



REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: May 20, 2025

TITLE: Outstanding Achievement Presentation - Justine Arcand - Strawberry

DIVISION: Community and Protective Services

SUMMARY:

In keeping with Policy CP-1055-24 - Outstanding Achievement Recognition, this presentation will recognize the efforts of Justine Arcand - Strawberry at a provincial level at the Miss Teenage Alberta 2025 pageant held in Calgary, Alberta on April 27, 2025.

PROPOSED MOTION:

A motion is not required.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

The Outstanding Achievement Recognition Policy was developed to bring municipal recognition to Spruce Grove individuals, teams, groups, and organizations who have accomplished outstanding achievements in the fields of athletics, literary arts, dance, drama, athletics, sport, or academics at a provincial, national, or international level.

From her earliest pageant win at five years old, Justine's path as a Cree and Anishinabwin from Treaty 6 has been deeply rooted in Indigenous advocacy. This journey has been about honoring her heritage, living a spiritual life, and finding her place in a colonial world.

At 12, she co-founded the first Indigenous youth council in her middle school, and by 15, her dedication to both advocacy and academics was recognized with an award from the Alberta School Board Association. Speaking at the Youth Mentors Summit at 16 further fueled her commitment. Now, as Miss Teenage Central Alberta 2025, she is dedicated to amplifying

Indigenous voices and continuing the vital work started with Skydancer and a close friend in the larger youth council, organizing community events and supporting local Indigenous youth.

Congratulations is extended to Justine on this amazing accomplishment and dedication to her community.

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

n/a

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT:

n/a

IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATION:

n/a

IMPACTS:

n/a

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

n/a