

**Women’s Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee - 2023  
Appointment Recommendations**

Public Members	Appointment Term
<p><b><u>Appointments (2)</u></b></p> <p>Anita Cardinal Jaycee Meneen</p>	<p>May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2025 May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2025</p>

Here is a brief public introduction as provided by the new appointees:

**Anita Cardinal**

Anita Cardinal is Nêhiyaw (Cree) and a member of Woodland Cree First Nation situated on Treaty 8 Territory but has resided in Edmonton, Alberta for the last 13 years with her family. Anita is also an ultra-trail runner, a wife, mother to 3 sons and kokum to 5-year-old Niko.

As a soon to be lawyer Anita aims to work towards justice for Indigenous peoples. Always a fierce advocate, Anita has previously served as President of the National Indigenous Law Students Association, Student Representative for the Indigenous Bar Association and is the founder of Indigenous Runner YEG. Anita is currently the head organizer and Race Director for Orange Shirt Day Run/Walk held on September 30th National Truth and Reconciliation Day, an event aimed at raising awareness for all those who were affected by Residential Schools. It is community that she is led by and that she promises will always remain her focus.

**Jaycee Meneen**

Jaycee Meneen (she/her) or wahpi pihew iskwew (White Prairie Chicken Woman) is a Student Advisor for Indigenous students at MacEwan University’s kihêw waciston Indigenous Centre. She represents the Treaty 8 Territory, Woodland Cree people from Tallcree First Nation.

Jaycee is alumna from the MacEwan University with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Political Science and a minor in Sociology in 2020. She is known for her work in educating different faculties and communities on topics such as effective allyship towards Indigenous people and being proud of one’s culture. Jaycee has also done presentations for Indigenous youth in partnership with Braided Journey’s

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in Edmonton Catholic Schools as well as Headstrong on the topic of mental health and resiliency.