

GRAND RIVER POWOW

"CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS"

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Press Release

We the Grand River "Champion of Champions" Powwow Committee would like to share our gratitude and appreciation to make this 2022 powwow at our new location a success for what it was. We know that there were things that could be changed, but we did what we could this year and will continue to work and improve. Thank you to everyone involved, from our committee, Glen Styres Racing, Ohsweken Speedway, and most of all, our volunteers. We are so grateful to our Six Nations Community for the continued support and dedication to host such a large event, that brings in record numbers to our community. Again, thank you to Glen Styres Racing and Ohsweken Speedway to agree to work with us and preparing your venue to help us bring this year's powwow to a new home.

Grand River "Champion of Champions" Powwow first began in 1980 on the shores of the Grand River at Chiefswood Park. For over 40 years we had called Chiefswood Park our home. We are so grateful to Chiefswood Park, Six Nations Parks & Recreation, Six Nations Council, Six Nations Tourism, Chiefswood National Historic Site (the home of Pauline Johnson) and Six Nations Economic Development Corporation for their support and helping us become the powwow that we have grown to be. Our powwow attracts champion dancers and singers that give our community, visitors and spectators a great powwow style dancing and singing.

Given that we have not had our powwow in the last 2 years because of Covid, this year on July 23 & 24, 2022 we were excited to be able to host the annual powwow. Our home as changed to a new location, thanks to Glen Styres Racing and the Ohsweken Speedway; as they have agreed and allowing us to use their facility to be our new home for Grand River "Champion of Champions" Powwow.

As Grand River "Champion of Champions" Powwow has grown over the years, we have had discussions within the committee regarding what we can do to expand. Our growth has made us who we have become in the past few years. Chiefswood Park is also growing and expanding their services with the community. The Grand River "Champion of Champions" Powwow committee decided to move to a new location. We would like to thank Chiefswood Park for making us a home. As change and growth can be hard in life, this transition year may be hard, but we are all changing and excited to see what comes our way to continue to bring a great powwow to Grand River Territory.

Nya:wəh to allow those who have been a part of our growth over the years, to our sponsors and partners that we have had, Thank you. There are too many to name and we do not want to forget anyone, but please remember we appreciate what you all have done. Nya:wəh to our committee members, family, volunteers and helpers, as it is all the hard work and dedication that has made Grand River “Champion of Champions” Powwow such a great success.

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