognition day acknowledges the City's connection with the first peoples of the land we collectively call home.

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