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Re: COVID-19 - All MNBC Events Postponed

As previously reported, the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve in BC, Canada and other countries in the world. We are at a critical point in the fight against the virus and 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 Métis citizens and communities.

At this time, in order to take precautionary steps to protect our community members, especially those at higher risk, *all events are postponed until further notice*. We will continue to assess public health risks.

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 "Morin Dal Col".

President Morin Dal Col

Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) represents nearly 90,000 self-identified Métis people in BC. To date, over 20,000 Métis Citizens are provincially registered with MNBC. The Métis National Council, the Provincial Government of British Columbia, as well as the Federal Government of Canada, recognize Métis Nation British Columbia as the Governing Nation for Métis in BC.