



Tkemlúps te Secwépeḿc

(Kamloops Indian Band)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

Kamloopa PowWow

July 15, 2022

Weytkp Xwexwéyt-tp,

After a two-year hiatus from the Kamloopa Pow Wow due to COVID, Tkemlúps te Secwépeḿc (TteS), is honoured to be the host community for the 41st Annual Kamloopa Pow Wow on July 29 to 31, 2022 here on our beautiful and direct ancestral lands.

Part of our role as the host community is to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all people to come and learn, witness, and enjoy the celebration of our rich and vibrant culture from across turtle island.

We share in the responsibility to address systemic racism and to eliminate gendered violence. TteS Chief and Council continue to be committed to creating an inclusive environment and addressing these very important issues that our communities have been facing for far too long.

We want our people and our guests to continue to be proud of this amazing event that showcases our heritage and culture and welcoming more than 1,300 dancers and up to 25,000 spectators.

We thank and support the Kamloopa Pow Wow Society for taking corrective steps to address the outdated rules. Those rules do not reflect TteS values. TteS Chief and Council endorses the implementation of a National Action Plan that addresses violence against Indigenous women, girls, Two-Spirit, and 2SLGBTQQIA++. They are our people and are our kwséltkten, our family, and we all hold them dear and are honoured to be walking in solidarity and unity with each other. We are committed to ending racism and discrimination and we must all do our part to do for better our children and future generations.

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Respectfully,

Kukpi7 Rosanne Casimir
On behalf of Council and our Membership