

45th Anniversary Celebrating Our Resilience Conference **AGENDA**



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TUESDAY, October 15

- 3 pm Registration Opens
- 5 pm Opening Ceremonies/Grand Entry
Welcoming Remarks
- 6 pm FEAST
- 7 pm ROUND DANCE & Give Away
- 8 pm KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **Elder Dr. Douglas Cardinal**
World Renowned Architect

WEDNESDAY, October 16

- 7:30 am Registration Opens - Breakfast
- 8:45 am Opening Prayer
- 9 am KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **Edmund Metatawabin**
Struggles of bringing Reconciliation to Light
Author *Up the Ghost River*
- 10 am BREAK
- 10:30am *Crystal Meth* **Gordon Butterfly**, Nechi Trainer
- NOON LUNCHEON SPEAKER: **Chief Greg Desjarlais**
Frog Lake First Nation
- 1 pm PREVIEW FILM SCREENING: *Grandmother's Medicine*
Georgina Lightning
Tribal Alliance Productions
- 2:30 pm Q & A to follow
- 6 pm Dinner
- 7 pm Jam Session
- 8 pm Old Time Dance - *Rockin Fiddle w Donny L'Hirondelle*
Spot Dances ~ Jigging Contest ~ Prizes and FUN!

THURSDAY, October 17

- 7:30 am Breakfast
- 8:45 am Opening Prayer
- 9 am PLENARY WORKSHOP:
'RESILIENCE, HEALING & WELLNESS PLAN'
Building on Our Resilience in Challenging
our Addictions
Dr. Wilton Littlechild *Treaty 6 GRAND CHIEF*
United Nations - North American Representative
Former Commissioner, Truth and Reconciliation
Commission of Canada
- 10 am BREAK
- 10:30am Plenary Workshop (continued)
- 11:30am CLOSING CEREMONIES

SPEAKERS/PRESENTERS



KEYNOTE: Douglas Cardinal *World Renowned Architect*

Douglas Cardinal is one of the visionaries of a new world; where beauty, balance & harmony thrive, where client, architect, and stakeholder build together with a common vision. An Officer of the Order of Canada and 'World Master of Contemporary Architecture' by the International Association of Architects.



KEYNOTE: Edmund Metatawabin *Author*

Edmund is a well known First Nations author and poet. He attended St. Anne's Indian Residential School from 1955 to 1963. Chief for 8 years, he concentrated on economic development and education. His publications include: *Hanaway and Harvesting*; *Cree Hunting and Gathering Techniques*. He was of part of Our Story Advisory Committee for the Canadian Aboriginal Writing Challenge.



Workshop Presenter: Gordon Butterfly *Crystal Meth*

Gordon received his education at Nechi Institute in program management, trainer of trainers, pharmacology, Community Addictions Training, Advanced Counselor Training Indigenous Addictions Service Diploma. 13 yrs recovery/experience in the Mental Health & Human services. Gordon has the desire to assist and help our people to grow, heal and continue on the journey to recovery for a better life.



Luncheon Speaker: Chief Greg Desjarlais *Frog Lake First Nation*

Greg was born in High Prairie, AB on February 28, 1972. He worked in the oilfield for approximately 15 years before beginning his political career. Greg helped coach Indigenous Team Alberta Hockey Team from 2012 to 2016. Chief Desjarlais served 3 terms on council before being elected as Chief on April 26, 2019 of Frog Lake First Nation.



KEYNOTE: Georgina Lightning *Filmmaker, Producer, Actor*

Georgina has a long track record in the film and entertainment industry for over 29 years. Her award winning suspense drama *Older Than America* was distributed domestically and worldwide by IFC. Her career of filmmaking, teaching, lecturing nationwide enriches her advocacy for human rights, civil rights, positive social change, higher education, arts & culture and environment.



SPEAKER: Treaty 6 Grand Chief Wilton Littlechild *IPC*

For more than 40 years, Dr. Littlechild has worked to build bridges between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people through athletics, politics, and law locally, nationally and internationally. He has been honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award and the Order of Canada; University of Alberta - Master's Degree in Physical Education, a Bachelor of Law Degree, and an Honourary Doctorate at Law.

REGISTRATION FEES

EARLY BIRD	\$500
After SEPT. 15	\$650
Student/Elder	\$300
Oct. 16 1day (meals incl.)	\$200
Film Screening	\$20
Dance Only	\$10

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