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Janice Makokis is a proud Cree woman from the Saddle Lake Cree Nation. 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).

Currently, she is a treaty educator/ instructor at Blue Quills First Nations College and is a contractor for the University of Alberta to develop curriculum on Indigenous leadership and governance. She has developed and taught university courses (at the undergraduate and Master's level) on: Indigenous leadership and Indigenous treaties and 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. (Law degree) from the University of Ottawa. She has co-authored articles and assisted in research that has been published. Her Master's thesis was published into an article titled "Nehiyaw iskwekiskinowâtasinahikewina - paminisowin namôya tipeyimisowin: Learning Self Determination Through the Sacred". During law school she did a placement in International Indigenous advocacy in New York City at an NGO recognized by the United Nations.

She continues to be involved in International Indigenous advocacy work through various International bodies and United Nations mechanisms to advance the discourse on Indigenous People's rights. She works with her people and various Nations in the area of Treaty recognition and protection, the development and implementation of Indigenous laws and land based Indigenous governance initiatives. She is thankful to her family for teaching her how to live as a nehiyaw (Cree person), to her Nation, to Indigenous knowledge holders who hold sacred teachings in trust for those who wish to learn the ways of our People.