

Janice Makokis: Closing Keynote Speaker

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Janice Makokis is a proud Cree woman from Onihcikiskwapiwin (Saddle Lake Cree Nation) of Treaty No. 6 Territory. She sees herself as a servant of her people and Indigenous peoples in general. She participates in activities that help advance the struggles of self-determination, Indigenous governance and the recognition of Indigenous Treaties in Turtle Island (now called North America). She is active in the Idle No More movement and continues to work closely with activists across the country to raise the platform of land, political and economic struggles connected to Indigenous lands. Currently, she is a treaty educator/ instructor at Blue Quills First Nations College and also provides political/ policy advisory services to various Nations. She has developed and taught undergraduate and graduate level university courses related to Indigenous leadership, treaties and Indigenous governance. She holds a B.A. in Native Studies (minor Political Science) from the University of Alberta, an M.A. in Indigenous Governance from the University of Victoria and an L.L.B. (Bachelor of Laws) from the University of Ottawa.

