

Celina Quewezance



Biography

Celina resides in the community of Fishing Lake First Nation. She has six children and five grandchildren. She comes from a family rich in history, culture and leadership. Celina speaks about Reconciliation and Residential School trauma inflicted as an intergenerational woman survivor. Her passion for cultural awareness, traditional arts, and Sports, Culture and Recreation is evident.

As a young girl, Celina took part in the Saskatchewan Indian 4H program and attended a rural school in the community of Kelvington, Saskatchewan. She was also an athlete for the First Nations Summer and Winter Games and attended the inaugural North American Indigenous Games in Edmonton (1990).

She has been a coach for the First Nations (FN) Summer and Winter Games and North American Indigenous Games (NAIG). In 2008, she was the softball coordinator for NAIG. She was a recreation worker in the community of Yellow Quill and Youth Sport, Culture and Recreation (YSCR) Coordinator at the Saskatoon Tribal Council.

Celina is understanding of on-reserve First Nations programming and funding. At the age of nineteen she was elected (six years) to Band Council. Her primary portfolios were Education and then, Health. She then returned to Council, for another three-year term, in 2011 when Housing was her primary portfolio.

Celina has a Sport Science Diploma from Douglas College and a Certificate of Aboriginal Health and Community Administration from the University of British Columbia.

Session

Title: “Where to Start with Reconciliation”

Presentation Breakdown

- Brief introduction and how I relate to Reconciliation
- Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) Calls to Action as they relate to Recreation
- Where do we start?
 - Education
 - Taking part in territory and localizing
 - Recreation from a First Nations perspective
 - Welcoming spaces
 - Implementation into Strategic Planning
 - Representation