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## Re: COVID-19 update from MNBC – Postponed Events

The COVID-19 situation continues to evolve here in BC., Canada and other countries in the world. We are at a critical point in the fight against the virus. We recognize that the risk of spread of this virus in British Columbia's communities remains low at this time. However, we are taking proactive and precautionary measures to minimize risks to our Metis citizens and communities, especially our most vulnerable community members.

Some citizens may already have been exposed to the virus as a result of travel and meetings and are in self-quarantine and a means of prevention. For the time being, *MNBC will proceed only with essential meetings.* We will continue to assess public health risks and take appropriate actions for gatherings on a case-by-case basis. Unfortunately, at this time, in order to take precautionary steps to protect our community members, especially those at higher risk, we will postpone the Youth event in Castlegar this weekend and the Youth On the Land Camp planned for March 20-22.

BC.'s COVID-19 pandemic response plans includes a wide range of planning and preparedness actions to help individuals, local governments, health-sector organizations and businesses to plan for the possibility of a pandemic. This plan focuses on delaying, containing and preparing the province to minimize serious illness and economic disruption. MNBC would like to assist in the Province's response plan where possible and one way we can help is to *prevent* the spread of this virus. We want to take an active role and mitigate the impact of the virus on individuals, the health care system and the community at large.

We would like to thank community members for their patience and understanding during this challenging time. We encourage you all to continue to do your part in ensuring the health and wellbeing of our families, our communities and our Nation.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clara Morin Dal Col".

President Clara Morin Dal Col