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MEDIA ADVISORY
Indigenous Cancer Conference

WINDSOR, ON. The Bkejwanong First Nation is hosting the third Indigenous Cancer Conference entitled, "Unity with the Community." This community-based conference is held every two years, in collaboration with the Erie St. Clair and South West Regional Cancer Programs.

Conference topics include prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment, recovery/survivorship and end of life. Speakers include Elders, Indigenous Doctors and Traditional Knowledge Keepers.

DATE: Friday, September 27th, 2019

TIME: Conference: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**LOCATION: Walpole Island Sports Complex
770 Tecumseh Road, Wallaceburg, ON**

"Over the past few years, we have made significant strides forward in our efforts to improve the health and well-being of Indigenous peoples," says Alethea Kewayosh, Director of the Indigenous Cancer Control Unit at CCO. "However, there is much more to do, and I cannot overstate the importance of bringing community members and leaders together with the healthcare community at the Unity with the Community 2019 Cancer Conference. We are stronger together, and this important event will help to ensure that Indigenous peoples and communities continue to be in the driver's seat when it comes to cancer care in the region."

Chief Dan Miskokomon says it is an honour to host the Conference in Bkejwanong Territory. "There isn't a person in our community whose life hasn't been touched by Cancer. This conference is an opportunity to honour all of our members affected by cancer and those who have passed on to the spirit world. We invite others to join us in our territory to learn and support each other in our journey to combat cancer. We hope that attendees will gain knowledge and awareness of cancer, treatment, and services available to those affected and their families."

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Erie St. Clair Regional Cancer Program (ESC RCP) Located at Windsor Regional Hospital's Met Campus, the program, delivers a broad spectrum of cancer services to the residents served by the ESC RCP. The program oversees the quality and delivery of cancer services for the areas of Chatham-Kent, Sarnia/Lambton and Windsor/Essex.

South West Regional Cancer Program (SW RCP) The London Health Sciences Centre is the regional cancer centre serving residents within the South West region of Ontario. The South West Regional Cancer Program oversees the quality and delivery of cancer services for the counties of Grey, Bruce, Huron, Perth, Middlesex, Oxford, Elgin and part of Norfolk.