

Mishkiki Chichakk Kamik
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### **Board of Directors Recruitment Posting**

### **Organization Summary**

Mishkiki Chichakk Kamik, Medicine Spirit Lodge, is a non-profit organization that was created by Indigenous rights activist, residential school survivor, and elder Michael Cachagee. It was Mike's vision to create an in-person health and wellness center where residential school survivors, their families, and individuals impacted by post-traumatic stress and trauma, stay to receive culturally appropriate and trauma informed mental healthcare.

We are achieving Mike's vision through the creation and construction of a 40-bed lodge + outbuildings & grounds that act as the physical pieces in the equation that equals the Mission of Mishkiki Chichakk Kamik; 'Restoring spiritual, emotional, physical and mental wellness to all those who have been impacted by trauma, PTSD, complicated grief, intergenerational trauma and loss of land, culture and language.' Guests will achieve greater holistic health and mental wellness through the learning, practicing, and using of traditional Indigenous medicine, healing, ceremony, and knowledge. Programs will be delivered and designed by residential school survivors to promote the vision of 'survivors helping survivors.'

In June 2023, the Chiefs of Ontario passed a unanimous resolution at their annual assembly, calling on the federal government to provide funding for Mishkiki Chichakk Kamik. Construction for the main lodge is set to begin in 2024 and site development is currently under way. Mishkiki Chichakk Kamik is also in the process of becoming a registered charitable organization.

#### **Position Summary**

We are currently looking for new people to join the Board of Directors for Mishkiki Chichakk Kamik. As a member of the board, you will work together with other members to ensure the operations of the organization are aligned with the organization's mission and values.

We are seeking candidates living in Ontario who have strong knowledge of, or experience with the residential school system and/or helping residential school survivors, their families, families affected by a missing or murdered loved one, or helping those living with the effects of intergenerational trauma.

This is a voluntary position, and no previous board experience is necessary. On-boarding support will be provided to all new board members and training will be given to those without prior board experience.



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# Qualifications

- Knowledge of the impacts to the person, the family, or the community of Indian residential/day schools and intergenerational trauma;
- Personal or working knowledge/experience assisting and caring for people affected by a missing or murdered loved one;
- Belief in the organizations mission and values;
- Knowledge of traditional Indigenous ways of healing, medicine, and ceremony;
- Construction/property management and health/social/community services experience is an asset.

## Responsibilities

- Attend regular board meetings;
- Work toward accomplishing the mission and objectives of Mishkiki Chichakk Kamik;
- Participate in planning sessions or subcommittees as needed;
- Provide unique experiences, input, ideas, and knowledge during discussions;
- Work on a team to set and prioritize organizational goals;
- Assist in the development of policies and procedures; and
- Ensure outcomes are in-line with the board's directives and organizations mission.

## **Commitment**

Hours Required: 2 to 4 hours per month.

Term: 2 year term.

# **How to Apply**

If you have an interest in this position, please contact us by email at <a href="mailto:info@mishkikilodge.com">info@mishkikilodge.com</a>. Cover letters and resumes will also be accepted.