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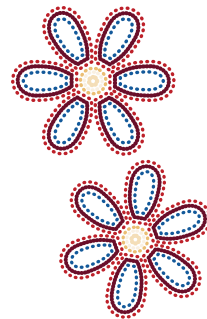


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PROUD TO BE MÉTIS





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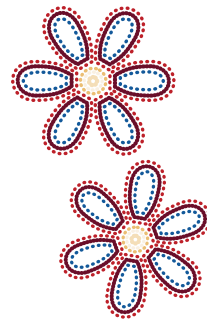
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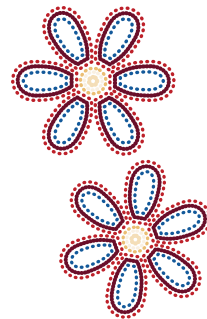
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Anthems

O CANADA

O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
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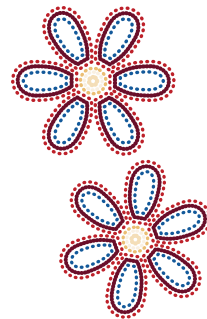
MÉTIS ANTHEM

We are proud to be Métis, watch our Nation rise again.
Never more forgotten people, we're the true Canadian.
In the forest, on the river, and across the western plain,
As the white man journeyed westward to the land of the Indian.
A new race was created, a new nation rose up strong.
Hardship as its destiny, and its curse to not belong.
We are proud to be Métis, watch our Nation rise again.
Never more forgotten people, we're the true Canadian.
For this newest generation, and the future ones to come.
With the past to motivate us, it will help to keep us strong.
As we build the Métis Nation, as we watch it rise again,
Our past loss is motivation, to inspire our future gain.
We are proud to be Métis, watch our Nation rise again.
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Cabinet Reports





President's Report

Respectfully Submitted: LISSA DAWN SMITH

I am honoured to be entrusted with your support to serve our Nation in British Columbia. In addition to my role as President, I hold ministerial portfolios for Veterans, Justice and Intergovernmental Affairs.

I am now in my 16th year as an MNBC board member and there has been so much change over the years. We are busier than we have ever been at MNBC and our staff have grown to over 200 employees. This is great news for MNBC as we are working very hard with the Federal and Provincial governments and their respective Ministries.

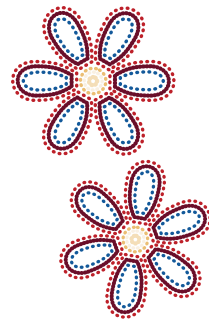
With more than 23,000 Registered Citizens, our Central Registry reflects a growing sense of pride in our Nation. Hundreds of new Citizens are signing up every month. According to the latest census numbers, approximately 98,000 British Columbians now self-identify as Métis.

The stubborn COVID-19 pandemic might not be over, but I want to acknowledge our Chartered Communities for their tireless volunteer work over these past two challenging years to help keep our people safe and healthy. Our 39 Chartered Communities are the backbone of our government, delivering critical services on the ground – particularly in time of need.

MNBC is working with Justice Canada through the newly established Justice and Policing working group to address systemic racism and the overrepresentation of Indigenous people in the justice system. Provincially, we are close to finalizing the Métis Justice Strategy, and will be starting up our Justice Council meetings again. We continue to engage in policy development, such as the *Police Modernization Act*. I'd like to extend a big thank-you to past Attorney General David Eby for his commitment to our Nation. We look forward to working with new Attorney General Niki Sharma, who has a track record of supporting reconciliation and fighting racism.

On the veterans file, we held a dedicated MNBC Veterans Committee meeting to discuss amendments to the Veterans Act at our AGM. A national Métis Veterans Committee has been struck, with respected MNBC Veterans Committee Chair Dave Armitt representing our government. Mr. Armitt has submitted 122 names to the Gabriel Dumont Institute for engraving on the Batoche Métis





Veterans Monument. I was proud to represent our veterans at the annual National Aboriginal Veterans Day held on November 8 in Victoria. We have also opened another round of directed COVID-19 grant funds for Métis veterans. I want to thank all our veterans for their past, present and future service. We owe them our freedom, and are working hard to make sure these selfless individuals receive the Métis Veterans Legacy Payment they are entitled to.

MNBC has strong working relationships with both the provincial and federal governments. After years of advocacy and engagement, we are recognized as the government of Métis people in B.C.

Our Intergovernmental Affairs team coordinated a multi-day Louis Riel Day campaign to raise our profile in Victoria. A reception with fiddle music and dancing in the Legislature featured a \$7.1 million skills training funding announcement by the former Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training. A proclamation ceremony took place the next morning, followed by a tour of the Legislature. Side meetings featured a wide-ranging discussion between MNBC's Cabinet and the Official Opposition.

Our team traveled to Ottawa to advocate for MNBC priorities with Canada, focusing on Environmental Protection, Health, K-12 Education, Languages and Children and Families. We also secured a commitment from the federal government to fund historical research, arranged a \$2.2 million mental health funding announcement at MNBC headquarters, and advocated for a full seat on the Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee for the Trans Mountain Pipeline.

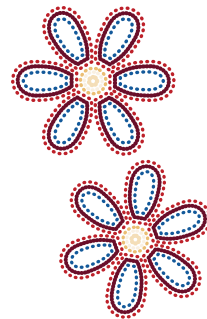
Achieving federal jurisdiction over our Métis children remains a top priority. These young people represent the future of our Nation, and deserve to be raised in a culturally-safe environment. We are fighting to achieve Indigenous Government Body status with Indigenous Services Canada.

In addition to chairing our Executive Committee, Justice Council, and Presidential Economic Developmental Task Force Committee, I serve as Senate Liaison and as ex-officio on a number of other MNBC committees, which include Métis Rights and Self-Government, Awards and Recognition, Emergency Preparedness, Finance and Audit, Governance and Policy, and Public Affairs Committee. I also serve on the provincial government's Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee, and look forward to working with Sheila Malcolmson, the new Minister on this file.

I want to acknowledge our dedicated Cabinet members and hard-working staff who collectively keep the engine of MNBC running. Looking to the future, I am excited about our work at both the federal rights table and the provincial relationship table.

Whether talking to staff at head office, or our hard-working volunteers at the community level, the feeling of optimism and possibilities is palpable.

We are firing on all cylinders as we continue to build our Nation!



Vice-President's Report

Respectfully Submitted: WALTER MINEAULT

I am honoured to serve our Nation as Vice-President of MNBC, as well as Minister of Métis Rights and Minister of Housing and Homelessness.

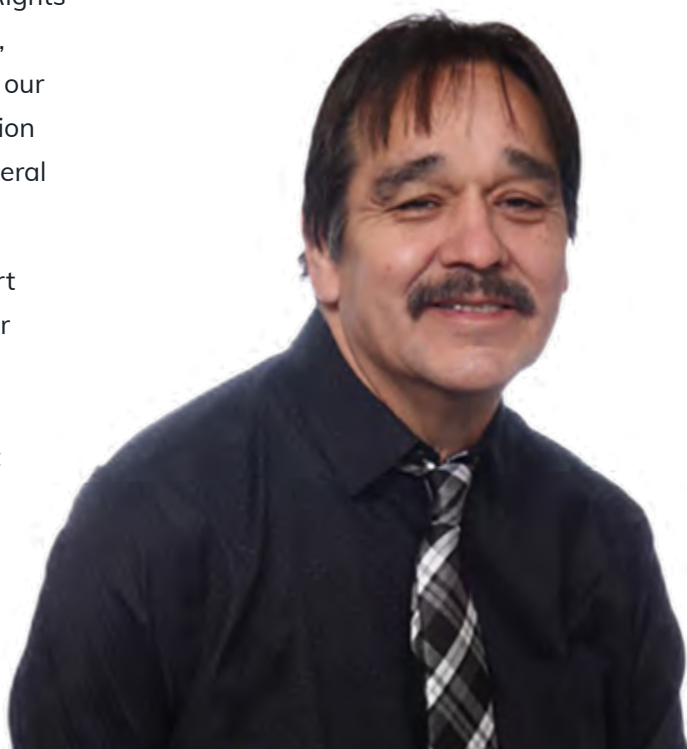
As a proud northerner, my family roots are in Kelly Lake, Pouce Coupe and Dawson Creek. I grew up with our Métis culture. My father was a political leader, so I was also exposed to politics at a young age. I am dedicated to improving the lives of Métis people in every corner of the province.

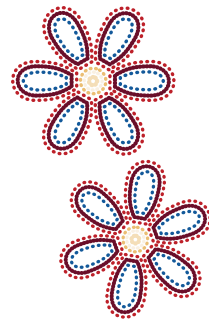
Progress has been steadily improving at our Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination table with the Government of Canada since we requested a new lead negotiator who holds more influence at the Ministry of Crown-Indigenous Relations. MNBC has since received a three-year, \$3.3million commitment from the Federal government to fund research into historical Métis communities in B.C. An expert research team is being assembled. This is an encouraging development that will finally allow us to prove, once and for all, that Métis have Section 35 rights in British Columbia, and the MNBC represents those Section 35 rights holders in our province. We are also challenging Indigenous Services Canada's denial of our Indigenous Governing Body status through a judicial review. We believe we have a strong case for achieving this important designation, which is necessary for jurisdiction over our children.

MNBC is active at the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People's Act Action Plan table with Canada, the Assembly of First Nations, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, and our fellow MNC Governing Members. We will make a submission in Spring of 2023, in advance of the finalization of the Federal Action Plan.

Provincially, we are pursuing harvesting rights and support for affordable housing (among other priorities) through our ongoing work with the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. Our relationship with the Province has improved significantly under recent leadership changes at MNBC.

Our leadership is also working to develop a First Nations relationship strategy that provides MNBC direction in how we want to create and maintain a strong,





respectful and collaborative relationships with First Nations in B.C.

HOUSING

As a child, my family's quality of life changed dramatically when my mother got her own home. I am driven by the vision of every Métis person in the province having an adequate roof over their head. Our Ministry of Housing and Homelessness is working hard to develop affordable housing in each of the seven regions.

Our Ma Nîki Home Seniors Home Renovation Program administered over a million dollars to upgrade critical deficiencies like heating, roofing, mold, wiring and accessibility. This program has made a huge difference in the lives of 69 seniors. With expenditures totaling \$1.3 million, COVID-19 Emergency Supports has provided financial help for basic needs like food and utilities to 76 applicants. Since 2001, nearly \$1.5 million has been distributed through our Rent Supplement program to more than 300 applicants who struggle on a month-by-month basis. I am particularly excited about our new First-Time Home Buyers Program, which has a one-million-dollar budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

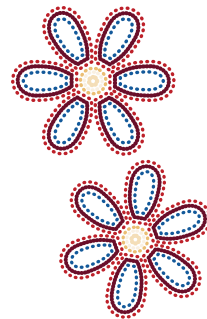
Our team also held engagement sessions in Prince George, Vanderhoof, Williams Lake, Cranbrook/Kimberly, Invermere, Golden, Trail, Kamloops, and Terrace to get a clear sense of housing needs in those communities.

M'akola Development Services has been contracted as our development consultant, and architectural firms are being sought for design.

CHARTERED COMMUNITIES

Although my responsibilities are province-wide, I visit as many Chartered Community fundraisers and cultural events as possible. I recognize the need for financial support in each of those communities, which are largely volunteer-based. We are pursuing capacity dollars through the provincial DRIPA Action Plan to address this persistent issue.

I will fight tirelessly until constitutional rights and affordable housing are achieved for our Nation and look forward to a productive year ahead.



Treasurer Report

Respectfully Submitted: PATRICK HARRIOTT

2022/2023 Government Funding and Other Revenues

MNBC (Métis Nation British Columbia) receives funding from the Government of Canada, the BC Provincial Government, and other agencies to support programming and operations for the Métis people in BC.

All funding provided to MNBC comes through various types of contribution agreements and has specific reporting requirements as well as annual audit requirements. Funding is received by MNBC throughout the year and may be received or receivable on a fully upfront, monthly, quarterly, annual or on a non-regular basis.

Some of the funding agreements such as those with Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada and Employment and Social Development Canada are part of multi-year funding initiatives that are secured into the future, while many of the agreements are stand-alone agreements for a specific duration of time or agreements that are renewed on an annual basis.

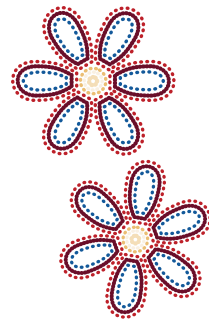
As we near March 31st and completion of our fiscal year (FY) 2022/2023, the funding committed to-date for this fiscal year totals over \$70M. This is a 9% increase from FY 2021/2022.

The breakdown of FY 2022/2023 funding that has been committed through current agreements to MNBC is as follows:

- Government of Canada - \$56.5M
- BC Government - \$13M
- Other Agencies - \$.6M

Funding that has been received by MNBC in the current fiscal from April 1 - December 31, 2022, is summarized as follows:

- Funding relating to current year 2022/2023 Contribution Agreements - \$38.7M
- Funding relating to prior year 2021/2022 Contribution Agreements – \$4.8M
- Total funding received from April 1 to December 31, 2022 - \$43.5M

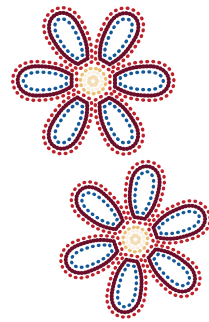


SIGNIFICANT FUNDING INITIATIVES FY 2022/2023

In advance of FY 2022/2023 MNBC developed and published its annual operating budget which totalled \$71.8M. Based on this historic operating budget, MNBC was able to continue many successful programs as well as implement several new initiatives. The operating budget included funding that had been received and carried forward from previous years with planned spending in FY 2022/2023.

Some of the highlights and significant initiatives to date this fiscal year have been as follows:

- Additional COVID-19 Wave 5 funding received during the year totalling over \$2.5M. With these funds MNBC has been able to continue supporting Métis people in BC who have been impacted by COVID-19. Some of the important ways this funding has been able to assist Citizens and communities are as follows:
 - Direct funding for MNBC Chartered Communities.
 - Sports subsidies and grants to support sport and active living opportunities.
 - Direct funding to the Métis Commission for Children and Families and its five service providers.
 - Economic development and Métis business support to develop strategy for Métis economic recovery.
 - Education support subsidies for K-12.
 - Elder financial assistance and community engagement.
 - Continuation of wave 4 Laptop supports for Métis STEPS clients - \$ 120,000
- Skills training, employment and post-secondary scholarships - \$ 145,000
- Investment for MNBC PSE Institute – Commitment of approx. \$ 335,000
- Continuation of the Ma Nîki program with \$1M for senior housing support. This program gives seniors the opportunity to receive up to \$20,000 for necessary home improvements and renovations.
- Continuation of the Métis Housing Rent Supplement Program with \$1M in support funding. This program aids eligible Citizens for rentals and housing supports.
- Continuation of SITÉM, skills training programs with an additional commitment from the BC Government of \$7M to provide skills training and employment readiness programs and supports for close to 600 Métis Citizens across BC.



- Continuation of Chartered Community support with Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP). This funding allows communities to access \$15,000 in funding. The UPIP funding has been confirmed for another fiscal year until the end of FY 2022/2023 and MNBC is hopeful that it will be renewed in another multi-year agreement.
- Elders Assistance Pilot Program – An investment of \$275,000 to help low-income elders/seniors purchase health related necessities by providing up to \$2,500 per person and \$4,000 per couple.

MNBC has been proud to announce that additional property Investments have been made during the year to create Métis centers across the province in all seven regions. Property acquisition made up to December 31, 2022, are as follows:

- The purchase of land on Tetrault St. in Terrace totaling \$870,000 which will be developed to provide housing as well as cultural space and other amenities.
- The purchase of land in Hudson's Hope totaling \$101,000 to acquire three properties which will support below-market rate rental housing for Métis families.
- The continuation of Miyoopimatishihk (Wellbeing) Program – an investment of \$400,000 to assist families of children birth to eight years old have access to supports for early childhood development.

Child Care facility in partnership with KPU on KPU's Surrey Campus - \$2M

Early years Children and Family agency support funding - \$1.5M

Early Childhood Education program partnership - \$1M

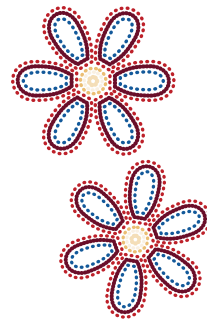
Canadian Wildlife Services – Harvester and land use supports - \$100,000

Métis Guardians – stewardship and conservation - \$ 1.38M from 2023 to 2026

Climate Change consultation - \$105,000

Health:

- Mental Wellness supports (various initiatives) - \$ 2.4M
 - Veterans wellness
 - Vaccination clinics
 - Citizen portal access
 - Elder supports



- Counselling Connection support - \$300,000
- Residential School Support Funding – MNBC received \$250,000 in funding which will be utilized to provide supportive care to Métis people that attended residential school and their families.
- Youth Connections – mental health support - \$125,000

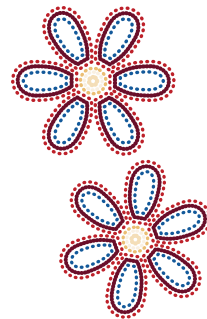
Youth:

- Programs and engagement - \$452,000
- Youth governance - \$45,000
- Co-op positions - \$100,000

Women

- Engagement and leadership - \$70,000
- Okemaw Iskwewak – empowerment project - \$27,000
- Sashing our Warriors - \$60,000

Self-Government funding initiatives totaling \$200,000 – MNBC, as the Métis Government for Métis in BC, is continuing the work to realize a more fulsome self-government arrangement through a Métis Nation reconciliation agreement.

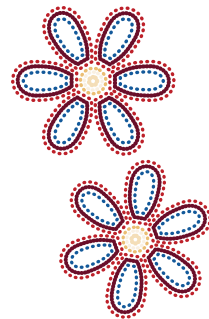


Secretary Report

Respectfully Submitted: LOUIS DE JAEGER

April 28, 2022	Cabinet Meeting
May 16, 2022	Cabinet Meeting
June 20, 2022	Cabinet Meeting
July 18, 2022	Special Cabinet Meeting
August 8, 2022	Special Cabinet Meeting
August 15, 2022	Cabinet Meeting
September 5, 2022	Special Cabinet Meeting
September 21-22, 2022	Cabinet Meeting
September 23-25, 2022	MNBC AGM
October 17, 2022	Cabinet Meeting
October 26-27, 2022	MNC AGA
October 31, 2022	Special Cabinet Meeting
November 14-15, 2022	Cabinet Meeting
December 12, 2022	Cabinet Meeting
January 16-17, 2023	Cabinet Meeting (Scheduled)
February 1-4, 2023	Board Retreat (Scheduled)
February 13, 2023	Cabinet Meeting (Scheduled)
March 1-2, 2023	Cabinet Meeting (Scheduled)
March 3-5, 2023	MNBC MNGA (Scheduled)

In addition to these Board Meeting dates, the Board Executive meets weekly.



Region 1 Director Report

Respectfully Submitted: PATRICK HARRIOTT

Tawnshi kiyawow!

I am grateful for this opportunity to report to you on some of the work I have been doing since our AGM.

I have been at several meeting of our relationship tables with both the British Columbia and Canadian governments.

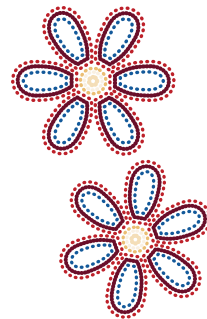
Our Provincial table has been focused on the commitments in the Declaration Act Action plan. One of the broadest commitments, and arguably the most far reaching, is for a new fiscal relationship. I made it very clear to them that this MUST include core funding for our Chartered Communities. Our Chartered Community leadership volunteer countless hours enriching our Citizens' cultural life, educating the public, making relationships with their municipalities and broader local communities, and advocating for our students with their school districts. There must be administrative and financial resources for our communities to continue to grow and thrive. Our MNBC Constitution states that our Chartered Communities are the foundational units of our government, and they must be supported in their work. I have also raised the need for a Community Development Fund, which we will be exploring with the province shortly in this new year.

The discussions with Canada have been productive with the topics of Culture, Heritage, Language and Economic Development getting the most traction. We have started to receive funding for our historical research project which, frankly, should have been top of mind and seen as of the utmost importance during the previous MNBC administration. We will be finalizing our research contractor before you read this.

Some of the challenges we are facing is the recognition of our Nation's role in child welfare. There is nothing more important than the enculturation of our children, and their connection to our communities. We are taking strong action to ensure we will be there to help our kids, and I am confident I will have news of a positive development by our AGM.

I have been in conversations with Canadian Heritage regarding our languages funding, cultural funding, artist support, and the Amelia Douglas Institute. We know that a language accord





will be coming, in the new fiscal year after April 1st, for a sustained 10 years of funding to support language revitalization programs for our Citizens. I am pressing for our rendezvous, other cultural gatherings, workshops, as well as artist grants and mentorships, to be supported as well. Cultural revitalization needs predictable and sustained funding. It does not make sense to have our artists, knowledge keepers, and community volunteers shoulder the administrative burden or the unpredictability of the granting cycle.

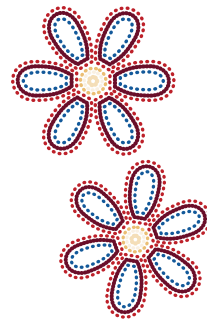
The Digital Government team has been working hard behind the scenes to update our internal data environment. We are preparing to collaborate with BC Citizen Services, and Statistics Canada, to ensure we (and they) have accurate information about Métis people. This will help tremendously to advocate for funding and programs for our Citizens, and to ensure we are making informed decisions with the resources we have. I am also looking forward to both a Citizen portal and a Chartered Community portal on our website to make sure the information you need is where you can easily find it.

The Vancouver Island Rendezvous will return on June 10th at the Cowichan Exhibition grounds! We have secured funding to ensure its success, and I look forward to seeing you all there.

As usual, I have included a calendar summary of my meetings since my last report for the AGM. This of course does not include the many phone calls and email communications I have had during this period. I would love to have more in depth conversations with you or answer any questions you might have.

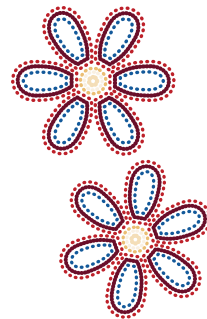
I am looking forward to another busy year working with you, and for all of you!

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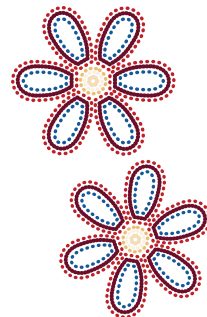
Region 1 Events Calendar

SUBJECT	START DATE	START TIME	END DATE	END TIME
Minister Roundtable - Digital Govt Comm Services	9/1/2022	11:00:00 AM	9/1/2022	12:00:00 PM
Re-introduction with Dawn at Island Health	9/2/2022	11:00:00 AM	9/2/2022	12:00:00 PM
Call with Leader of MidslandMétis	9/5/2022	9:00:00 AM	9/5/2022	10:00:00 AM
Special Cabinet Meeting	9/5/2022	4:00:00 PM	9/5/2022	5:30:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	9/7/2022	1:00:00 PM	9/7/2022	3:00:00 PM
Executive Finance Meeting - Anna and Patrick	9/8/2022	9:30:00 AM	9/8/2022	10:30:00 AM
In Plain Sight - Legislation Working Group	9/8/2022	10:30:00 AM	9/8/2022	12:30:00 PM
Leg WG	9/8/2022	10:30:00 AM	9/8/2022	12:30:00 PM
Welcome Ceremony - Year 16 Cohort (IYIP)	9/8/2022	12:00:00 PM	9/8/2022	4:00:00 PM
Métis Rights and Self-Government Committee	9/9/2022	9:30:00 AM	9/9/2022	11:00:00 AM
Electoral Act Committee Meeting	9/12/2022	5:00:00 PM	9/12/2022	6:30:00 PM
Indigenous Community Advisory Board	9/12/2022	1:00:00 PM	9/12/2022	2:00:00 PM
Informal Cabinet Meeting	9/12/2022	4:00:00 PM	9/12/2022	5:30:00 PM
ADI Collections Policy Meeting	9/13/2022	10:00:00 AM	9/13/2022	11:00:00 AM
Governance and Policy Committee Meeting	9/13/2022	1:30:00 PM	9/13/2022	3:00:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	9/14/2022	1:00:00 PM	9/14/2022	3:00:00 PM
HIMA Update	9/14/2022	4:30:00 PM	9/14/2022	6:00:00 PM
Meeting: MNBC & PCH	9/14/2022	8:00:00 AM	9/14/2022	8:30:00 AM
Minister Roundtable - Digital Govt Comm Services	9/15/2022	11:00:00 AM	9/15/2022	12:00:00 PM
SD 61 Agreement Signing	9/15/2022	5:00:00 PM	9/15/2022	6:00:00 PM
Art of reconciliation Métis history talk	9/17/2022	1:00:00 PM	9/17/2022	1:30:00 PM
Informal Cabinet Meeting	9/19/2022	4:00:00 PM	9/19/2022	5:30:00 PM
Lieutenant Gov House	9/19/2022	12:30:00 PM	9/19/2022	1:30:00 PM
Delegates and jigging for Songhees powwow	9/20/2022	10:00:00 AM	9/20/2022	10:30:00 AM
Language Revitalization Meeting	9/20/2022	3:00:00 PM	9/20/2022	4:00:00 PM
Region 1 Leadership Meeting	9/20/2022	6:00:00 PM	9/20/2022	7:30:00 PM
Cabinet Meeting	9/21/2022	9:00:00 AM	9/22/2022	4:00:00 PM
Cabinet Meeting - IN PERSON (Day 1)	9/21/2022	9:00:00 AM	9/21/2022	4:00:00 PM
Victoria Indigenous leadership table dinner	9/21/2022	5:00:00 PM	9/21/2022	7:30:00 PM
IPS Legislation WG Meeting	9/22/2022	10:30:00 AM	9/22/2022	12:30:00 PM
2022 AGM	9/23/2022	12:00:00 AM	9/26/2022	12:00:00 AM
Art of reconciliation opening at Parliament buildings	9/26/2022	2:00:00 PM	9/26/2022	4:00:00 PM
Informal Cabinet Meeting	9/26/2022	4:00:00 PM	9/26/2022	5:30:00 PM
Virtual - Métis Rights Panel	9/26/2022	11:00:00 AM	9/26/2022	2:00:00 PM
Ministry of Digital Government Weekly update	9/27/2022	11:00:00 AM	9/27/2022	12:00:00 PM
RIRSD Pre-Meeting	9/27/2022	10:00:00 AM	9/27/2022	11:00:00 AM
Statistics Canada and MNBC to discuss partnerships	9/27/2022	12:00:00 PM	9/27/2022	1:00:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	9/28/2022	1:00:00 PM	9/28/2022	3:00:00 PM
Reconciliation flag raising at BC Legislature	9/28/2022	8:00:00 AM	9/28/2022	9:00:00 AM
Touchbase - Colette and Patrick	9/28/2022	3:00:00 PM	9/28/2022	3:30:00 PM
IPS Task Team Meeting Materials Attached	9/28/2022	9:30:00 AM	9/28/2022	12:00:00 PM
CHL Check In	9/29/2022	3:00:00 PM	9/29/2022	4:00:00 PM
MNBC RIRSD Table	9/29/2022	9:00:00 AM	9/29/2022	12:00:00 PM
RIRSD De-Brief	9/29/2022	12:00:00 PM	9/29/2022	1:00:00 PM
South Island Pow Wow	9/30/2022	10:00:00 AM	9/30/2022	7:15:00 PM
Call with Leader of MidslandMétis	10/3/2022	9:00:00 AM	10/3/2022	10:00:00 AM
Electoral Act Committee Meeting	10/3/2022	5:00:00 PM	10/3/2022	6:15:00 PM
Informal Cabinet Meeting	10/3/2022	4:00:00 PM	10/3/2022	5:30:00 PM
Letter of support for song grant	10/3/2022	6:45:00 PM	10/3/2022	7:45:00 PM
Pre - Meeting MIRR TABLE - Culture & Language	10/3/2022	2:30:00 PM	10/3/2022	4:00:00 PM
Métis Partnership Table	10/4/2022	9:00:00 AM	10/4/2022	10:00:00 AM
Region 1 one-on-one	10/4/2022	10:00:00 AM	10/4/2022	11:00:00 AM
Rights portfolio dialogue	10/4/2022	2:30:00 PM	10/4/2022	4:00:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	10/5/2022	1:00:00 PM	10/5/2022	3:00:00 PM
StatCan's support to MNBC to build data capacity	10/5/2022	8:00:00 AM	10/5/2022	9:00:00 AM
Culture & Languages Table Debrief	10/6/2022	3:00:00 PM	10/6/2022	4:00:00 PM
Executive Finance Meeting - Anna and Patrick	10/6/2022	9:30:00 AM	10/6/2022	10:30:00 AM



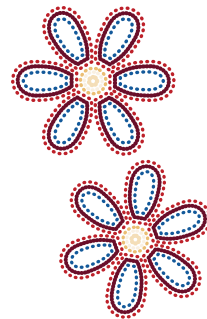
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Governance and Policy Committee Meeting	10/11/2022	1:30:00 PM	10/11/2022	3:00:00 PM
Ministry of Digital Government update	10/11/2022	11:00:00 AM	10/11/2022	12:00:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	10/12/2022	12:30:00 PM	10/12/2022	2:30:00 PM
MNBC - Province HCATP Engagement	10/12/2022	3:00:00 PM	10/12/2022	4:30:00 PM
Zoom about data management	10/14/2022	4:30:00 PM	10/14/2022	5:30:00 PM
MIKISEW AGM	10/16/2022	12:00:00 PM	10/16/2022	4:00:00 PM
Cabinet Meeting	10/17/2022	9:00:00 AM	10/17/2022	4:00:00 PM
Informal Cabinet Meeting	10/17/2022	4:00:00 PM	10/17/2022	5:30:00 PM
Bi-Weekly CEO/BOD Update Meeting	10/18/2022	3:30:00 PM	10/18/2022	4:30:00 PM
Federal UNDRIP convo	10/18/2022	9:00:00 AM	10/18/2022	10:00:00 AM
Region 1 Leadership Meeting	10/18/2022	6:00:00 PM	10/18/2022	7:30:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	10/19/2022	1:00:00 PM	10/19/2022	3:00:00 PM
Métis Nation Greater Victoria AGM	10/19/2022	5:30:00 PM	10/19/2022	7:30:00 PM
RGC follow up	10/19/2022	10:00:00 AM	10/19/2022	10:30:00 AM
Executive Finance Meeting - Anna and Patrick	10/20/2022	9:30:00 AM	10/20/2022	10:30:00 AM
IPS Legislation WG Meeting	10/20/2022	10:30:00 AM	10/20/2022	12:30:00 PM
Minister Roundtable - Digital Govt Comm Services	10/20/2022	10:00:00 AM	10/20/2022	11:00:00 AM
Cowichan Valley Métis flag raising	10/22/2022	11:30:00 PM	10/23/2022	2:00:00 AM
Informal Cabinet Meeting	10/24/2022	4:00:00 PM	10/24/2022	5:30:00 PM
ISC/STATS CAN - MNBC connect	10/24/2022	9:00:00 AM	10/24/2022	10:00:00 AM
Métis Rights and Self-Government Committee	10/24/2022	10:30:00 AM	10/24/2022	12:00:00 PM
MNC General Assembly	10/24/2022	5:00:00 PM	10/27/2022	5:00:00 PM
MNC AGA 2022	10/26/2022	12:00:00 AM	10/27/2022	12:00:00 AM
Minister Roundtable - Digital Govt Comm Services	10/27/2022	11:00:00 AM	10/27/2022	12:00:00 PM
MNC AGA 2022	10/27/2022	12:00:00 AM	10/28/2022	12:00:00 AM
Informal Cabinet Meeting	10/31/2022	4:00:00 PM	10/31/2022	5:30:00 PM
Special Cabinet Meeting	10/31/2022	2:00:00 PM	10/31/2022	4:00:00 PM
Electoral Act Committee Meeting	11/1/2022	5:00:00 PM	11/1/2022	6:15:00 PM
Director of Rights, Negotiation and Justice	11/1/2022	9:00:00 AM	11/1/2022	10:00:00 AM
Executive Committee Meeting	11/2/2022	1:00:00 PM	11/2/2022	3:00:00 PM
Distinctions-based Approach Policy Position	11/2/2022	10:30:00 AM	11/2/2022	12:00:00 PM
Executive Finance Meeting - Anna and Patrick	11/3/2022	9:30:00 AM	11/3/2022	10:30:00 AM
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Call with Leader of MidIslandMétis	11/7/2022	9:00:00 AM	11/7/2022	10:00:00 AM
Emergency Preparedness Committee	11/7/2022	2:00:00 PM	11/7/2022	3:30:00 PM
Informal Cabinet Meeting	11/7/2022	4:00:00 PM	11/7/2022	5:30:00 PM
MNC Annual General Assembly - Debrief	11/7/2022	10:00:00 AM	11/7/2022	11:00:00 AM
Pre RGLC	11/7/2022	3:30:00 PM	11/7/2022	4:30:00 PM
Governance and Policy Committee Meeting	11/8/2022	1:30:00 PM	11/8/2022	3:00:00 PM
Ministry of Digital Government update	11/8/2022	11:00:00 AM	11/8/2022	12:00:00 PM
MNBC Region 1 Leadership Circle Zoom Meeting	11/8/2022	6:00:00 PM	11/8/2022	8:00:00 PM
Region 1 Leadership Circle	11/8/2022	6:00:00 PM	11/8/2022	8:15:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	11/9/2022	1:00:00 PM	11/9/2022	3:00:00 PM
ADI Logo Review	11/10/2022	3:30:00 PM	11/10/2022	4:00:00 PM
Meet with Ombudsperson Jay Chalke	11/10/2022	9:00:00 AM	11/10/2022	10:00:00 AM
Minister Roundtable - Digital Govt Comm Services	11/10/2022	11:00:00 AM	11/10/2022	12:00:00 PM
MNERA Strategy Meeting	11/10/2022	1:00:00 PM	11/10/2022	2:00:00 PM
Cabinet Meeting - In Person Victoria	11/14/2022	1:00:00 PM	11/14/2022	4:00:00 PM
Informal Cabinet Meeting	11/14/2022	4:00:00 PM	11/14/2022	5:30:00 PM
Bi-Weekly CEO/BOD Update Meeting	11/15/2022	3:30:00 PM	11/15/2022	4:30:00 PM
Cabinet Meeting - In Person Victoria	11/15/2022	9:00:00 AM	11/15/2022	4:00:00 PM
Reception (Rotunda and Hall of Honour)	11/15/2022	6:30:00 PM	11/15/2022	8:30:00 PM
Region 1 Leadership Meeting	11/15/2022	6:00:00 PM	11/15/2022	7:30:00 PM
Meeting with BC Liberal MLAs	11/16/2022	12:30:00 PM	11/16/2022	1:30:00 PM
Legislature Tour	11/16/2022	9:30:00 AM	11/16/2022	10:30:00 AM



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Proclamation Ceremony (Hall of Honour)	11/16/2022	8:00:00 AM	11/16/2022	9:00:00 AM
CCRÉA Conseil scolaire francophone	11/17/2022	5:00:00 PM	11/17/2022	6:00:00 PM
Executive Finance Meeting - Anna and Patrick	11/17/2022	9:30:00 AM	11/17/2022	10:30:00 AM
Informal Cabinet Meeting	11/21/2022	4:00:00 PM	11/21/2022	5:30:00 PM
Métis Nation BC & RBCM Meeting	11/21/2022	3:00:00 PM	11/21/2022	4:00:00 PM
MNBC RIRSD Pre-Meeting	11/21/2022	2:00:00 PM	11/21/2022	3:00:00 PM
Governance and Policy Committee Meeting	11/22/2022	1:30:00 PM	11/22/2022	3:00:00 PM
MNBC RIRSD Table	11/22/2022	9:00:00 AM	11/22/2022	11:30:00 AM
RIRSD De-Brief	11/22/2022	11:45:00 AM	11/22/2022	12:15:00 PM
Island Métis Discussion	11/23/2022	3:00:00 PM	11/23/2022	3:30:00 PM
Minister Roundtable - Digital Govt Comm Services	11/24/2022	11:00:00 AM	11/24/2022	12:00:00 PM
Naomi/Riley from Songhees gifting	11/24/2022	11:30:00 AM	11/24/2022	12:00:00 PM
Check-in w/ Minister Harriott	11/25/2022	10:00:00 AM	11/25/2022	10:30:00 AM
Executive Committee Touchbase	11/25/2022	4:00:00 PM	11/25/2022	4:45:00 PM
Alberni-Clayquot AGM	11/26/2022	12:00:00 PM	11/26/2022	1:00:00 PM
Cowichan Valley Christmas Gathering	11/27/2022	2:00:00 PM	11/27/2022	6:00:00 PM
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MNERA De-Brief	11/28/2022	3:00:00 PM	11/28/2022	4:00:00 PM
Bi-Weekly CEO/BOD Update Meeting	11/29/2022	3:30:00 PM	11/29/2022	4:30:00 PM
MNGA Resolution - Citizenship Act	11/29/2022	2:00:00 PM	11/29/2022	3:00:00 PM
MNGV HOUSING CONSULTATION	11/29/2022	6:00:00 PM	11/29/2022	8:00:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	11/30/2022	1:00:00 PM	11/30/2022	3:00:00 PM
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Executive Finance Meeting - Anna and Patrick	12/1/2022	9:30:00 AM	12/1/2022	10:30:00 AM
Urban Indigenous Planning	12/1/2022	10:00:00 AM	12/1/2022	12:00:00 PM
2022 Regional Discussions	12/2/2022	2:30:00 PM	12/2/2022	4:30:00 PM
MNGV Christmas potluck	12/4/2022	5:00:00 PM	12/4/2022	8:00:00 PM
Call with Leader of MidislandMétis	12/5/2022	9:00:00 AM	12/5/2022	10:00:00 AM
Informal Cabinet Meeting	12/5/2022	4:00:00 PM	12/5/2022	5:30:00 PM
Urban Indigenous Knowledge Transfer Program	12/7/2022	10:00:00 AM	12/7/2022	2:00:00 PM
Minister Roundtable - Digital Govt Comm Services	12/8/2022	11:00:00 AM	12/8/2022	12:00:00 PM
Pre-meeting PBM - Ottawa	12/8/2022	2:00:00 PM	12/8/2022	3:00:00 PM
Supreme Court of Canada hearing	12/8/2022	9:00:00 AM	12/8/2022	10:00:00 AM
Métis Rights and Self-Government Committee	12/9/2022	2:00:00 PM	12/9/2022	3:30:00 PM
MNERA Strategic Pre-Meeting 1	12/9/2022	1:00:00 PM	12/9/2022	2:00:00 PM
Travel to Ottawa	12/10/2022	4:00:00 PM	12/11/2022	4:00:00 PM
Cabinet Meeting - Virtual	12/12/2022	9:00:00 AM	12/12/2022	4:00:00 PM
Informal Cabinet Meeting	12/12/2022	4:00:00 PM	12/12/2022	5:30:00 PM
Meetings in Ottawa	12/13/2022	12:00:00 AM	12/16/2022	12:00:00 AM
Permanent Bilateral Mechanism Meeting	12/13/2022	11:45:00 AM	12/13/2022	4:00:00 PM
Permanent Bilateral Mechanism Prep Meeting	12/13/2022	6:00:00 AM	12/13/2022	11:00:00 AM
Judicial Review w/ Cassels	12/14/2022	10:00:00 AM	12/14/2022	10:30:00 AM
Urban Indigenous Planning	12/15/2022	9:30:00 AM	12/15/2022	2:00:00 PM
Cabinet Informal Meeting	12/19/2022	4:00:00 PM	12/19/2022	5:30:00 PM
Finance Meeting	12/19/2022	1:00:00 PM	12/19/2022	1:30:00 PM
Housing zoom	12/19/2022	1:00:00 PM	12/19/2022	1:30:00 PM
Board in a Box - meeting	12/20/2022	10:00:00 AM	12/20/2022	11:00:00 AM
Governance and Policy Committee Meeting	12/20/2022	1:30:00 PM	12/20/2022	3:00:00 PM
Rendezvous Planning	12/20/2022	6:30:00 PM	12/20/2022	7:30:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	12/21/2022	12:00:00 PM	12/21/2022	2:00:00 PM
Meeting about proposed partnership in Nanaimo	12/21/2022	9:00:00 AM	12/21/2022	10:00:00 AM
Min. Harriott & PCH reconnect	12/21/2022	10:00:00 AM	12/21/2022	10:30:00 AM
Minister Roundtable - Digital Govt Comm Services	12/22/2022	11:00:00 AM	12/22/2022	12:00:00 PM



Region 2 Director Report

Respectfully Submitted: LOUIS DE JAEGER, MBA

Tansi, Bonjour, and WELCOME MNGA members,

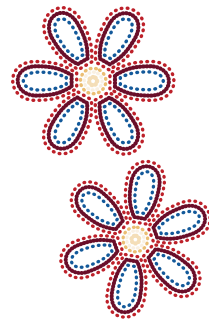
It's hard to believe that we are halfway through our mandate in this election cycle! Again, it is my pleasure to have this opportunity to tell you a bit about the past several months since the AGM. I find myself saying that I know a little about a lot of things lately, since I took on MNBC's Health portfolio. The work is rewarding, and I remain in awe of the dedication of our front-line workers. I would like to thank my colleagues for trusting in me to advocate for MNBC on so many levels. A huge thank you to all of our amazing staff that make all of this happen and thank you to the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the communities in Region 2. Rebuilding our Nation cannot be done by any one person or any one process. Change must be set in motion by many and supported by community, governance, and of course, good leadership that, in turn leads with good legislation. This was something I addressed when I spoke about being a President: that we needed more involvement by our communities and our communities' leadership. I always thought that our MNGA was underutilized. This body of our government needs to play a bigger role in the overall governance of our Nation. I look forward to spending time with all of you.

Here are some of our accomplishments that I am extremely proud of:

Métis BUSINESS:

Métis Financial Corporation of British Columbia (MFCBC) - Board Member - MFCBC continues to outperform most Aboriginal Financial Institutions (AFI's) in Canada. We have helped over 400 Métis businesses start, pivot, or expand in every Region of the Province. Through persistent advocacy, we are urging the Provincial and Federal governments to support us financially by reinvesting in our Métis Capital Corporations. We are also pushing for the creation of a **Métis Development Fund** to assist our entrepreneurs and Métis businesses in training, financial literacy, and business





expansion. It has been proven that predictable and sustainable funding produces real results in providing positive growth, better opportunities and self-sustainable economic and business development. Our MIRR (Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation) meetings with the Provincial Government allow us the opportunity work with our Provincial counterparts on how best to implement the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People's Act (DRIPA). Early this year, the MFCBC will begin the process of helping put Métis families into their own homes with the launch of the First Time Home Owners grant.

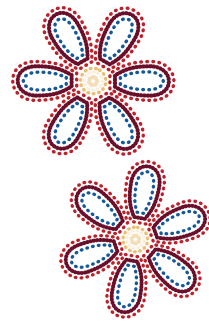
Economic Development: Minister of Economic Development

Creation of the President's Task Force Committee on Economic Development - Chair - MNBC is serious about moving ahead with the development of an Economic Strategy based on a 6-point objective:

1) Economic Self-Sufficiency 2) Creating Employment Opportunities 3) Improving Quality of Life 4) Participation in the Canadian Economy 5) Upholding our Traditions, Language and Cultural Identity and 6) Creating Partnerships and Alliances that benefit us all. Our new website boasts an expanded Business Directory and the Task Force Committee is committed to forming two new Ministries: the Ministry of Tourism, and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. The Strategy aligns with BC's DRIPA Action Plan, Sections 4.36, 4.37, 4.38, 4.40, 4.45, 4.46, 4.47, 4.48, and 4.49, and will align with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Call to Action #92. The Strategy will also include a focus on short and long-term investments, First Nations partnerships, Community Business Development and an 11point Action item list. The Federal Government has committed to investing in economic capacity building as well as direct investment in Métis businesses through a Permanent Bilateral Mechanism. MNBC is committed to helping Canada meet its procurement targets with Métis businesses and will continue to expand our business footprint across the Métis Nation. Our **Business Advisory Committee** is on pause while our Economic Strategy takes shape, and will provide recommendations after the Strategy is finalized.

I was honored to give an opening speech at the BC Indigenous Business Awards highlighting First Nations and Métis business partnerships.

We continue to press for the BC Métis seat on the Indigenous Monitoring Advisory Committee (IAMC). The Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee (IAMC) brings together 13 Indigenous and six senior federal representatives to provide advice to regulators, as well as to monitor the Trans Mountain Expansion (TMX) Project and the existing pipeline. The 13 Indigenous members represent the various 129 Indigenous communities and regions along the route. Members share goals of both the safety and protection of environmental and Indigenous interests regarding lands and waters. Participation by an Indigenous community does not mean that it either supports or opposes the project, nor does it change the government's duty to consult. I attended the Line Wide Gathering meeting in Richmond and was able to make many connections with First Nation and Métis leaders.



Ministry of Health: Minister of Health

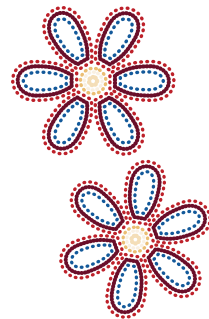
Our Métis Health Data Governance Committee met in Victoria in early August to update its members on MNBC's upcoming health and wellness priorities. It was good to reconnect and meet with members of the Office of Public Health Officer (OPHO), Dr. Danièle Behn-Smith and Mike Allen-Newman. The overdose cohort made a presentation and there was a robust discussion on our internal Data Governance needs and priorities. MNBC obviously needs more dollars to update our systems and capacity to better communicate with the Province.

In September, I attended an Art Unveiling by Katzie artist Rain Pierre at the Truth and Reconciliation Ceremony held by the Doctors of BC. I was asked to give greetings on behalf of MNBC. I've never been shy to make our voice heard at events and I view it as an opportunity to share our story of Métis in BC. It was also an opportunity to share the stage with Chief Jen Thomas, Tsleil-Waututh, Chief Wayne Sparrow of Musqueam and Chief Khelsilem of Squamish.

MNBC's Ministry of Health in Region 2 has partnered with Fraser Health, Stó:lō Health and the First Nations Health Authority to focus on developing better outcomes for Métis in the Fraser Health catchment. This is a first for the us in the Province and it comes with capacity dollars to help do the work. We are hopeful that this model can be replicated in other Health Regions to make aware the specific needs of Métis people in a culturally safe and competent way. We have been working with Fraser Health on this component and I'm happy to report out that a Cultural Safety workshop was held in Fort Langley hosted by Brodie Douglas and Lisa Shepherd.

Other notable accomplishments are that we have signed a Letter of Understanding with Vancouver Coastal Health, met with the Province's Deputy Minister of Health, Stephen Brown, and have started our table on Health to implement the Province's Action Plan on the Rights of Indigenous People's Act. In December, MNBC was a signatory on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Developing a Canada-Métis Nation Health and Wellness Sub-Accord in Ottawa, and we shared the announcement of \$2.2 million by the Public Health Agency of Canada to use evidence-based suicide prevention programming to promote mental wellness and create a Network of Safety within Métis communities across BC.

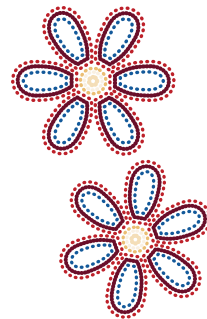
Committee work: **Finance & Audit** - Committee member, **Governance & Policy Committee** - Committee member, **Senior Leadership Table on Métis Rights** - Committee member at both the Provincial and Federal tables, **2SLGBTQIA+** - Committee Chair, **Emergency Preparedness** - Committee Co-Chair, **Environment Advisory Committee** - Committee member, **Business Advisory** - Committee chair, **MNBC's Executive** - MNBC Secretary. **People and Culture Committee** - (HR Committee). Outside committee's include: **Senate Committee on Indigenization** - University of the Fraser Valley, **Stó:lō Community Futures** - Board member and **the Chilliwack Social Research and Planning Council** - City of Chilliwack.



Besides committee work, I have focused heavily on engagement with other government bodies including attending the Union of BC Municipalities convention in Whistler, BC. I did a podcast with the City of Delta called Delta Talks and our Executive met privately with Musqueam Chief Sparrow, and BC's United Party (formerly the BC Liberals). For the first time MNBC met with Ombudsmen Jay Chalke to open up a dialogue and I attended an Honoring ceremony for Gerry St. Germain in Vancouver, who received the Order of British Columbia. While in Ottawa I met with Métis National Council's (MNC) Director of Economic Development, Patrick Watson to discuss cross border and international trade as well as attending Question Period and meeting with the Minister of Defence, Anita Anand to talk about procurement. I meet weekly with the Executive Director, Ministry of Health, Tanya Davoren, and Nick Hosseinzadeh, Interim Senior Director of Economic Development and I organize our Regional Governance Council meetings on a monthly basis. It was also a pleasure for me to attend MN-BC's annual Christmas Staff Party and share some time with the incredible talent that we have supporting all of us in this work. I look forward to answering any questions you may have at this MNGA.

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Region 3 Director Report

Respectfully Submitted: DEAN GLADUE

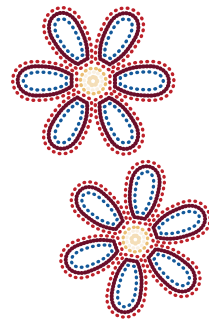
I have served as the Minister of Employment and Skills training, Minister of Sports and Minister of Housing and Homelessness. I was given the portfolio of Minister of Housing and Homelessness following the departure of our former MNBC President, as she held this Ministry until May of 2020. Our MNBC Board recently had a cabinet shuffle and I am now the Minister of Natural Resources, Minister of Sports and Assistant Minister of Justice. I'm very excited about this change, as I know I will bring both professional and personal experience to all three of these Ministries. It was a distinct pleasure to serve as Minister of Employment and Skills Training, as well as Minister of Housing and Homelessness. I would like to wish Minister Flammond of Region 7 and MNBC Vice-President Minault the best of luck as they take over these two Ministries. I know they will do an amazing job with their new portfolios.

I would like to highlight a few things that have been accomplished by both our amazing MNBC staff and MNBC Board of Directors to date.

MNBC has been more successful in the last two years than in previous years in advancing and solidifying millions of dollars for MNBC by both the Federal and Provincial Government. This is directly related to our strong working MNBC Board and the incredible staff at MNBC. Current President Lissa Smith and MNBC CEO Collette Trudeau have demonstrated the importance of working together as a team. Under our current leadership, we will continue to see tremendous growth and success for MNBC, as we know that it “takes a whole community to raise a child.”

I'm very proud of my deep Métis roots from both sides of my parents and as I continue work tirelessly for the advancement of our Métis people throughout BC. I will always ensure I keep in mind the sacrifices and struggles our Métis Ancestors endured since the Resistance of 1885 as well as my fifth Great Grandfather Cuthbert Grant and his children. Knowing this inspires me to do as much as I can, while I continue to be a guest on Turtle Island. To this day many Canadians do not know our history with Canada, and it is vital, that we as the Métis Nation continue to share all our stories. Born as a “roadside allowance Métis”, and being the son of a Residential School Survivor, I truly and fully understand the tribulations and





pain of our past. We must never forget the past, but we as Métis must embrace our future with confidence and pride as well.

As my Mooshum, Louis Gladue, would say to me as a child growing up in Northeastern BC. “Ustum napeece (come here my boy). Never forget who you are and where you come from, always be proud of who you are”. I never truly understood these important words until later in my life and I now have my Mooshum’s words are truly engrained into my heart and soul.

I had the privilege to attend the 50th Annual Back to Batoche Days. This was truly an amazing experience and I would strongly recommend all Métis Citizens, no matter their age, to attend this annual event that celebrates our true Métis Culture and Heritage.

We also had the Pope visit to our country from July 24th to July 30th. I am a child of a residential school survivor, and personally witnessing this historic event is just another step in our healing journey as Métis people. I was disappointed in the Pope’s apology but having personally witnessed this event in person has helped me move forward in my personal healing journey. We have a long way to go, and as a Métis leader I will continue stand proud and stand up for my Métis Nation.

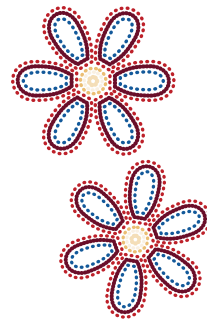
I leave you with two recommendations if you would like to learn more about who we are. Please read the book, that was written by Métis author, Jean Teillet, “[The Northwest is our Mother](#)”. There is also a video you can find on YouTube. Type in, “Mocassin Flats 1972 YourEye Productions”. This is documentary of my family and tells the story of being a road allowance Métis. My Métis parents continue to reside in this housing project since 1972.

Long live the Métis and proud to be Métis!

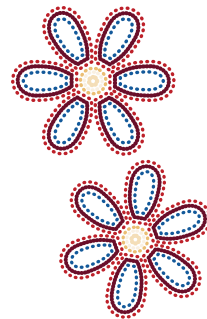
I have highlighted some events that I participated in since July 2022. As you can see this position is very demanding and requires real dedication. I’m very proud to also work along with an amazing MNBC Cabinet and especially our dedicated MNBC employees.

HIGHLIGHTS:

July 7, 2022:	Met with Region 3 Community Coordinator, Heather Richardson.
July 7, 2022:	MNBC Special Cabinet meeting.
July 21 - 23, 2022:	Batoche Day celebrations.
July 24-26, 2022:	Attended Papal Visit to Maskwacis, Alberta
August 2, 2022:	Informal meeting with A/CEO Trudeau.
August 3, 2022:	MNBC Youth Committee meeting
August 3, 2022:	Met with staff at Minister of Sports.
August 4, 2022:	MNBC Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting.
August 8, 2022:	MNBC Board of Directors meeting.
August 8, 2022:	Met with A/CEO Trudeau.
August 15, 2022:	MNBC Board of Directors meeting.
August 22, 2022:	MNBC Board of Directors meeting with Housing Consultant.
August 26 - 28, 2022:	Participated in the Wellness Retreat at Strathcona Park Lodge.
August 30, 2022:	MNBC Economic Development Task Force meeting.



September 5, 2022:	MNBC Special Board of Directors meeting.
September 5, 2022:	Met with Minister of Sports staff to discuss the 2023 North American Indigenous Games.
September 6, 2022:	Met with newly appointed MNBC CEO Collette Trudeau.
September 7, 2022:	Met with MNBC Intergovernmental team.
September 9, 2022:	Met with Colleen Lucier, Executive Director of Lii Michif Otipemisiwak in Kamloops, BC.
September 12, 2022:	MNBC Informal Board of Directors meeting.
September 14, 2022:	Met MNBC Senior Director of Communications and Tina House.
September 16, 2022:	Met with Two Rivers Métis Society. Community meeting.
September 21 - 23, 2022:	MNBC Board of Directors meeting, Richmond, BC.
September 24 - 25, 2022:	MNBC AGM – Richmond, BC.
September 26, 2022:	Met with MNBC Intergovernmental team.
September 27, 2022:	Met with Dan Ashton, Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) - Penticton
September 27, 2022:	Met with Leona Shaw, MNBC, Senior Director of Natural Resources.
September 28, 2022:	Met with MLA - Shuswap, Greg Kylo
September 29, 2022:	Met with Celina Moore, MNBC Senior Director of Community Services
October 17, 2022:	Chaired Two River Métis AGM – Kamloops
October 18, 2022:	Met with MNBC CEO Collette Trudeau.
October 20, 2022:	Met with MLA – Vernon-Monashee, Harwinder Sandhu
October 21, 2022:	Met with Sports Ministry staff.
October 21, 2022:	Met with three MLA's from the Kelowna area.
October 21, 2022:	Met with Nicola Valley Métis President.
October 22, 2022:	Chaired the Kelowna Métis Association AGM.
October 23, 2022:	Participated in the Boundary Métis Association AGM.
October 24, 2022:	Weekly informal MNBC Board of Directors meeting.
October 31, 2022:	Met with MLA – Fraser-Nicola, Jackie Tegart
November 1, 2022:	MNBC Environmental Protection Advisory Committee meeting.
November 3, 2022:	Met with Celina Moore, MNBC Community Services, Senior Director.
November 3, 2022:	Met with MNBC Intergovernmental Team.
November 3, 2022:	Met with South Okanagan Métis Association (SOMA) in regards to Housing and potential property purchases.
November 3, 2022:	MNBC Health Services and Mental Health.
November 7, 2022:	MNBC Informal Cabinet meeting
November 7, 2022:	Met with David Nairne + Associates in regards to MNBC Provincial Community and Infrastructure Facilities.
November 9, 2022:	Met with Member of Parliament (MP) – Kelowna-Lake Country, Tracy Gray.
November 9, 2022:	Met with MP – South Okanagan-West Kootenay, Richard Cannings.
November 10, 2022:	Met with MLA – Kamloops-South Thompson, Todd Stone, and MLA – Kamloops – North Thompson, Peter Milobar.
November 10, 2022: :	Met with MNBC Sports and Active Living Staff to discuss, how MNBC can be involved with the North American Indigenous Games.
November 14 - 15, 2022:	MNBC Board of Directors meeting – Victoria BC.
November 16, 2022: :	Louis Riel Day celebrations and events in Victoria BC.
November 16, 2022: :	Participated in Louis Riel Day celebrations in Salmon Arm.
November 29, 2022:	Met with MNBC Ministry of Sports and active Living
November 30, 2022:	Met with MNBC Community Services.
December 5, 2022:	MNBC Informal Cabinet meeting.
December 7, 2022:	MNBC Youth Committee meeting.
December 7, 2022:	MNBC Region 3, Regional Governance Council meeting.
December 12, 2022:	MNBC Cabinet Board meeting.
December 14, 2022:	Met with the High Commission of New Zealand in Ottawa.
December 14, 2022:	Liberal Party Christmas Party.
December 15, 2022:	Met with Canadian Natural Resources and discussed MNBC Natural Resources mandate.
December 15, 2022:	Meeting with MNBC Economic Development Presidential Task Force.
December 19, 2022:	MNBC Infrastructure Social Development committee meeting.
December 22, 2022:	Meeting with MNBC Community Services



As the Region 3 Director, I continue to take numerous calls daily from MNBC Citizens and MNBC partners throughout the province and Region 3 and answer many questions or concerns.

Please refer to each of our MNBC Senior Directors' reports for further details in regard to all MNBC Ministries in this MNGA annual report.



Photo from Back to Batoche, July 21-24, 2022

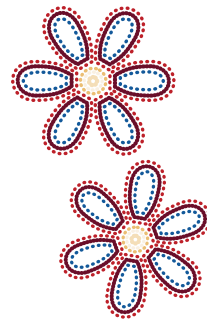


Photo from the Papal Apology for Residential Schools, July 2022



Photo from the trip to Ottawa, December 2022





Region 4 Director Report

Respectfully Submitted: DEBRA FISHER

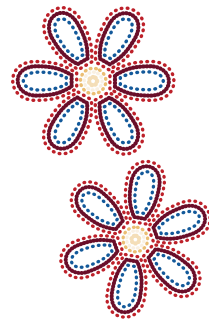
It is both a frustrating and an exciting time to be Métis and especially as a regional director and Minister of Children and Families and Education (K-12 & Early Years). It has been a whirlwind of in-person and virtual meetings since the AGM, and it appears that pace will continue with the progress and discussions we are having with the Provincial and Federal governments. In many ways we are moving forward as Section 35 Rights Holders and those ministries that are funded are flying with incredible and historical programs and services. I do not understand how, ironically, the absolute foundation of our nation as Section 35 Rights Holders begins with our *Ministry of Children and Families and K-12 Education* yet neither level of government is meeting their legal obligations and are using our children as political hostages. I advocate in good faith every meeting I attend, and I do not like games...you just do not play games with children's lives.

Congratulations to the past and present Board members of my region and across the province. I appreciate and respect all that you are and do for our Citizens and nation. Working together we will go a lot farther; we have many great things to celebrate and yet there is more work to be done. We hear you when you say you need more support in building capacity and offices and are working on a pilot project called "Board in a Box" and that should be released by the time of our MNGA. I am happy to say that I have visited each of our six (6) Chartered Communities in Region 4 (Kootenays) at least once and hopefully will start another round of visits when the roads and passes clear up safely. I am open to community zooms anytime. As well, I am inviting all our region's board of directors to the monthly leadership meetings starting in January with hopes of building regional knowledge, understanding and spirit. If I do not know what needs to improve or change, I cannot advocate very well. Every Chartered Community is different with different needs, wants, or services, however I know that we are all proud to be Métis. I am proud to be a citizen of Métis Nation BC. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Children and Families – Executive Director Colleen Hodgson

Métis Nation BC Children and Families Ministry has proven that others believe in Métis Nation BC's good work, the





reconciliation process and are supporting us in building internal capacity to support our Métis children, youth, and families. We are pounding the halls of government to press them to fulfill their legal obligations and will continue to do so until we are successful. Building strong working relationships with the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) is essential so that we are part of the decision-making process and support the vital work happening with our children, youth and families. We are no longer working in silos. This past year, we have initiated programs and services that directly impact our children, youth, and families, especially the most vulnerable. This Ministry has grown from one incredible hard-working person Colleen Hodgson to a small team of professionals who all are gifted in building policy, legislation, and justice strategies to create a strong foundation for our final goal. We are determined...we are strong...we not giving up.

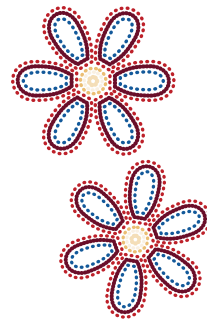
Our Children... Our Way!

In November, I was honoured to represent Métis Nation BC by attending and speaking at the first National Indigenous Children and Families Forum in Vancouver, with over 800 attendees. This strong and meaningful forum name goes to the core of all the work our Ministries at Métis Nation BC are doing as well as speaks deep to my heart and soul. To be in the presence of and speak alongside Cindy Blackstock and Chief Cadmus Delorme of the Cowessess First Nation was incredibly humbling. I shared our struggles of being a Métis leader of a Nation, not having capacity to provide culturally safe care for our children and being in the same spot First Nations and Inuit were in years ago. Sadly, not only with Children and Families but in our K-12 Ministry. I used my quote: *"We were Indian enough to have to go to Residential School, we were Indian enough to have to go to Day School, including my 89 year old mother, we were Indian enough to be forced to live on the Road Allowances, including my mother, and have our homes burnt to the ground, we were Indian enough to be Scooped in the 60's ...yet we are not Indian enough to have our rights fulfilled to heal and prosper"*. Our Métis family systems were broken down, our families separated, and our culture and language were lost along the way. We must rebuild our nation and provide opportunities to have a sense of belonging, heal and prosper. Through four days of interactions with all the attendees, I realized that we have more in common than differences with First Nations, Inuit, and non-Indigenous people, and we have support from across Canada from them. We have one big thing in common: "Our Children". When it comes to children, there are no good political games!

Please read the Ministry of Children and Families report for further details and consider becoming a foster parent! Thank you to our staff who helped make the first National Indigenous Children and Families Forum so successful. You make us proud!

Education (K-12 & Métis Early Years) - Executive Director Sharlene Wedel

The Métis Nation BC Education Department has proven that we can receive half the funding of our fellow Métis Nations, and still develop and implement incredible historic Métis-specific programming where we are recognized, respected, and seen as leaders in this field. We have grown extensively and have

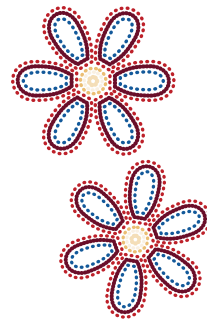


exceptional professional staff across this province supporting and providing services to our children and their families every day.

We partnered with Island Métis Family and Community Services Society to create a Métis Child Care Centre which opened its doors in May of 2022, and we are in the planning stages of many more in this province. We signed our first Métis Education Agreement in partnership with MNBC, MNGV and the Victoria School District, with more Education Agreements to come in other school districts.

I attend the bi-weekly staff meetings and all I see and hear is that we are a team of people who have the best interests of our Métis children and their families at the center of all our work.

Please look at the Ministry of Educations Report for a more in-depth details of all our programs and services...you will not be disappointed in the growth this last year. This whole ministry has been rocking it with Sharlene Wedel as our lead and I am so very proud of them all.



Region 5 Director Report

Respectfully Submitted: RAYNIE GERVAIS

Tansi, Kiyyawow, Bonjour, and welcome everybody

I hope each and every one of you had a wonderful Christmas and wishing you a Happy New Year as well.

I would like to share with you some of the highlights of my activities as Region 5 Director including the months of September, October, November, December of 2022, going into the month of January of 2023.

September

September 2/2022:	Attended the Awards & Recognition Committee meeting.
September 5/2022:	Attended a virtual Special Cabinet meeting of the Board of Directors
September 13/2022:	Attended a Governance & Policy Committee meeting.
September 15/2022:	Had our first Otipemissiwak Elders gathering in Prince George since the summer holidays recess. It was very well attended, and it was a delight to see the Elders again. There was bingo and prizes for everyone, plus the food and live entertainment was exceptional, as usual.
September 18/2022:	Had our first in person Regional Council Meeting in 2 years since the start of the Covid 19 Pandemic. It was great to see the presidents and special guests in one room again.
September 21/22-2022:	Attended 2 full days of in person Cabinet meetings with the full board before the AGM.
September 23-24/2022:	Attended our first in person AGM since the Covid 19 Pandemic started in late 2020. It turned out to be a record turnout for attendance and the weather was great to travel to the AGM as well. Thanks to the excellent hard working MNBC staff for putting on this event.

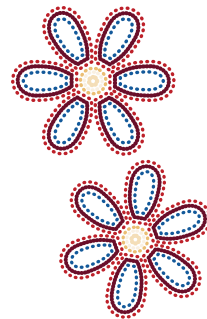
October

October 4/2022:	Attended the Métis Partnership Table committee meeting with many of my colleagues from the board of directors.
October 13/2022:	Attended virtual MNBC and Interior Leadership committee meeting with host MNBC staff coordinator Katina Pollard.
October 26&27/2022:	Attended a Métis National Council Annual Meeting in Vancouver that covered two full days of business and healthy debate. The Boards of Governors from Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and BC were there along with Cassidy Caron, the President of the MNC.

November

November 3/2022:	Attended a Business Advisory Committee Meeting.
November 7/2022:	Attended an Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting
November 8/2022:	Attended a Virtual one-on-one meeting with the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Cariboo North and Interior, John Rustad. It was an awesome meeting and look forward to a continued relationship in the days ahead.





November 19/2002: Attended an annual Louis Riel Celebration Event in Prince George with host society, The Prince George Métis Community Association. Close to 100 Community members showed up for this wonderful event to honor once again our great spiritual leader Louis Riel who was executed on this day of November 16 in 1885 in Regina, Saskatchewan.

December

As you know, December is a time of year for Season's Greetings and good will to each other as Métis people in all parts of our province. Various Christmas parties were held throughout the MNBC communities and the spirit of giving and sharing of gifts was evident among the Métis Elders and youth alike.

"Some of my highlights for meetings in December" are:

December 6/2022:	Attended a virtual Elders Healing Circle with various Elders throughout MNBC.
December 14/2002:	Attended a virtual meeting with MNBC and Interior Health Leadership Table Committee.
December 20/2002:	Attended a virtual meeting with distinguished Métis Elders in MNBC regarding a plan for a possible Elders retreat for the summer of 2023.
December 20/2022:	Attended a Governance and Policy Committee meeting

January/2023

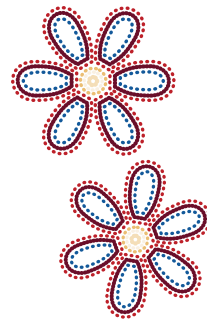
Now we are in the month of January and into the start of a brand-new year. 2023 already shows signs and promises of having another productive and busy year for MNBC and in my position as Region 5 Director. My meeting schedule on my business calendar already has me booked for a good portion of this year. The first MNGA of 2023 will be held at the beginning of March. I look forward to continuing to help my region in any way I can throughout the remainder of my term.

This concludes my highlights of my activities as region 5 Director for now. So, until we meet again, I wish you all in Region 5, my very best for 2023 and the days to come. Please stay safe and healthy in your travels.

Sincerely, in the spirit of unity

Raynie Gervais- Region 5 Director

Minister of Elders, Associate Minister of History, Language and Culture



Region 6 Director Report

Respectfully Submitted: SUSIE HOOPER

Hello from the Northwest Region!

We had some extremely cold temperatures with little snow fall in early winter, which drove the frost down and unfortunately caused some frozen pipe issues. These more frequent weather extremes of our quickly changing climate are impacting our Citizens. I am thankfully watching the snow fall as I write this.

I would like to start by thanking all the staff for all the hard work and dedication which is evident in the great things that are happening for the Citizens of MNBC. I am fortunate to work with some of the best.

Instead of repeating what is presented in the Ministry staff reports I encourage you to take the time to read the reports on: Environment Protection by Leona Shaw, Citizenship by Colleen Hodgson, and Community Services by Celina Moore. These reports highlight all the work and continued endeavors of those Ministries.

All three communities in the Northwest held in person Annual General Meetings for the first time since the pandemic. Some of my time has been spent supporting the many new community board members that are new to MNBC and or their roles.

The Tri River Métis Association held their AGM meeting on October 2nd in Houston. A new Board was elected, followed by lunch and a birthday celebration for two of our Tri River elders. Board members were elected from each of the areas of Hazelton, Smithers, Houston, and Burns Lake. One thing COVID-19 has taught us is that we can connect both virtually and in person quite well.

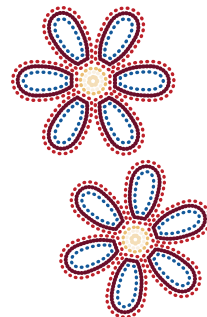
A big thank you to past Tri River President Bonnie Merlo, and Board members, Marilyn Hooper, Arlene Huisman, and George Ewald for all the endless hours of work done did keeping the community connected through COVID-19.

The Northwest BC Métis Association had their AGM in September and have done an amazing job reconnecting the community after 2 ½ years of COVID-19. For the first time a wreath was laid at the Kitimat and Terrace





Remembrance Day ceremonies. The Christmas party they held was bursting at the seams. Many exciting things will be announced soon.



The Prince Rupert & District Métis Association held their AGM mid-November. Several new members let their names stand, and they now have a full Board, thanks to the new members. Their Louis Riel Dance on November 25 showcased the band Gale Force 11 with fiddler Andy Goulet, and the evening was a great success. On a sad note, former board member Raven Gruman lost her short battle with cancer and she left us on December 19th. Thank you to Joy and Don and the whole community who surrounded Raven in her time of need. Heaven has gained another angel.

It has been a very busy few months for me and the Board of Directors.

In October I attended the third MNC Health Forum in Ottawa. It was wonderful to meet in person for the first time in over two years. Our MNBC Health team presented on all the wonderful work they are doing. I also attended the Métis National Council meeting in Vancouver. For the first time we had a grandmothers table as a part of our meeting. The warmth they brought to the room felt great. It was a very busy two days of discussions and debates with the four provinces working together.

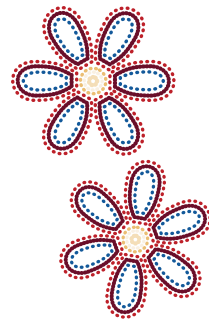
Other external meeting I attended this year help improve our relationships with First Nations, neighboring Métis, and provincially and federally elected members of government. I have had virtual meetings with Skeena Bulkley Valley MP Taylor Bachrach, North Coast MLA Jennifer Rice, and Skeena MLA Ellis Ross. We had a very successful reception on November 15 in Victoria where we were welcomed to the Legislature by Naomi Lebreton of the Songhees Nation. This was followed by the province proclaiming November 16, 2022, Louis Riel Day in BC. I attended the Les Femmes Michif Otipimisiwak forum in Ottawa where we had over 50 women from BC representing our province.

This past quarter attending COP 15 (Congress of People's Biodiversity 15) in Montreal was a highlight for me. COP 15 was a very well-organized conference with over 18,000 attendees. 196 Nations were represented with the goal of agreeing to conserve and manager at least 30%of the world's lands, inland waters, coastal areas, and oceans.



Our Board continues to work well together, and we are all very busy. I have and will continue to work with the citizens of Region 6 and with their direction be their voice on the board. So much great work is happening. As I've said before it is a very exciting time for Métis in British Columbia.





Region 7 Director Report

Respectfully Submitted: PAULETTE FLAMOND

August 2022

August was a historical month for the Valley of the Peace Métis Society. MNBC has purchased four lots in the community where housing will be built for our citizens. Investing in the Northeast has been a priority of mine since being elected to represent the Region. The purchase of this land in Hudson's Hope and the plan to build housing is a step in the right direction for our citizens. This, along with the purchase of the land for future housing, and the Passive House as our new office for our STEPS Ministry in Fort St. John makes me proud to serve here in the Northeast. Our people are resilient and have waited for a long time for projects to begin.

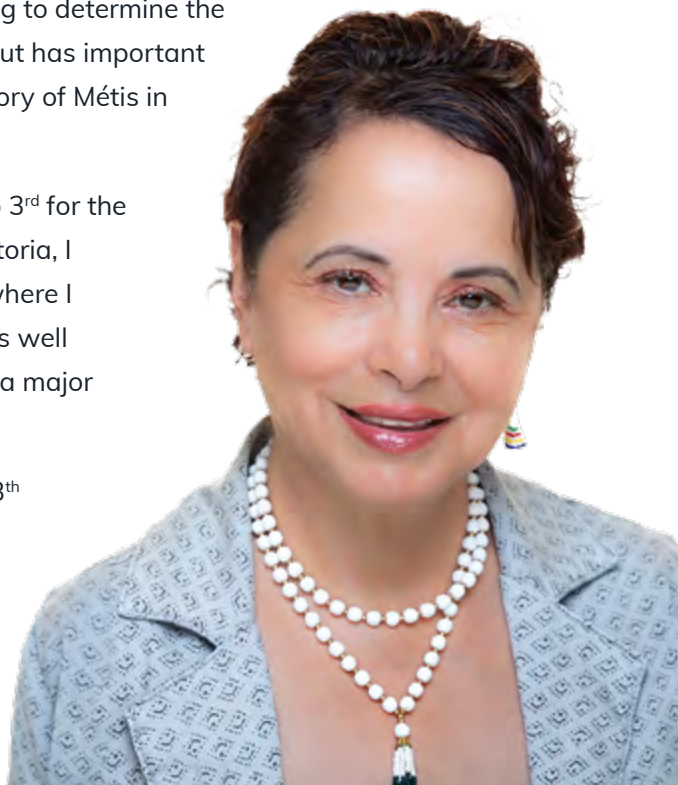
August was also the month that MNBC relaunched its Human Resources Committee. I attended the inaugural meeting in Surrey and was pleased to take on the role of the Chair of this committee. I look forward to working with the other committee members and our goals and priorities in making MNBC a place where people thrive and advance their careers.

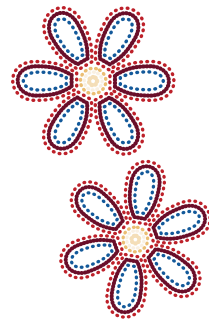
September 2022

This September marks the one-year anniversary of Kelly Lake becoming a Chartered Community. This past year's focus was to establish the community, and starting to determine the services needed in the community.. The community is small, but has important historical significance for MNBC, and is a vital part of the history of Métis in BC.

I attended a two-day retreat in Victoria from September 1st to 3rd for the Métis Financial Corporation of BC. As part of our travel to Victoria, I was able to attend the Vancouver Island Métis Rendezvous where I was able to meet Métis people from across BC. The event was well organized and eventful. The Métis Financial Corporation was a major funder for this even and plans on funding the event in 2023.

I was able to spend time at the Surrey office on September 13th meeting with staff from the STEPS program. I was provided an overview on the plans for more educational opportunities for our citizens, and I was brought up to date on the development of a business case for a potential Métis university in the future. STEPS was able to help many





post-Secondary students with \$13 million of funding this year. The program has proved to be very popular, and unfortunately, ran out of money. Staff have been working to find new resources. The great news is more of our citizens are entering post-secondary education, and receiving degrees at all levels, including Master's and Ph.D.

On September 17th I attended the Chilliwack Métis House with my granddaughter for a Fall Harvest Dinner hosted by the Chilliwack and Fraser Valley Métis Society's. The music, dance and food were all exceptional, and this sold-out event was enjoyed by many.

This month I attended a two-day Board Meeting and my first ever in-person AGM. It was a wonderful event and the highlight for me was the First-Time Home Buyers' Program announcement. We have worked long and hard for this to become a reality and I can't wait to see our citizens access this program for their housing needs.

October 2022

October was a productive month with several online meetings and events.

A highlight for this month was meeting with Bob Zimmer-Member of Parliament /Prince George-Peace River-Northern Rockies. We discussed several issues including STEPS funding and lack of drivers licensing for some of our members. We also provided an update on MNBC and its ministries along with the work it does across the province.

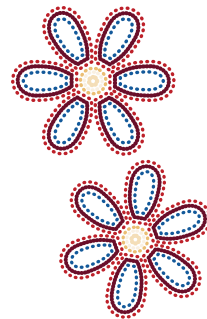
I also attended the STEPS Job Fair here in Fort St. John and attended the blessing of a building structure built by BC Hydro, River of the Valley Métis Society and MNBC in Hudson's Hope.

Along with other leaders from MNBC, I met with Northern Health and its leadership team to receive an update on the progress of joint work between Northern Health and the MNBC. In addition, I am volunteering with Northern Development Trust with the goal of finding a provider so that bus service will resume between communities in the North. Return of a bus service in the North is critical; often our Indigenous people living in Northern communities are unable to access safe transportation that is regularly available.

I have started training this month in Digital Marketing, both as an interest to me personally and to learn more about the digital channels that we have available to promote services available to Métis citizens.

I also attended the Métis Partnership table as part of the recommendations from In Plain Sight: Addressing Indigenous-specific Racism and Discrimination in BC Health Care. There continues to be an enormous amount of work at this table. Additionally, I attended a Cabinet meeting on November 17th with MNBC.

At the end of the month, I attended the MNC meeting in Vancouver. It was very informative, and I learned so much about the other governing members.



I am grateful for all the opportunity I have being elected with the MNBC. I continue to advocate for my regional members in all the work that is taking place at MNBC.

November 2022

November was a very exciting month in my role as the Minister for Skills, Training, Employment and Post-Secondary (STEPS). A special announcement was made at the Legislature by Minister Kang of the Ministry Skills Training, Employment and Post-Secondary, to provide STEPS \$7.1 million from the BC Government for skill development for our Métis citizens across BC. This funding will help MNBC provide the right training for our citizens to get jobs that will help build critical workforce infrastructure in BC.

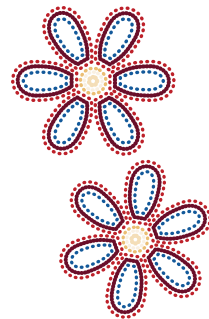
It was quite symbolic to announce this funding agreement on the eve of Louis Riel Day, a great role model not only of leadership but also of educational achievement. Many people forget that Riel, who has become an iconic leader, was only in his mid-20's when he was trying to build a nation based on peace, fairness, and prosperity. This funding allows the MNBC to partner with the Province to help British Columbia as a whole.

With this funding MNBC can build a stronger workforce, we can build a stronger province, and we can build a stronger future for the people of the Métis Nation, of whom almost 100,000 now call British Columbia home.

A year ago, we were handed the keys to the Fort St. John Passive House. STEPS staff are now moved into this beautiful office. The staff are proud and happy to be working out of this new space. The spaces includes an additional office and board room space that can be used by other MNBC staff when they are in our community. On December 9th there was an open house, and everyone was invited to attend. I was there from 3 to 6 PM to visit with community.

Other Meetings Attended

- Métis Financial Corporation of BC Board Meeting (by Zoom)
- Emergency Preparedness Meeting (by Zoom)
- Human Resources Committee Meeting
- A two-day Board Meeting in Victoria in conjunction with the STEPS announcement and the Louis Riel Day gathering (in person)
- A potluck hosted by the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria Association (in person)
- Ministry of Health and Communities from the Northeast and Northwest on funding for local food initiatives (by Zoom)
- Cabinet Monday meetings and Bi-weekly CEO update meetings (by Zoom)



I am also meeting monthly with a group of Indigenous people to support the development of distinction-based tools on food-related wellness in BC. This is part of my passion on food sovereignty and wellness for our Métis citizens across BC. I feel honoured and humbled to serve where I can, and I thank my communities for their support.

December 2022

The Board of Directors meeting with the Métis Financial Corporation B.C. was held in Kelowna on December 4th to 5th. Topics discussed here included the First Time Home Buyers Grant, strategic plan review, and three business plans for review and approval.

On December 9th I met with the Fort St. John Board of Directors and attended the open house for the Skills Training and Employment office in Fort St. John. Approximately 50 people came to visit the new office and to learn about the name change from the Passive House to the Métis House. Guest's enjoyed refreshments, snacks and Bannock.

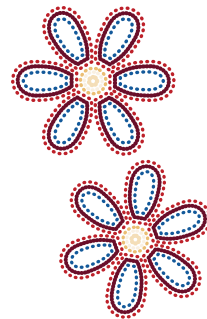
The Regional Governance Committee (RGC) meeting took place on December 10th in Dawson Creek. Representatives from Kelly Lake Métis Society, Northeast Métis Association, and Fort St. John Métis Society. Senator Pope and Vice-President Mineault also attended. We had a lovely lunch prepared by Brenda House and entertainment by the youth dance group.

On December 12th, I participated in a day-long Cabinet Meeting via Zoom.

From December 13th to 16th, I traveled to Ottawa and attended meetings with a variety of government departments to network on behalf of MNBC.. On the first day there was an event organized with the MNBC team and the MP Jasraj Hallen, Conservative Finance Critic, along with other Conservative MPs from British Columbia. On December 14th, we had a meeting with Senior Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) Martin Reither, Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada. Time was also spent with the Office of the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, where we spent time talking about - theCOVID-19 pandemic and its toll on trauma and addictions. Finally, we met with Minister Anita Anand, Minister of National Defense -. These meetings were all vital to get the support that MNBC needs to move forward in its recognition towards self- government. That evening we attended the Liberal Party Christmas event, to network with MP's and government officials.

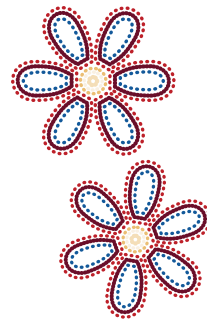
I am a member of the Presidential Economic Task Force, and Thursday, December 16 was the first in-person meeting of that Task Force. There were many discussions on economic opportunities for MNBC, and an opportunity to brainstorm what we are trying to achieve, including:

- Economic Self-Sufficiency
- Employment Opportunities
- Improving the Quality of Life for our People



- Participation in Canada's Economy
- Uphold Traditions, Language and Cultural Heritage
- Creating Partnerships and Alliances that benefit us all

My last day of work was December 20th where I got an opportunity to catch up with Senior Staff from STEPS, Katie Trace and Anca McHolister.



Provincial Women's Chair Report

Respectfully Submitted: DR. KATE ELLIOTT

The Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC) are focused on empowering Métis women to fulfill their potentials in all aspects of their lives: physical health and well-being, cultural connection, community involvement, family well-being, education, and economic security. The MWBC are entrusted to enhance and empower the rights of Métis women and ensure that Métis women's voices and political representation are prioritized at the community, regional, provincial, and national level.

The MWBC Provincial Council meets monthly to continue building on previous activities and consider new initiatives to empower Métis women.

MWBC REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:

Region 1: Fleurette Borsboom

Home Community: Alberni Clayoquot Métis Community

Region 2: Carmen Carriere

Home Community: Surrey Delta Métis Association

Region 3: Cheryl Dodman

Home Community: Kelowna Métis Association

Region 5: Laurie Todd

Home Community: Prince George Métis Community Association

Region 6: Trish Paulson

Home Community: Northwest BC Métis Association

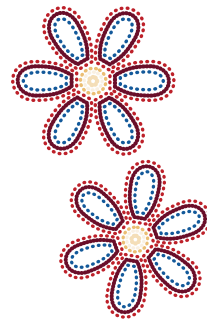
Region 7: Carol Paynter

Home Community: Fort St. John Métis Society

Chairperson: Kate Elliott

Home Community: Métis Nation Of Greater Victoria





HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022

Throughout 2022, MWBC participated in and supported a variety of activities, including:

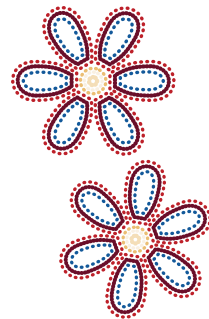
- The annual women's gathering, with a focus on governance and leadership;
- Supporting and allying with the 2SLGBTQIA+ Advisory Committee;
- Collaborating with the Ministry of Youth for the Sashing our Warriors Campaign;
- Continued focus on the epidemic of MMIWG2S+ and participation in a Red Dress Awareness day presentation;
- Using funding from Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak to distribute comfort kits to Chartered Communities.

LOOKING FORWARD

As the COVID-19 pandemic eases, MWBC will continue to work with the Ministry of Women and Gender Equity (MOWGE) to identify and develop a network between regional community and women representatives.

More information on the MWBC is available in the Ministry of Women and Gender Equity report in the March 2023 MNGA Book.





Provincial Youth Chair Report

Respectfully Submitted: SHAUGHN DAVOREN

Tawnshi and welcome to the 2023 MNGA.

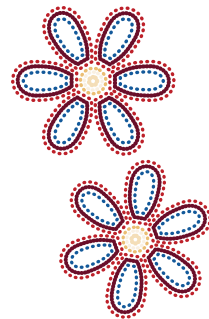
I hope you have all been keeping well since last year! I would like to share what Métis Youth British Columbia (MYBC) and I, in my role as the Provincial Youth Chair and Minister of Youth, have accomplished over the last year. In this report, we are happy to share our accomplishments and upcoming plans for Métis youth in BC. We are happy to have our new MYBC committee since the election last year. MYBC has been having a minimum of one official meeting a month, as well as keeping in contact over Facebook and through text in between meetings. This has helped us get to know each other and to keep in touch over the last year.

Our youth are so brilliant, and over the last year they keep surprising me with their engagement and new ideas. It is amazing to be a part of this group. MYBC is looking to start holding two meetings monthly to allow for increased collaboration and availability for those looking to connect with Committee members. We are also planning a provincial youth event for later in the year and having our first in person MYBC meeting for this month. Finally, we are investigating the possibility of regional youth meetings to work on community level youth engagement, a second run of the Pride and ally sash, and new online events to highlight youth communities and their connections to the land.

The last thing I will share is that as Provincial Youth Chair, I have a standing weekly meeting with Rachel Perkins from the Ministry of Youth (MOY) every other week. This has been a fantastic opportunity to connect with MOY, share what is happening at MYBC and MOY, and keep us on the same page. We appreciate their guidance and support of youth initiatives and support with our meetings.

I would be remiss if I forgot to mention the many other online Zoom meetings that MYBC and I have been attending such as being on the Unified Aboriginal Youth Collective (UAYC), and countless other committees. Video conferencing has been helpful allowing us to connect easily with more people than ever, without being concerned about financial resources! It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know and work with these amazing youth, and I am always excited to hear their plans and excitement and what they want





to tackle next as an extremely dedicated committee of youth. A massive thank you to each of you folks. I truly love and appreciate you all more than words can express. Métis youth in BC are in good hands with this committee representing them. If you know of a Métis Youth that wants to represent the Region 4, 5, or 7 at MYBC please introduce them to me. I'd love to connect and fill them in on the great things that they can do with MYBC. Thank you for your time and stay safe!

I am happy to introduce you to the new MYBC

Region 1: Brookelyn Chalmers

Region 2: Danielle Bergevin

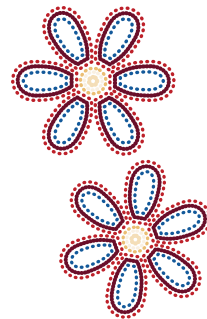
Region 3: Jaime-Lee Keith

Region 4: Vacant

Region 5: Vacant

Region 6: Jayden Rogers

Region 7: Vacant



CEO Report

Respectfully Submitted: COLETTE TRUDEAU

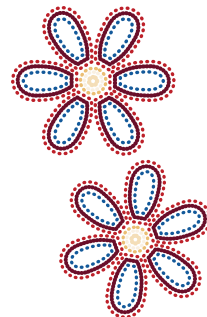
I am pleased to welcome everyone to MNBC's Métis Nation Governing Assembly. The MNGA is critical to our governance structure, which ensures thoughtful debate on resolutions that impact our government. Each day, we strive to build a strong, proud, and resilient Nation and reconnect through our kinship ties. I have always appreciated our MNGAs as an important opportunity to hear from our community leaders about their incredible grassroots work, to reconnect with one another, and engage in thoughtful debate of resolutions that will build our Nation.

We have re-branded ourselves to ensure governments and partners know we are the Métis Nation Government in BC. Our Citizens have mandated MNBC to self-govern, and we need to ensure we are clear in our external messaging. Through strategic action, we are working hard to ensure the recognition of our section 35 rights in BC. We have dedicated our efforts to developing key strategies, including updating our Strategic Plan, refining our First Nations relationship efforts, and cementing key economic partnerships. Our ongoing work has focused on the sustainability of MNBC and our Nation.

I am humbled to do this important work for our Nation as the Chief Executive Officer of MNBC. Our team is working diligently to hone our communications, find new pathways for engagement, and advocate for increased capacity. We continue building our relationships with governments at a local, provincial, and federal level through various negotiation and priority tables. We have built a strong leadership team that works closely with our Board of Directors to support our strategic direction and focus on the priorities of Métis people in BC.

While you review the reports from our various Ministries, you will see the incredible accomplishments of our team. I am so proud of the work that we are doing and the kaa-wiichihitoyaahk (we take care of each other) culture we are building that focuses on lateral kindness. We have grown to a team of over 200 dedicated staff that are humbly connected to the purposeful work they do every day. MNBC is authentically committed to creating a positive workplace that





supports, nurtures, and values the gifts each of our staff brings to our government. We are all in service to our chartered communities and Citizens.

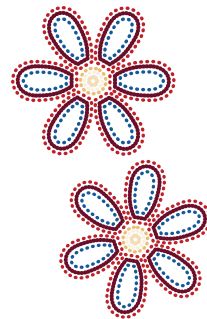
MNBC is on a positive and progressive path. Your attendance and participation this weekend will continue to guide our collective path forward. I wish all MNGA delegates a productive weekend.



Ministry Reports



Ministry of CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



Respectfully Submitted: **MINISTER – DEBRA FISHER**
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – COLLEEN HODGSON

The Ministry of Children and Family continues to grow and create the internal capacity needed to support Métis children, youth, and families. This growth is happening in policy and legislation and programs and services.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Michif Nishtawaymiht (Métis Identity and Belonging)

The Ministry of Children and Families and the Ministry of Citizenship have co-developed a process to support children and youth in their journey for Métis Citizenship. The Kinship Connections Coordinator and a dedicated team member from Citizenship work directly with social workers, guardians, and family members to collect documentation that is often difficult to access. This cross-ministry connection has created strong relationships within MNBC and with external agencies. These connections support our Métis children and youth in care so that they receive the support they need and to successfully obtain their MNBC Citizenship. The response from social workers has been inspiring, and Métis children and youth are connected to the Nation and their community and culture.

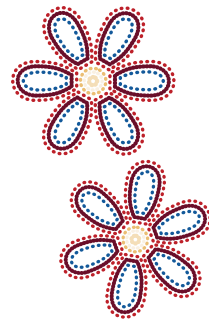


Waahkoomiwayhk (Kinship Connections)

Kinship care refers to the care of children by relatives or, in some situations, close family friends. Kinship care is a natural part of Métis life for many of us growing up, with family members playing essential roles in our day-to-day development. However, kinship caregivers often do not receive the support needed. MoCF has been building relationships with community service providers to address the needs associated with kinship care. Through these partnerships, the ministry supports kinship care providers navigating the child welfare system while connecting them to programs and services to address their family needs.

Kaa-opikihikitamaashohk (Adoption Support Services)

Métis people have always had systems of care in place to ensure our children's needs; however, the child welfare system disrupted our traditional methods of care, which led to many of our children and youth



being adopted out of our community or placed in foster homes. MoCF is developing resources for foster and adoptive parents to ensure that Métis children and youth continue to be connected to their culture and community. Resources include training and educational programs designed to enhance foster and adoptive parents' understanding of Métis history and support the diverse needs of Métis children, youth and families.

Mîcôwin (Food Program)

Over the last few months, many of the calls the Ministry of Children and Families (MoCF) received requested food support, which we could not provide. To address this need, MoCF was granted program funding as part of COVID-19 recovery. The Mîcôwin program will provide up to 87 vulnerable Métis families with groceries delivered directly to their homes. This support will help to relieve the financial pressures that these families are struggling with. Our goal is to reduce the number of Métis children and youth being taken from their families due to poverty-related issues.

Métis Children, Youth and Family Advocacy

The Métis Family Support Specialist works at MNBC directly with families and connects them to programs, services, culture, and community. They advocate for parents, grandparents and caregivers and support them with referrals and mediation. The Métis Family Support Specialist has supported over 60 families in visiting their children in the Ministry's care. In addition, they made over 150 connections between families, social workers, and other professionals.

POLICY AND LEGISLATION

MCFD Engagement

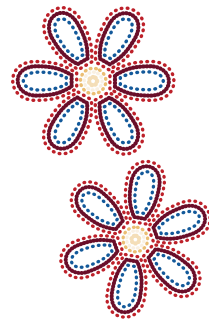
Métis people must be included in decisions that impact Métis children, youth, and families. A strong relationship with the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) has been developed to ensure that we are part of the decision-making process and support the many provincial initiatives that we are involved in.

Métis Youth Transitions Advisory

- Support Métis youth transitioning out of the care of the Ministry of Children and Family Development. The advisory developed a way forward for Métis youth and determined how MCFD can support this vision. See the final report here [final report](#).

Social Worker Oversight

- Engagement sessions on overseeing social workers and the current state of social work, policies and practices that affect our Métis children, youth, and families.



Name Change Policy

- Métis names are how we connect ourselves to our heritage and our ancestors. The Ministry of Children and Families is part of the policy review on name changes that affect Indigenous children and youth in care. As a result, MCFD has a greater understanding of the importance of our Métis names and why changing them affects us as a Nation.

Bill 38- Indigenous Self-Government in Child and Family Services Amendment Act

The MoCF was involved in the review of [Bill 38](#), which passed at the Third Session of the 42nd Parliament. The amendment recognizes the inherent right of self-government as written in section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*. It also provides a pathway for Indigenous Peoples to implement their Indigenous laws over child and family services in B.C. MNBC will be involved in the implementation of the Act.

Justice Strategy

The Ministry of Children and Families was successful in adding a 12th recommendation to the MNBC Justice Strategy, which is being supported by the province and includes:

- Developing preventative programs and services to target the predictors of involvement in the justice system,
- Engaging with MNBC Chartered Communities and Métis children and family service providers to research the development of Métis-specific justice principles and evidence-based strategies, and,
- Establishing a committee that will work in an advisory capacity with the MNBC Ministry of Children and Families to develop and implement culturally grounded policies and review referred case files.

These actions constitute building capacity and will set in motion the assumption of jurisdiction to administer child, youth, and family services by Métis Nation British Columbia with the support of the Government of British Columbia.

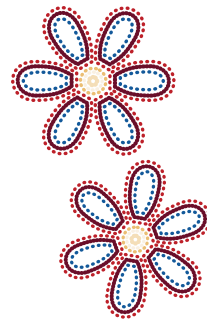
PARTNERSHIPS

BC Law Foundation

In partnership with the [Law Foundation of British Columbia](#), the Ministry of Children and Families received funding for their Gih Towasim Sinowock Neehgahnoo (*Our Children Our Future*) project. The funding will focus on engaging with our Chartered Communities and developing policies and a legislative framework for Métis children, youth, and family services.

Métis Children and Family Provincial Advisory

The Ministry of Children and Families is creating a provincial advisory to guide the development of a



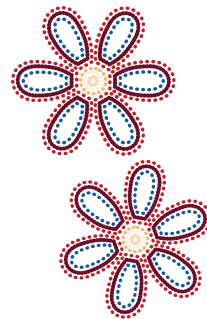
Métis family service system. Communities and families know what is best for our children, youth, and families, and the MoCF will reach out to Métis citizens with the unique qualifications required.



Indigenous Child and Family Services Directors Society

The Ministry of Children and Families works closely with the Indigenous Child and Family Services Directors Society. Minister Debra Fisher joined BC First Nations Chiefs to pen the first National Indigenous Children and Family Wellbeing conference, “Our Children Our Way,” in Vancouver. Representatives from Indigenous communities and organizations across Canada came together to showcase best practices, share operational policies and practices, and discuss prevention services, community development approaches and pathways to child welfare jurisdiction.

Ministry of CITIZENSHIP



Respectfully Submitted: **MINISTER – SUSIE HOOPER**
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – COLLEEN HODGSON

Overview

In the fall of 2022, Colleen Hodgson was appointed as the new Interim Senior Director of the Ministry of Citizenship. In January 2023, she was appointed Executive Director of the Ministry of Citizenship. The Ministry is undergoing a transformation focused on creating a Ministry of Citizenship that collaborates with Communities, Citizens and other MNBC ministries. The Ministry of Citizenship is separate from Community Services. The Ministry of Citizenship does not provide a service. It is where the Citizenship process happens. It is about Section 35 rights, our self-determination as Métis people and our Métis government.

Métis Citizenship is the foundation of the Nation. It must be protected and supported to be sustainable and without question. As part of this transformation, the following actions are being implemented.

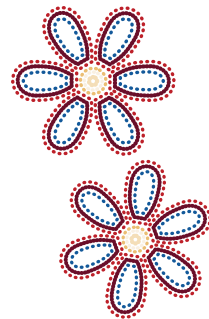
Governance

The Senior Director/Registrar of the Ministry of Citizenship is the only staff member with authority to approve a Citizenship application and generate a Citizenship number. Creating a “Citizenship Authority” and expanding the number of senior, qualified staff who can approve Citizenship is essential to supporting Community members to become Citizens. In addition, this will ensure that the Citizenship process is not affected when staff are on leave or unavailable.

The Ministry of Citizenship senior team is working with the Chief Governance Officer of MNBC and his team to review and recommend changes to the Citizenship Act and relevant legislation to create a sustainable Citizenship process.

Operations

Many of the Ministry of Citizenship team are new, and their efforts have been tireless in assisting Métis community members in the Citizenship process. They need to be cared for and supported. What is expected of them needs to be clear and consistent. They are all included in the transformation, and their ideas and insights are valued. The organizational structure has been revised to create a system of support. There are now three (3) specific areas within the Ministry of Citizenship: Citizenship Operations, Citizenship Assessment and Quality Assurance.



Citizenship Operations

The Citizenship Operations Manager is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Ministry, including working collaboratively with the MNBC communications team. In addition, the Citizenship Operations Manager cares for and supports the Citizenship intake team comprised of Data Entry Assistants, the Citizenship Intake Assistants, and the Citizenship Relations Coordinator.

Citizenship Assessment

The Citizenship Assessment Manager ensures that the Citizenship Assessment Specialists team is supported in processing and verifying Citizenship applications. The Citizenship Assessment Manager has expertise and experience in the complexities and sensitivities of Citizenship applications and provides guidance and insights to ministry leadership.

Citizenship Quality Assurance

Citizenship Quality Assurance is a new addition to the Ministry of Citizenship. The goal is to create a system that cannot be influenced by individual interests or be subjected to any bias. The Citizenship Quality Assurance Manager is responsible for developing and maintaining processes, including auditing. In addition, they work collaboratively with the team to implement standards and practices developed by the team.

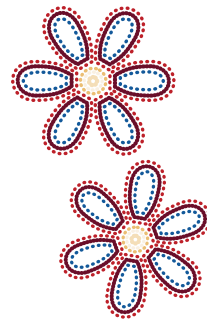
Modernizing the Ministry of Citizenship

A comprehensive analysis of the Citizenship application and approval process has been undertaken. As a result, technology has been identified as one of the key areas where changes need to happen. A client resource management system is being built to provide the advanced technology needed for applicants to apply, and for staff to manage their applications efficiently and accurately. In addition, the Ministry team is exploring developing a Citizenship App to enable Community members can apply on mobile devices and track their applications.

Partnerships

Supporting Métis community members to apply for Citizenship often includes accessing documents from the government and various institutions. Developing formal partnerships with these agencies provides the knowledge and connections needed to access these documents. For example, the Ministry of Citizenship has a partnership with the provincial Alberta government and is seeking additional partnerships with Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario.

The Ministry of Citizenship is working with the province of B.C. to approve the MNBC Citizenship card as a secondary source of identification.



Métis Children and Youth in Care

Taking care of our Métis children, youth, and families is a priority for MNBC. Supporting Métis children and youth in care to apply for their Citizenship is fundamental to their well-being. The Ministry of Citizenship has developed a process that protects our Métis children and youth by limiting the number of staff involved with their guardians, social worker, or foster family. One staff member is dedicated to working directly with the MNBC Ministry of Children and Families Kinship Connections Coordinator. The responses from social workers and families have been extremely positive, and further support will be put in place.

Michifizing the Ministry of Citizenship

Our Métis culture and language need to be part of everything we do, including our work in the Ministry of Citizenship. “What about this is Métis” is our guiding principle. The new client resource management system that is being developed includes our Michif language. The terms we use to identify our family members and ancestors are in Michif alongside the English references.

Our Métis Citizens and their journey to Citizenship need to be shared. We need to understand better why they applied for Citizenship and what it means to them. We must ask questions about their journey and how we can walk alongside them well. Engaging with Communities and talking about the application process will guide us in creating systems that work. Learning about the application process and the complexities of Citizenship will also support our Leadership in responding to questions from community members.



Symbolism is significant to Métis people. Our connection to the land is part of our culture. Leah Dorion, a Métis artist and educator, teaches us how symbolic learning is a methodology used to impart our teachings, worldview, values, and beliefs to ourselves and others.

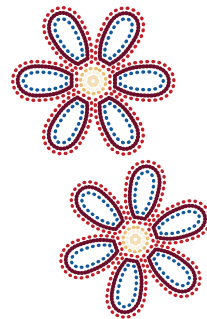
The Dragonfly teaching reminds us of our ancestors who lived before us. Every time a Dragonfly goes by, I say, “Hello, my relative.” The Dragonfly represents ancient wisdom, and how loved we are by the spirits of our ancestors. The Ministry of Citizenship has embraced this symbolism. We

are developing an image of the dragonfly that will be integrated throughout the Citizenship process as a reminder of our connection to our ancestors.

Summary

According to the 2021 Census, of those living in British Columbia, 97,865 people identified as Métis and 25,580 people reported being registered with MNBC. If these statistics are accurate, the Ministry of Citizenship can expect to register an additional 72,285 people. Creating a Métis Citizenship system that is sustainable is critical and creating efficiencies in the application process is vital.

Ministry of COMMUNITY SERVICES



Respectfully Submitted: **MINISTER – SUSIE HOOPER**
 DIRECTOR – CELINA MOORE

Ministry Highlights

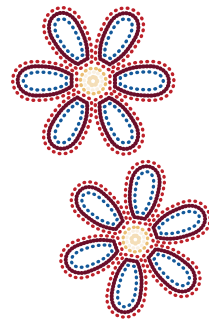
In a year that has seen MNBC experience the challenges that follow positive change, Community Services has been no exception. Having identified the need for resolute, purposeful, open connections with our Chartered Communities and Citizens, MNBC Senior Leadership has ensured that Community Services are at the forefront to address this essential support by creating a new and standalone Ministry of Community Services in August of 2022.

In the truest spirit of kaa-wiichihitoyaahk, the leaders within our Chartered Communities have been the unyielding and stalwart strength of our Métis people in BC. They have been tenacious in their efforts, their work, their dedication, and their determination to build our Nation. The Ministry of Community Services is poised to support and assist in facilitating the ongoing good works being done by our Chartered Communities. We are here to give them the relief and recognition that is well warranted and that they so richly deserve.

Ministry Connections:

Initiatives from the Ministry of Community Services that are currently in process include a Finance Coordinator to provide guidance and assistance regarding funding to our Chartered Communities. Managing funding is a large undertaking for many of our communities, and MNBC appreciates that with a dedicated resource person in place, the sharing of best practices, assistance with managing funding reporting and a go-to resource person will aid and alleviate many of the timely functions and frustrations that accompany the allocation of funding to our Chartered Communities. This is an important role that will yield worthy results for our communities.

Communications and the need for a streamlined process of how a Chartered Community reaches MNBC for support is another area that is being developed. Our communities need to receive the correct answer, from the correct person, on their first contact. Our Chartered Communities will develop dedicated relationships in 2023 within the Community Services Ministry. The Community Services team will facilitate Regional Governance Committee (RGC) and Regional Governance Leadership (RGL) meetings, and Communities will know that if they call or write Community Services, their inquiry will be answered accurately and within a timely manner. This streamlined process will take the guesswork out of the who and the where of gaining assistance with pertinent questions.

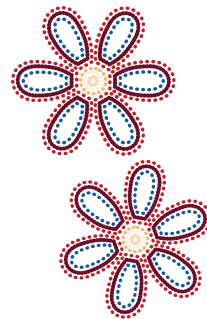


Métis are otipemisiwak, and MNBC and Community Services have heeded the call from our Chartered Community Leaders for more cohesive and straightforward information to help with the governance of running an MNBC Chartered Community board. To this end, we are working on a 'Board in a Box' initiative, which is a toolbox filled with the how-to's and the must-do's that will assist new boards and offer quick references for seasoned boards. This project was initially piloted with two test communities in the month of January. A full rollout to all Chartered Communities will follow. The project is both tangible, with a physical box containing all relevant documentation, materials, and information that Chartered Communities require for selfgovernance, and an electronic version to accommodate differing resources and the rich diversity of work styles among our Chartered Communities. The electronic version of 'Board in a Box' will reside on each Chartered Community's OneDrive. This will assist with the accommodation of the required adherence to the BC Government mandated Personal Information Protection Act.

Steps Forward:

The Ministry of Community Services is making good progress, and many good plans and ideas lay ahead in connection to our Chartered Communities. The Ministry will be listening and looking for continued feedback from our communities and leaders in areas such as culture, capacity, resources, protocol, best practices, support, communication, funding, programs and of course, kishkayhta, learning all we can to strengthen mekw tel sq'eq'o kahkinohw-nihtah-kohmah-kahnuk, all our relations.

Ministry of CULTURE, HERITAGE, AND LANGUAGE



Respectfully Submitted: **MINISTER – PATRICK HARRIOTT**
 SENIOR DIRECTOR – MALLORY BLONDEAU

2022 – 2023 Key Objectives:

1. Develop and implement strategies, initiatives and programs that promote and create awareness of Métis culture and heritage.
2. Create resources and initiatives to support the revitalization of Métis languages.
3. Increase the visibility of Métis artists and knowledge carriers in BC and develop cultural knowledge-sharing opportunities.
4. Develop the Amelia Douglas Institute for Métis Culture and Language.

2022 – 2023 Ministry Highlights:



Intro to Southern Michif Workshop Series

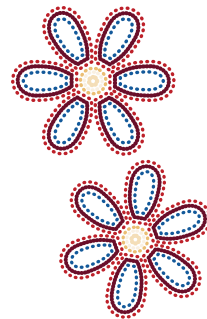
The Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language launched its first language workshop series for Southern Michif this year in partnership with STEPS, taught by Métis educator Samson LaMontagne. The 10-week virtual course was open to MNBC staff and citizens. The course was extremely popular and registration for the course filled up within two hours of opening. The Ministry looks forward to sharing more language learning workshops in 2023.

Métis Artrepreneur Program

In partnership with STEPS, the Ministry of Culture Heritage and Language launched the Métis Artrepreneur Program to better support Métis artists looking to develop an arts-based business. Throughout the 12-week course, participants learned from established Métis artists Kim Stewart and Lynette LaFontaine about growing as professional artists guided by Métis core values.

The Amelia Douglas Institute for Métis Culture and Language

The Ministry has worked diligently this year to develop the Amelia Douglas Institute for Métis Culture and Language (ADI). Preparations have included creating ADI's logo and branding, developing the ADI website, producing language recordings with Elders for Northern and French Michif, planning for future exhibitions, acquiring Métis artifacts, and the preparation of ADI's physical space at MNBC's Station Tower location in Surrey. The ADI Institute will be launched in 2023, with exhibitions focused on Métis arts, culture and history in BC and online arts and language resources.



Fire Bag Workshop Series and Sewing with our Ancestors Exhibition



This year, the Ministry coordinated a Fire Bag Workshop Series taught by Métis artist Gregory Scofield from May – September 2022.

In this workshop series, 13 Métis beadwork artists from across BC learned how to create their own Métis-style fire bag (also referred to as an octopus bag) and had their work celebrated in an in-person and virtual exhibition.

Métis Art Exhibitions at Head Office

The Ministry continued its Métis art exhibitions at the MNBC head office this year with three new installations, including: *Métis Now: Elders, Artists and Activists* by Nevada Christianson, *Otipemisewak* by Erin Stagg, and the *Sewing With Our Ancestors: Heirloom fire bags from the flower beadwork people*. Virtual tours were created for each exhibition to increase the accessibility and visibility of the exhibitions.

Métis Artist Talks Workshops

The Ministry hosted 11 virtual Métis Artist Talks (MAT) workshops designed to support Métis artists and share cultural knowledge. Throughout the workshops participants learned about tufting, poetry, jigging, quillwork, storytelling through music, beading, theatre, and embroidery from Métis artists, creatives, and knowledge carriers.



Métis in BC Exhibition

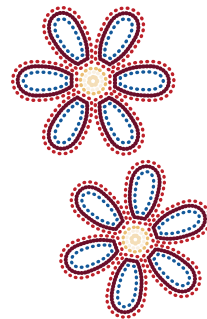
In 2022, the Ministry started developing the Métis in BC exhibition. This educational exhibition will tell the historical and contemporary stories of Métis people in BC and feature seven distinct panels that share information on each of the seven regions. The exhibition will travel to different communities across BC and be available online. Historical research for the project is currently underway and the Ministry plans to engage with community members from each region to further develop the exhibition's content in 2023.



MNBC Staff Cultural Education Initiatives

This year, the Ministry has introduced new educational opportunities for MNBC staff members to deepen their knowledge of Métis culture, through Métis culture and history staff presentations and the Elder's Tea program. The Métis culture and history staff presentations are being delivered to all MNBC staff to continue staff's ongoing education of Métis culture, history, and language. Through the Elders Tea program, MNBC staff members are able to visit with and learn from Métis Elders through in-person and online presentations.

Ministry of DIGITAL GOVERNANCE



Respectfully Submitted: **MINISTER – PATRICK HARRIOTT**
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER – BRENT WEBERG

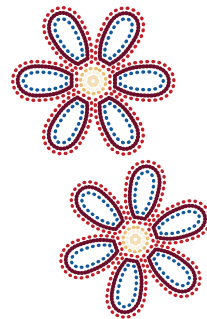
Introduction:

The Ministry of Digital Governance is continuing its focus by onboarding digital tools to make the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) more responsive when serving Métis people. The Ministry of Digital Government strives to deploy digital platforms that are secure, reliable, and easy to use.

Achievement Highlights:

- The Ministry of Digital Governance has been building the internal capacity to deploy digital systems to manage and centralize data.
 - Onboarded an in-house IT team consisting of a Senior Systems Administrator, Senior Application Developer, Web Developer/Designer, Application Support Analyst, and a Service Desk Analyst.
 - Identified digital systems that can centralize citizen data in one database.
- Reviewing digital investment opportunities and addressing foundational dependencies
 - Upgrading outdated in-house IT infrastructure to support new digital tools.
 - Deployed a corporate intranet for better internal collaboration.
- Building the internal capacity and knowledge base to support the everyday technology needs of departments and ministries.
- Supporting MNBC to be a paperless government by 2025 to reduce waste, save costs and increase efficiency.
- Supporting the development of a digital transformation strategy with consultation with ministries, departments, Métis Chartered Communities, citizens, and other stakeholders.
 - Building a roadmap and timeline for implementation.
- Developing a coordinated communication strategy to work with Ministries and Departments to deploy digital tools to streamline work and centralize citizen data.
- Seeking new funding opportunities to support MNBC's digital initiatives.
- Ensuring Métis Culture, Heritage, and Language remain a priority in our digital transformation.
 - Supporting the development of the Amelia Douglas Institute online museum.
 - Collaborating with external stakeholders such as the BC Ministry of Citizen Services to ensure new government systems are inclusive of Métis language and dialects.

Ministry of ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Respectfully Submitted: **MINISTER – LOUIS DE JAEGER, MBA**
INTERIM SENIOR DIRECTOR – NICK HOSSEINZADEH

In the past 6-months, the Ministry of Economic Development has made great strides in beginning to realize its full potential by developing long-term solutions to provide a sustainable economic future for our Métis entrepreneurs, Métis businesses and the overall economic health of Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC).

The newly formed Presidential Economic Task Force, consists of myself, Nick Hosseinzadeh, Interim Senior Director for Economic Development and four members from the Board of Directors with significant business background and experience including:

Minister Louis De Jaeger MBA - Winner of the BC Aboriginal Business Award for Outstanding Business (Bravo Restaurant & Lounge), 9-Year Board member of Stó:lō Community Futures AFI (Aboriginal Funding Institution)

Vice-President Walter Mineault - Has been a successful entrepreneur for over 20 years. He has worked as a private contractor and has employed many Métis workers.

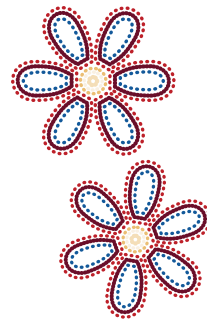
Minister Dean Gladue - Vice-President of TSAARM Resource Management, Board Member of Community Futures AFI (Aboriginal Funding Institution)

Minister Paulette Flamond - was honoured with the 2019 BC Indigenous Business Award of Distinction in recognition of her extraordinary efforts towards economic development and business in the province.

The Team is also supported by Russell Brewer, Chief Public Affairs Officer of MNBC. Russell has a background in Resource Management, Natural Resource Operations, Rural Development, and Finance.

MNBC is now in the process of developing a formal Economic Development Strategy that will form the basis of a long-term vision for MNBC. MNBC has secured an external consultant to help with this process and will work with important stakeholders like the Métis Financial Corporation of BC and the MNBC Business Advisory Committee. A request for proposals (RFP) went out in December and the successful proponent was selected in January, with the project commencing in February.

MNBC is also in the process of revamping its Métis Business Directory on the new and improved website, which will include greater details and service categories for businesses. MNBC has done a campaign

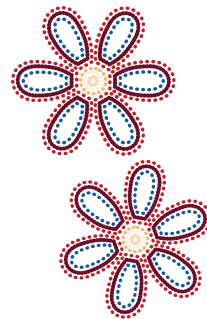


to encourage more Métis Citizens and business owners to list their entities on the directory and will use this to promote them for wider opportunities. The Ministry has been meeting with Métis businesses and entrepreneurs across BC to gain a greater understand of the needs, challenges, opportunities, and risks for businesses in BC. It's MNBC's goal to foster an environment to help uplift, grow, and promote Métis-owned businesses.

MNBC also received funding from the Federal Government to help find more procurement opportunities for Métis businesses in BC. With members of the Métis National Council, MNBC has been exploring ways to partner with Métis governments across Canada to help foster greater collaboration and opportunities. These include discussions on business investment and trade with other Métis Regional Governments and businesses that are involved in International Trade.

The Ministry has been engaging with our joint venture partners to gain a stronger understanding of the partnerships that MNBC has developed over the years. MNBC is also gaining a strong understanding of the needs of industry around BC, to either promote and create new opportunities for business directory members, or to sign new joint venture agreements that will help bring in more sustainable, unrestricted, revenues for MNBC. The Métis Trading Post continues to be a strong source of funds for MNBC.

Ministry of EDUCATION AND MÉTIS EARLY YEARS



Respectfully Submitted: **MINISTER – DEBRA FISHER**
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – SHARLENE WEDEL

The Ministry of Education includes early years and kindergarten to grade 12. A team of thirty-eight dedicated staff collaborates on education policy, legislation, research, partnerships, curriculum, resources and programs and services. Ministry staff are located at MNBC Headquarters, in MNBC Regional offices, in community offices that the Ministry has developed partnerships with, as well as work remotely across B.C. The Ministry of Education continues to implement the Métis Nation Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) framework to create and enhance early learning programs and supports for Métis children and their families, and is anchored in Métis culture and responsive to the unique needs of Métis children and families.

Métis Early Years

Métis early years includes Métis families with children birth to eight years old. The Ministry receives funding from the Government of Canada and the Government of British Columbia to support early learning programs and services for Métis families. These investments from government support the Ministry to advance the vision for Métis children in British Columbia, support Chartered Communities, and Métis children and family service providers.

Métis Children and Family Service Providers

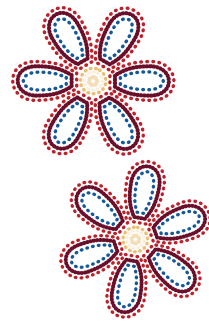
MNBC has invested in Métis children and family agencies across British Columbia to provide support to deliver early learning programs and services for Métis children birth to age eight. These agencies include Island Métis Family and Community Services Society Victoria, Métis Family Services Surrey, Métis Community Services Society of B.C. Kelowna, Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family and Community Services Kamloops, and Niwikowin Métis Family Services Society, Prince George.

Métis Nation B.C. Child Care Plan

MNBC has developed a child care plan that supports Métis families with children birth to age eight. The plan includes partnerships with Métis children and family service providers and Chartered Communities.

Island Métis Family and Community Services opened a child care centre in Saanich in partnership with MNBC. A building in Saanich was renovated to provide 41 child care spaces for Métis children.





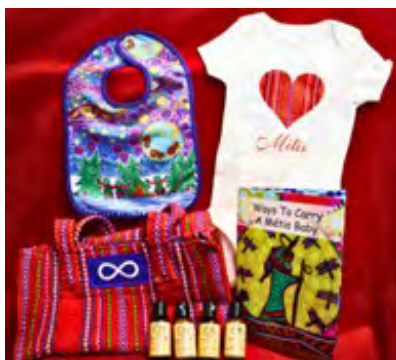
MNBC has purchased land in Kamloops that will include housing and child care. Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family and Community Services, in the fall of 2023, will operate the 112-space child care centre for Métis families with children birth to age 8 which will include an office space for Two River Métis Society. Additionally, the Ministry of Education was successful in receiving \$9 million in Child Care B.C. New Spaces Funding. Plans have begun in the creation of child care spaces in the communities of Surrey (two programs), Fort St. John, and Campbell River for a total increase of 240 child care spaces for children birth to age twelve within these four communities, aiming to open in late 2023 and 2024. These projects include collaborations with the City of Surrey, Métis Family Services, the Fort St. John Métis Society, the North Island Métis Association and Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) where additionally, a KPU Early Childhood Education (ECE) program will provide opportunities for integrated learning practicums that will help contribute to the recruitment and retention of Early Childhood Educators in British Columbia.

Funding, provided under the Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) Early Learning and Child Care Accord is supporting the planning and creation for additional child care spaces in various communities throughout British Columbia. An Expression of Interest was sent out to Métis communities, province wide and the Ministry of Education is exploring the creation of child care with those interested parties.

Métis Family Connections Program – Early Years and Middle Years

The Métis Family Connections Program has continued to assist families with children birth – eight years of age in building a network of support that provides children with early learning and early childhood development opportunities while connecting them to their community and culture and identifying barriers in early learning opportunities across the province. When a child enrolls in the Métis Family Connections program, they receive a cultural kit by mail.

As of December 15, 2022, there are 1324 children birth to age eight enrolled in the Métis Family Connections (MFC) Program, an increase of 312 children or 30.8% since March 2022. Additionally, as of December 15, 2022, there are 220 children enrolled in the Métis Family Connections (MFC) Program ages nine to twelve.

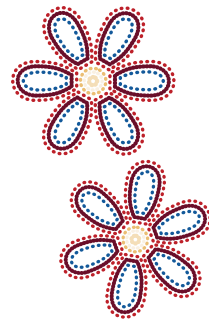


Baby Welcome Kit

A baby welcome kit has been developed and is distributed through the Métis Family Connections program for families who have newborns/babies, that enroll in the program. The kit is comprised of a few age-appropriate cultural resources.

Imagination Library Program

The Imagination Library, a literacy program for children birth to 4



years, has been providing monthly books to Métis children for over 15 years, providing early learning opportunities to our Métis families with children under the age of five. As of December 15, 2022, the program has 490 currently enrolled and 624 children receiving books in 2022. Between January and December 2022 there were a total of 5,531 books mailed to Métis children.

Family Gatherings

It is important that Métis families have opportunities to connect with the Nation and other Métis families while being immersed in their culture. To support this, Métis Family Gatherings take place throughout the province and are planned in specific regions. They are facilitated by provincial and regional staff involving several MNBC ministries as well as the Chartered Communities. In



addition, the Ministry of Education staff attend and support several gatherings and events that are offered throughout the province by other community organizations.

Mobile Bus

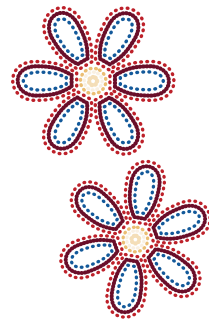
The Mobile Bus initiative will further support families in our communities. The three 2023 vans will be fully equipped and will bring culture and resources to each community by visiting parks, drop-in programs, events, and other community gatherings. The buses will be made available to all staff however, they will be primarily accessed by the Métis Family Connections Program. Deposit has been made on these three vehicles, with the anticipated date of June 2023 to have them on the road.

Miyoopimatishihk (Wellbeing) Program

The Miyoopimatishihk program continues to support Métis families removing barriers by providing funding through MNBC to offset the costs of early years supports. As of December 15, 2022, there were 152 children accessing the program, with a total of 206 funding requests between January 1 to December 15, 2022, for supports ranging from assessments to therapies to assist them with successful learning opportunities in the early years.

Growing Our Children- Creation of Métis Family Child Care

We launched our Growing our Children program to support Métis families to open small in-home child care businesses, referred to as Registered Licensed Not Required child care. By delivering The Good Beginnings Professional Development program, participants will explore areas of child care and be guided through the steps to create the policies and procedures necessary to develop their business, introduce them to a network of Family Child Care Providers, and provide them with cultural resources and connections to the Métis community. In 2022 two cohorts of Métis citizens completed the course for a total of 11 graduates.



Métis Child Care Benefit Program

On March 1st, 2022, the Ministry of Education launched the Métis Child Care Benefit Program, funding support to meet the needs of Métis families accessing licensed child care, that includes licensed care for children birth to age twelve. Our Child Care Coordinators support families to access and apply for the Provincial Affordable Child Care Benefit Program (ACCB) and then provide access to the Métis Child Care Benefit program if ACCB does not cover the costs of child care. As of December 15, 2022, there were 310 children supported by this benefit.

In addition to supporting licensed child care, as of November the program was expanded to include a supplement for Winter and Spring Break to assist Métis families with their child care needs during Winter and Spring break school closures. There were 49 applications for the Winter Break Supplement.

Maachi Kashkihtow Mamawii (Learning together, Sharing Métis Culture)

Maachi Kashkihtow Mamawii is a professional development workshop in understanding, identifying, and supporting Métis children and culture in early years programming. Through interactive workshops, facilitators share information on Métis history and culture in Canada. Using cultural resources, facilitators demonstrate how to incorporate cultural items into early years programs and activities. In 2022, 17 workshops were provided to over 330 Early Childhood Education Professionals.

Métis Early Years Cultural and Language

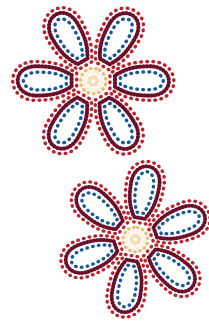


The Métis Early Years Cultural Resource Development Project aims to develop and implement Métis resources in British Columbia. Although there is an increased focus on Indigenous Early Years in B.C. and Canada, including child care, early learning, and culture and language, there are currently few, if any, Métis cultural resources for the early years (birth to eight). Métis families, communities, early childhood educators, early years agencies, service providers and

schools have limited access to distinctions-based (Métis) resources. We anticipate the launch of this kit by March 31, 2023.

Funding for Métis Early Childhood Educators

In partnership with STEPS (Skills Training, Education, and Post-Secondary) MNBC's Ministry of Education understands that a qualified workforce is the critical foundation to the success of all components of the Child Care B.C. Plan. Early Childhood Educators and other Early Care and Learning professionals are the heart of the child care sector. Our existing workforce must expand to ensure programs are operating



within legislated requirements, and there is a sufficient supply of qualified professionals to work in all programs, whether existing or new. Qualified Early Childhood professionals are key to creating a quality child care system. By increasing the number of students entering, re-establishing, and graduating from recognized ECE post-secondary programs, these programs provide students with the competencies and knowledge required to work with children, birth to age five, in licensed preschools and child care centres.

Capilano University's Early Childhood Care and Education program is an internationally recognized centre of research, renowned for its commitment to reconceptualizing pedagogy within early childhood care and education. We are excited to have joined forces with Capilano University and Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) to offer the Early Childhood Care and Education Diploma, at KPU.

MNBC's Ministry of Education is supporting individuals with funding for Early Childhood Education (ECE) training. To date we have funded 11 ECE Students to access ECE programs across the province.

The Métis Early Childhood Education Supplement

The Métis ECE Supplement is to support our licensed Métis ECE's and ECEA's who are working in licensed child care programs across the province with a financial supplement.

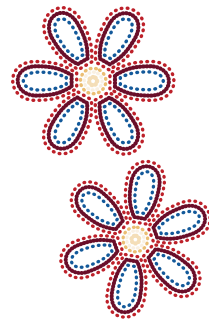
Compensation has been identified as a critical issue and significant barrier to recruitment and retention across the early learning sector. Providing incentives shows educators that MNBC values the work that is being done in early learning programs. To date we have eight Métis Early Childhood Educators accessing this initiative

Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia (ECEBC) Paid Membership

MNBC is offering a paid annual membership for Métis Early Childhood Educators, Métis Early Childhood Assistants, and Métis ECE Students to become members of Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia, (ECEBC) The Métis Early Childhood Education ECEBC Membership will allow Métis ECE's and ECE students to have a voice and be a part of the thousands of professional friends and colleagues throughout B.C. The more voices Métis ECE's have and ECEBC represents, the stronger position we have to educate and advance the rights and needs of early childhood educators, children, and families.

Métis Early Childhood Appreciation

In May 2022 we recognized and honored several Métis Early Childhood Educators. These Métis Child Care Professionals are incorporating Métis culture into their environment to create a culturally safe spaces for Métis children. Their passion for Métis culture and sharing their knowledge with children creates Métis citizens who have a strong self-identity. A total of 15 Métis Early Childhood Educators were nominated for a Child Care Appreciation Award.



Early Learning and Child Care Engagement

The Child Care B.C. plan specifies that Indigenous children and families are to have full access to all child care system enhancements and that government has an obligation to ensure Indigenous children, families, and communities have access to child care that meets their specific needs.

Engagement with the Métis Nation is required to explore the proposed approaches and strategies to support Métis-led child care in B.C. Engagement with Métis families and communities presents an opportunity for government to verify whether existing and future child care B.C. initiatives are meeting the needs of Métis families. Additionally, the DRIPA has implications for engagement on legislative and administrative measures affecting Indigenous Peoples. The Act affirms the application of the U.N. Declaration to the laws of B.C., and Article 19 of the U.N. Declaration requires government to consult and cooperate with Indigenous Peoples and obtain their free, prior, and informed consent on such matters.

Métis Early Childhood Pedagogy Network

In partnership with the Early Childhood Pedagogy Network, Métis Pedagogists support early learning programs, tailoring their approach to regional characteristics and distinct needs of local families and communities. Our MNBC Pedagogists create spaces for vibrant public conversations about pedagogical projects and process that matter to early childhood communities in British Columbia.

Professional Standard 9 Video with BCTC and Partners

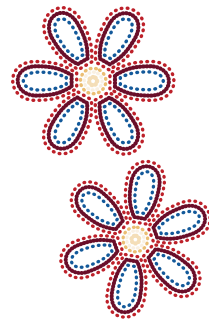
The purpose of the video is to support the much-needed change in the B.C. education system and professional teaching standards, by bringing attention to the new standard and encouraging educators to engage in their professional responsibility, wherever they may be on their journey. The video aims to contribute towards truth, reconciliation, and healing for Indigenous peoples in B.C., and serve as an important step towards the decolonization of the K12 education system. Métis are explicitly referenced multiple times throughout the video in this new version. The next steps with this project include interviewing educators to showcase impactful inclusion practices – six recommendations have been made regarding teachers utilizing Métis resources to ensure Métis visibility.

K-12 STEERING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted, and continues to impact, students, staff, and families in many ways, with some longer-term impacts of the pandemic yet to be realized. Since the onset of the covid-19 pandemic, education partners have met regularly to adapt province wide K-12 policy informed by the most up to date information by the BCCDC.

Métis Education Agreement

This tri-partite agreement is the first of its kind in the province, outlining shared responsibilities for Métis learners and families who are served by the greater Victoria school district. Agreements are now



being drafted in six other districts, growing equity, and strengthening relationships between school districts and Métis community.

B.C. Health Foods Guidelines Engagement

The Guidelines for Food & Beverage Sales in B.C. Schools (the Guidelines) were first released in 2005, and last updated in 2013. The Guidelines

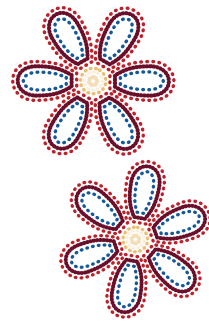
support schools in providing food that meets the nutritional needs of students while limiting access to unhealthy foods that do not support learning and contribute to chronic disease later in life. The Guidelines are currently being refreshed to best align with the 2019 Canada Food Guide, the most recent evidence, and the current marketplace.

The 2022 guidelines will be a set of voluntary, evidence-based nutrition standards for foods and beverages that are offered, sold, and served in schools. They do not apply to foods and beverages children bring to school. The refreshed guidelines are intended to support school staff and Parent Advisory Councils in creating healthy school food environments that will support the long-term health and learning outcomes of B.C. students, and they are meant to encourage, support, and inspire schools to make small changes, when and where possible and in a way that best meets the unique needs of their school community.

The B.C. Ministry of Health is currently in the consultation stage of the refresh process, and have engaged with public health, the food and beverage industry, and the education sector. They approached MNBC to support engagement with Métis students and families to determine whether the draft guidelines would serve (or not serve) Métis students, and if not, how the province can better support nutrition and wellness for Métis students in the school setting. MNBC surveyed 329 households with Métis children and are in the process of writing a report.

Foundational Management Standards and Training for K-12 Education Leaders

The Ministry of Education and the B.C. School Superintendents Association (BCSSA) have partnered to develop a provincial training program to support school leaders, in collaboration with rights holders and K-12 education partners. This training will aim to ensure school leaders have the knowledge and competencies they need to create the conditions for student success. This project reflects the shared values and commitment of the education sector to empower school leaders and ensure they are prepared for their role in supporting equity of opportunity and outcomes for all students. The B.C. Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association were successful in applying to lead the development of this project's consortium. MNBC is one of many education partners involved in the development of seven training modules. Phase 1 of this project focuses on school-level leadership. It is envisioned that



subsequent phases will build additional modules for other leadership positions in the sector, creating invaluable opportunities for relationship building. MNBC has received funding from BCSSA to contract Education sector experts to support the development of a Métis-specific module, which will cover important themes such as Métis identity, history, culture, governance, education needs/barriers, and perspectives on cultural wellness. The pilot is aimed to launch in August 2023 and will be offered in both French and English.

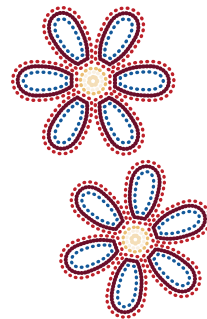
FRAMEWORK FOR ENHANCED STUDENT LEARNING

The framework for enhancing student learning brings a formalized approach to the planning and reporting expectations for schools with a focus on enhancing student learning and success. It combines accountability with evidence-informed decision making and system-wide continuous improvement to support equity of outcomes for all students in the provincial K-12 public system. The framework also reflects a public commitment by First Nations and Métis rightsholders, education partners and communities to work together to improve student learning and enhance the intellectual, social and career development of all learners.

In alignment with B.C.'s commitment to the draft principles that guide the province of British Columbia's relationship with indigenous peoples, the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation commission and the United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples, MNBC has been included in this important structural change to the expectations laid out in the school act on district planning and reporting. School boards have been directed to take a similar approach to collaboration with First Nations and Métis governments and communities to identify specific actions to support equitable outcomes and opportunities for indigenous students through a distinctions-based lens.

Over half of B.C.'s public-school boards have opted into the framework reporting and evaluation process. MNBC did a call out for education-sector volunteers, resulting in districts in all seven regions having Métis-specific guidance on inclusive practice, culturally appropriate consultation, and strategic planning as well as reporting.

Ministry of ELDERS



Respectfully Submitted: **MINISTER – RAYNIE GERVAIS**
 DIRECTOR – GABY CAMPBELL

ELDER PROGRAMS:

Elders Temporary Financial Assistance

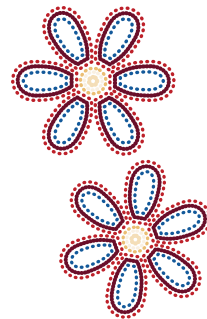
MNBC has supported over eight waves of funding to our Elders since the implementation of the funding. \$250,000 has been granted to our Elders, with over 600 Elders in BC accessing the funds. Grants were increased to \$500 for single applicants or \$750 for couples. The increase was decided as many Elders and Seniors were experiencing barriers and hardship with the price of fuel and goods hastily increasing in 2022. This program has been in high demand and is currently on a waitlist due to the continued effects of inflation, which has affected our Elders and Seniors at a disproportionate level because many are on fixed incomes. The small assistances have not been increased.

Métis Elders and Seniors Assistant Program (MESAP)

Launched in 2021 and continuing into 2022, this program has shown significant demands for low-income Métis Elders and Seniors in BC. The program grants \$2,500 to single household applicants and \$4,000 to applicants who are married/or common-law that are low-income. This is to support Elders that require any health-related assistance, which, as we know that is a great need in our Nation. This grant will assist with the financial burden our Elders are experiencing when seeking out dental/dentures, hearing aids, eyewear/eye examination, etc. Since launching the program, Ministry of Elders has granted over \$678,000 to support low-income Elders and Seniors with over 250 applicants. Currently, there are over 25 individuals on a waitlist to access the program. The program has shown significant needs for Elders and seniors for eyewear, eye exams, wheelchair, scooters, hearing aids, dentures, and many other services and equipment that our Elders cannot afford with fixed income. We continue to hear the need for accessibility to health benefits and insurance not only for our Elders but for their families and low-income families.

Lii Pleu Vyeu Wiichehew – Elders/Seniors Supportive Care Grants

As the holiday season began and the year started closing, Métis Chartered Communities had the opportunity to apply for an 'LPVW' Supportive Care Grant. This grant, \$5,000 per community, is designed to bring together Elders and Seniors in their community and support them in engaging in communications around safely aging and accessing supportive care. Honouring and caring for our Elders and Seniors through connecting them to supportive care in their communities and creating networks of age-appropriate healthy living opportunities. Many Métis Chartered Communities applied



for the program holding various events that included a gathering of Elders, getting them outdoors, cultural activities, and bringing in fall prevention leaders or activities to inform Elders on aging safely.

Elder Virtual Healing Circle:

The Ministry of Elders held its first Healing Circle in July of 2021 shortly after finding the unmarked graves in Kamloops. The healing circle brought together Elders and Seniors. It was conducted in a culturally safe space where Elders could share their journeys and support each other during each person's personal journey. We have heard and seen the need for Elders' engagement throughout the circle and collaborate with cultural activities. Planning for Elders and Youth to connect in a sharing circle is planned for early 2023

Supportive Care Dialogues

The dialogues identified a gap for Métis Elders and seniors around supportive care and undertook an assessment of what is required to address these gaps and implement culturally relevant supportive care programs and services.

Through this assessment, we aimed to gain a better understanding of needs, barriers, and opportunities for

Métis-specific supportive care services, which include, but are not limited to, assisted living, respite, extended care, palliation, and hospice.

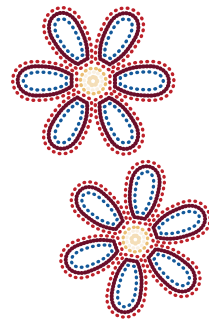


The Supportive Care Assessment team conducted engagements with Métis Elders and Seniors, caregivers, healthcare workers, and Métis leadership to discuss and identify regional needs and priorities with respect to providing supportive care to Métis Elders and seniors in BC and to provide recommendations to help improve culturally relevant service delivery. The team also engaged with existing programs and services who are doing innovative work in this area to learn from these promising practices. A virtual gathering with Elders and Seniors was held in December 2022 to review the final draft of the report to ensure that our Elders and Seniors were seen in the report and the recommendations.

Papal Visit

July 24-27, 2022. 40 Métis Residential School Survivors and those who have been affected by the Intergenerational Trauma, MNBC Community Leadership, and staff joined Métis National Council, Governing Members, and the rest of the country to be present at the Papal apology to Indigenous peoples





at Maskwacis and Lac St. Anne Alta. The journey to Alberta with our survivors had many emotions, many of us gathered and supported our Elders through this process and tears, laughs, hugs, and food were shared.

"Hello Gaby, I just wanted to say thanks to you and MNBC for all that you did for me and others this past week and all the planning leading up to it"

"There was a great sense of community and everyone made me feel so welcomed and supported. Our nation and otherwise"

"The trip was very difficult but so rewarding for me and though I had no expectations of what I would get out of it I actually got so much more than I thought I might"

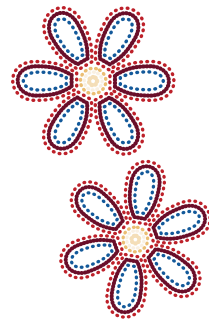
"It definitely added a very worthwhile piece or two to the puzzle that has been my personal healing. I was not one who was dependent on the popes apology to move forward, but I believe the whole experience of being there and with others on their own journey of sorting through their personal healing and healing as families and communities has certainly contributed to help bring things full circle for me. It's all appreciated more than I can truly express and an experience I will always remember and be able to share with others. Thank you again for your kindness and dedication. Lots of love and gratitude to you!"

"Hello Gaby, I just wanted to express my deepest gratitude to you and your team at MNBC for leading, organizing and coordinating the papal event. We are so grateful for the opportunity and it was a very meaningful experience for me and my family. We also really enjoyed getting to know others of the Métis Nation of BC. We wish to thank MNBC for their gracious support"

Métis Residential School Survivors

- On June 24th, 2022, the Ministry of Elders hosted a virtual gathering for residential school survivors and intergenerational survivors to gather to start the planning of a forum for residential school survivors and intergenerational survivors. The 1-hour call displayed several individuals ready to share their stories for their healing journey and to educate others, ideas of books being made with stories, and audio stories to be recorded.
- September 30th to October 2nd, 2022, the Ministry of Elders hosted a Métis Residential School and Intergenerational Survivor's Gathering. The three-day event began with attending a BC Lions game on September 30th. The game was to bring awareness to Truth and Reconciliation in Canada. The next day the gathering was a mix of speakers and self-care for the individuals in attendance. Métis hair and make-up artists joined the event with a photographer to give the attendees photos from the event to be able to give to family members, keep for themselves or use for professional reasons. A podcast was also recorded for select individuals who felt ready to share their stories from a Métis perspective. The event ended with a morning of discussion of what the participants would like to see going forward and what they want





to see from Métis Nation of BC. MNBC Ministry of Elders is collaboratively working with Métis Elders and Survivors to plan the second Métis Residentials & Intergenerational Survivor gathering in the spring of March of 2023.

National Gathering on Unmarked Burials: Supporting the Search and Recovery of Missing Children:

The Ministry of Elders attended one of the National Gathering on Unmarked Burials in preparation for the Residential School and Intergenerational Survivor's gathering to listen and to learn. The gathering focused mainly on the techniques that are being used to aid during this extremely important work. The conference was a three day event that brought in different perspectives for how to move forward to be able to bring as many children home as possible.

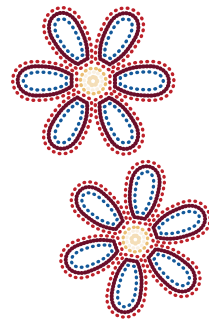
2022 Indigenous Disability and Wellness Gathering:

The Ministry of Elders and BC Women's representative of Region 2, Carmen Carriere, attended the gathering to learn and engage with how better to serve our citizens with different levels of abilities. The three-day event was held in Victoria, with vendors and speakers coming in to create connections and share resources. The event was put on by British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability (BCANDS). It was important to attend this event to begin having the Métis perspective in these important settings for change and discussions around abilities. Carmen Carriere and Gaby Campbell were powerful voices for the Métis at the event, asking many questions that were poignant and piercing to ensure that the voice of Métis was heard and included.

Northern Elders Program:

Hosted on Lheidli T'enne territory which is also the home to the Prince George Métis Community Association (PGMCA), this program allows MNBC's Ministry of Elders, along with Veterans and PGMCA opportunities to celebrate with Métis Elders and Seniors who reside in the Prince George and surrounding communities. In June of 2022, together, 35 Métis Elders, along with a few members of the MNBC team gathered, shared stories, and enjoyed a musical performance at the Prince George Native Friendship Centre. The Ministry of Health was also present to share resources including the Northern Health Virtual Clinic, Cancer Care, and other services available to Elders and Seniors in the Northern Health Authority region.

Ministry of ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND NATURAL RESOURCES



Respectfully Submitted: **MINISTER – SUSIE HOOPER (Environmental Protection)**
 MINISTER – DEAN GLADUE (Natural Resources)
 SENIOR DIRECTOR – LEONA SHAW

The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources is mandated to promote the conservation and protection of the land, environment, and natural resources in British Columbia through responsible stewardship guided by Métis values and traditional knowledge. The Ministry is responsible for overseeing initiatives related to natural resources, land, and Métis traditional knowledge across all MNBC departments and Ministries. Current priorities include, but are not limited to Climate Change, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Harvesting and Land use, migratory bird management and conservation, and Species at Risk. This Ministry works closely with the British Columbia Métis Assembly of Natural Resources (BCMANR).

This past year, this Ministry managed the large COVID-19 special project. This funding came through Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). The goal was to support Chartered Communities directly and to provide programs that were effective in helping Métis people throughout BC to alleviate some of the pressures and challenges faced during the pandemic. MNBC Senior Staff from each Ministry at MNBC were consulted with, and provided feedback, to build this plan. The recommendations and plans were then approved by the Cabinet.

Highlights since the AGM (September 2022):

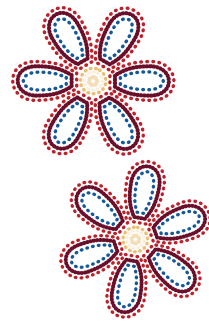
Environmental Protection:

Capacity Building:

- MOEPNR gained three incredible FTE in September/October 2022
 - 1 Environmental Protection Coordinator (for a total of 2)
 - 1 Food Security Coordinator
 - 1 Natural Resources Consultation Manager
- At least 2 more FTE will be hired in January/February 2023
 - 1 Parks and Conservation Advisor (TBD)
 - 1 Policy Analyst – Legislative and Emergency Management

The United Nations Biodiversity Conference (COP15)

- Minister Hooper and 2 MNBC staff (along with MNC and other Governing members) attended



COP15 in Montreal, Quebec, December 2022.

- COP15 ended with a landmark agreement to guide global action on nature through to 2030.
- Representatives from 188 governments and numerous Indigenous Nations attended the event.

MNBC-MIRR Technical Table: Environmental Protection and Harvesting

- Held first meeting in December 2022
- Met with numerous leaders and technical staff within the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, the Ministry of Land, Water and Resources Stewardship, and the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.
- Discussed priorities such as harvesting, climate change, emergency management, and conservation.
- Second meeting will be early 2023.

BCMANR and Harvesting

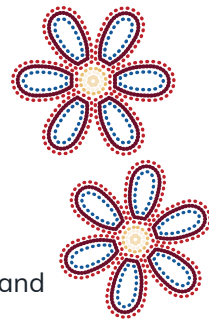
- Annual online Harvester Survey opened January 2023.
 - Working with Registry to create an updated Harvester Card (to be released spring 2023)
 - Working with IT to transfer Harvester Database to new MNBC platform (after survey closes June 2023)
- Creating “BCMANR Laws of the Harvest” booklet (to be released spring 2023)
- Face-to-face meetings in September 2022 and January 2023
- Supporting BCMANR to participate in the Jasper National Park Caribou recovery programming and discussions.
- Supporting BCMANR to participate in the MNBC Rights Committee, Environmental Advisory Committee, and the RRISD table.

Wilderness Awareness Course and Certificate (ongoing)

- The Ministry has continued the work with WildSafeBC to bring the Wildlife Awareness and Safety Course to community members. This course provides an overview of key species that can pose a safety concern to people in BC. It reviews the risk factors that lead to conflict and ways to minimize these risks. Each community that registers to take the course and passes the exam will earn a certificate. The course is completed online.

Carbon-Offsetting travel plan approved

- As MNBC progresses along the path towards self-government, we have the opportunity to become a leader in environmentally conscious policies and procedures, like a commitment to



operate on a net-zero, carbon-neutral basis.

- The cabinet approved that the MNBC will purchase high quality offsets from userfriendly and Canadian-focused CarbonZero to offset some travel costs.
- The MOEPNR will release the pilot results early 2023.

Home Garden Program

- Partnered with West Coast Seeds to support 300 Métis households in 2023
- Families will get seeds and \$200 grant to purchase supplies
- 50 households also supported to receive mason bees to promote pollinators
- Monthly gardening newsletters being sent out.

Climate Change – Food Security and Food Access:

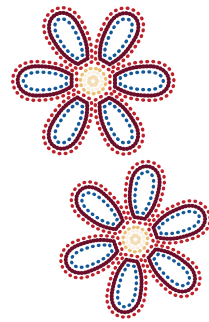
- Online survey launched and closed in October/November 2023.
- Results and report are being compiled.
- Report to be presented to the Cabinet EPC spring 2023.

Emergency Management

- Continued work on the Co-Development of the Emergency Program Act with Emergency Management BC (EMBC).
 - The Emergency Program Act was enacted in 1993
 - Climate change is driving more frequent and severe events
 - Critical gaps in current legislation
 - Minister Hooper has met with Minister Farnworth (twice) to discuss the progress of the co-development process.
 - Staff meet with EMBC technical staff to discuss the legislation and provide feedback (4 meetings in total so far)
- Heat Alert Response System (HARS) project from Interior Health
 - Supported 9 communities with small grants
 - Hosted one workshop to discuss project and best practices.
- Special project - COVID wave 5 is ongoing

Committees

- Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) – ongoing
 - This Committee is made up of 4 Cabinet members, a BCMANR representative, and five community members.



- Met with Province to discuss the Watershed Security Strategy
- Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) – ongoing
 - This Committee continues to meet to advocate for Emergency Preparedness Plans and internal capacity to best support Métis communities within B.C.
- Métis National Council Environment Committee - ongoing
 - The technical members meet biweekly and advocate on a Federal level for Métis specific funding for conservation, climate change, and other environmental related programing.
 - TOR for new Joint Table with Canada being created (Climate Change focused)

New Funding/Proposals submitted for:

- Indigenous Protected Conservation Areas (IPCAs)
- Indigenous Climate Leadership (ICL)
- Species at Risk (SAR)
- TCEI (Terrestrial Cumulative Effects Initiative)
- Natural Resources initiatives, including consultation and engagement

Approved/Renewed Agreements:

- CWS – Migratory Birds (3 year)
- Guardians (4-year)
- Parks Canada (2.5 year)
- Climate Monitoring (3 year)
- Climate Policy and Table (2 year)
- EMBC – Emergency legislation review (7-month contract)

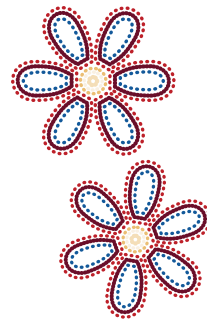
Natural Resources:

Capacity Building

- 1 Natural Resources Consultation Manager

Revamping internal operational processes and exploring consultation portals:

- As MNBC continues to receive consultation requests from proponents and government agencies, we have an opportunity to introduce an efficient, adaptive online system to store, track, and visualize consultation packages.
- Historically, staff member(s) responsible for consultation would work on files from their hard drive



and/or in their outlook inboxes. When they moved out of the position, the files were not always relocated to a centralized location on the network drive and over time has resulted in loss of information about ongoing consultation projects and final decisions.

- Moving to a centralized online portal (“portal”) will ensure all consultation files and decisions are more reliably accessible and can help increase the efficiency of the consultation management process.

Métis Traditional Knowledge Policy (MTK Policy)

- The MNBC Consultation Guidelines were updated and released in 2020. The MTK Policy was removed and is being updated by the NR team and BCMANR.
- Research protocols are also being explored and updated.

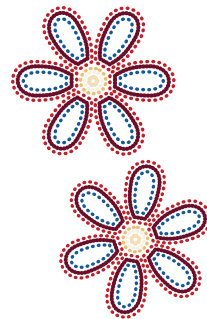
Relationship with the Canadian Regulator (CER).

- The Canadian Energy Regulators (CER’s) commitment statement from June 2022 acknowledges its commitment to advance the co-development of a collaborative mechanism to enhance the involvement of Indigenous Nations, settlements, and groups (Indigenous communities) relating to pipeline compliance and oversight of the NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. system (NGTL system).
- CER is developing an initiative to co-develop a collaborative mechanism with Indigenous Peoples relating to pipeline compliance and oversight of the NGTL System. The aim of the initiative is to foster discussions regarding the rights and interests of Indigenous Peoples as they relate to the compliance and oversight for all existing NGTL pipeline projects regulated by the CER, including the 2021 NGTL System Expansion Project, Edson Mainline Expansion Project, and North Corridor Expansion Project. The new mechanism would also apply to future CER-regulated pipelines that may be added to the NGTL system, such as the proposed NGTL West Path Delivery 2023 Project, if approved.
- CER is planning initial meetings between CER leadership and Indigenous leadership who are potentially affected by the NGTL system.
- MNBC will be participating in these discussions in February 2023.

Other:

- MNBC continues to follow numerous proposed projects throughout the Province. We continue to attend meetings, send comments, and share information with Communities.
- In 2023, the NR team is committed to building better communications with communities so that information about projects can be shared in a more meaningful way.

Ministry of HEALTH



Respectfully Submitted: **MINISTER – LOUIS DE JAEGER**
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – TANYA DAVOREN

Ministry Highlights

Relationship Building

MNBC's Ministry of Health has had a long-standing relationship with the Office of Indigenous Health and Reconciliation in the BC Ministry of Health. This year we received funding from the BC Government to expand our regional staff and work more closely with Health Authorities and Métis Chartered Communities. Continued funding from the BC Government has enabled our participation at the province's Task Team for In Plain Sight, and ensured the Métis voice is heard in the work.

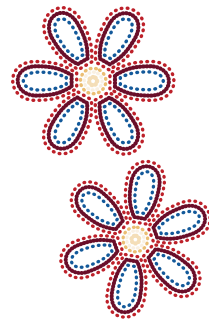
Letters of Understanding

MNBC's Ministry of Health continues to advocate at the health authority level for Letters of Understanding (LOU) to ensure Métis people are included in health authority health plans and initiatives. Interior Health Authority, Vancouver Island Health Authority, Fraser Health Authority, and Northern Health Authority all have active LOU's in place and we are excited to announce that Vancouver Coastal Health and MNBC signed an LOU on November 24th, 2022 and the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) will be signing a Letter of Understanding with MNBC at the MNGA. These Letters of Understanding have created leadership tables where Métis cabinet members and staff meet on a quarterly basis with Health Authority leadership and lead staff. This increased level of engagement ensures Métis people are included in the planning and delivery of current and future Indigenous-focused programs and services, and that Métis voices and experiences are heard throughout the healthcare system.

With the signing of the LOU between MNBC and Vancouver Coastal Health, we have made significant progress toward Recommendation 7 of the *In Plain Sight* report which committed the province to supporting the development of collaborative relationships and LOUs between MNBC, Métis Chartered Communities and the health authorities, and should improve the recognition and engagement of Métis across the healthcare system.

Addressing Racism Investigation

The "In Plain Sight" report published in the fall of 2020 included 24 recommendations for addressing Indigenous-specific racism in BC. Both elected officials and staff from MNBC have participated on the provincial Task Team, working to ensure Métis voices and experiences are accurately reflected in the table's work. The provincial mandate to support the Task Team approaches its end in Summer 2023



and the first in-person meeting is planned for January. MNBC has set a strategic direction to address our goals and needs from this meeting and the remaining months of the mandate, and has seen value from our participation through numerous opportunities to comment on provincial legislation and to provide input and feedback on the direction of specific programs and services.

The report can be found here: <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/613/2020/11/In-Plain-Sight-Summary-Report.pdf> and the *In Plain Sight*: Annual Report can be found here: <https://alpha.gov.bc.ca/assets/download/5287CDF86B8B4C4183484AD9A885AEE6>

Métis National Health Forum

In October 2022, 10 members from MNBC's Ministry of Health, Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction, and Ministry of Elders and Veterans attended a national health forum in Gatineau. Through this forum, MNBC shared success stories of our work across BC in data, community support, mental health and substance use programming, and our work around supportive care.

Through this gathering, we shared the resilience of the Métis with representatives from Indigenous Services Canada, the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, Statistics Canada, the Canadian Institute for Health Information, the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer, Healthcare Excellence Canada, the Mental Health Commission of Canada, and more. Each of these organizations have since engaged in relationships with MNBC as we look to expand the health programs and services delivered to Métis across BC.

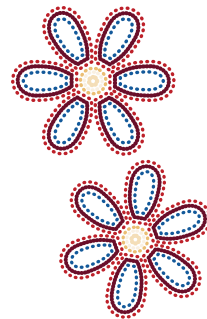


Métis Patient Experience Reporting

Program planning is in progress to build an internal system at MNBC to support Métis Citizens across the province to help navigate any complaints, concerns or feedback they have about their health experience.

Since August 2022, the Métis Patient Experience portfolio has engaged with Patient Care Quality Offices (PCQO) across the province, including Northern, Interior, Fraser, Vancouver Coastal, Island, Provincial Health Services and First Nations health authorities and the Ministry of Health. Through a series of virtual meet and greets, we are connecting with PCQO and Indigenous Health staff to introduce the Métis Patient Experience Advocate role and share how MNBC can contribute to the complaints and feedback process system transformation to be more culturally safe, inclusive, and equitable for Métis. The portfolio has received invitations to and is actively participating in several care and complaints process working groups across the province.

The Métis Patient Experience portfolio is supporting planning for the upcoming Provincial Dialogue Sessions on Cultural Safety and Humility Training and Education (March 2023) and the annual BC Patient Safety and Quality Council Quality Forum (June 2023).



Naomie's Story

In November 2022, the Métis Patient Experience portfolio supported a Métis woman and their family to share the story of their care experience, Naomie's story. Naomie was a Métis woman who died from overdose after experiencing lack of culturally safe care through the health and mental health systems. Their story was submitted to the Honourable Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, containing memories of Naomie, general recommendations, considerations and advocating for needed change to support the Métis.

Canadian Conference for Global Health



The Canadian Conference for Global Health was held from November 21 to 23, 2022 in Toronto, Canada. This year's conference was attended by 10 MNBC Ministry of Health staff. The theme was built around equity, diversity, inclusion, justice, and global health in times of crisis. There are a few takeaways from this conference that are relevant towards the work we do within the Ministry of Health, including Digital Storytelling - a

concept of a storyteller sharing their story through a digital means, and sustainability and longevity of programs in community.

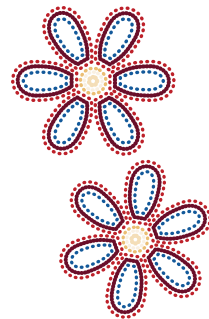
Community Support

In 2022, The Regional Health Coordinator (RHC) program has been expanded to meet the diverse needs of communities. We have hired four Regional Health Coordinators (RHC) across the province, with one in the Interior, Vancouver Island, Lower Mainland and North. In addition, we have also hired a Provincial Health & Wellness Manager who will be supporting the day-to-day activities and operations of the RHC's.

The RHC's have worked closely with Métis Chartered Communities and their Citizens to support them in navigating their regional health systems. The coordinators work hard advocating for Métis people within healthcare and connecting folks to relevant resources and funding opportunities available through MNBC, their chartered communities, and the province. Since October, The RHC's have successfully supported over 75 complex service requests that were referred by internal Ministries, Métis Chartered Communities, outside agencies and direct community requests. They have also planned and executed several health days within their communities, including a successful health clinic at the 2022 AGM, which saw more than 60 Citizens from across BC receive blood pressure and blood glucose testing.

The Provincial Health and Wellness Manager will work closely with the RHC's and MNBC's Ministry of





Health management team to ensure communities needs are met by triaging to the appropriate RHC. They will also look for funding opportunities and ensure our health authority partners' cultural wellness plans keep momentum by tying them back to MOH's Strategic Plan. They also supervise MNBC's HPV self-collection North project.

There have been several professional development opportunities for our staff this year. These include, Lateral Kindness, Mental Health First Aid, Indigenous End of Life Guide (five-day course), HPV 101, and other opportunities to learn about Indigenous Health.

Contact health@mNBC.ca to be connected to your local Regional Health Coordinator or Provincial Health & Wellness Manager.

MNBC's HPV self-collection Project (CervixCheck)

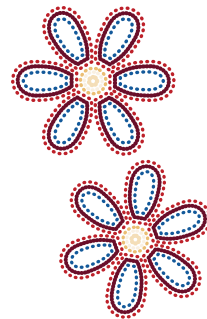
Since 2019, MNBC has partnered with the University of British Columbia, University of Northern British Columbia, and Métis Chartered Communities located throughout Northwest British Columbia.

CervixCheck (HPV testing) is gaining global acceptance as a more effective strategy to prevent cervical cancer. Given significant disparities in rates of invasive cervical cancer among Métis women and persons with a cervix in British Columbia, there is a critical need to engage Métis communities in cervical cancer screening in ways that overcome challenges created by disparate geographies, health care provider shortages, and a dark legacy of colonialism. Using innovative technology and culturally appropriate engagement strategies, our program is reducing barriers and supporting community members in being engaged in their health journey with the goal of reducing cervical cancer rates within Métis Chartered Communities.

As of June 2022, the program received increased funding which allowed us to extend for another three years, hire a full time Coordinator, and expand into neighbouring communities. Through extensive community consultation, the expansion has now moved into the Northeast, BC.



We began community engagement August 2022 with five of MNBC's northeast BC Métis Chartered Communities: Chetwynd (Moccasin Flats Métis Society), Dawson Creek (Northeast Métis Association), Fort St. John (FSJ Métis Society), Hudson's Hope (River of Peace Métis Society) and Kelly Lake/Tumbler Ridge (Métis Community Society of Kelly Lake). The engagements were to offer drop-in information sessions, a health fair (FSJ) and to establish contacts within communities. We are also working with community to develop an



engagement plan moving into the Northeast.

In November, it was an honor to present at the Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak/Women of the Métis Nation gathering in Ottawa. There we had an opportunity to speak to over 200 Métis women and people with a cervix from across the homeland. This upcoming April 2023, we are excited to present our research at the International

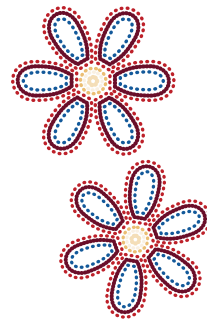
Papillomavirus Conference that is being held in Washington, D.C.

COVID-19

MNBC health staff have worked extremely hard throughout the pandemic to ensure Métis people are kept apprised of COVID-19 updates as the information becomes available. The constantly evolving restrictions and safety measures has been a challenge, but we have done our best to provide up to date and current information as COVID-19 and the variants of concern continue to evolve.

For more information on the Ministry of Health please email health@mnbc.ca Thank you to all of our Métis Chartered Communities for their time and support!

Ministry of HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS



Respectfully Submitted: MINISTER – WALTER MINEAULT
SENIOR DIRECTOR – KEN BOURDEAU

The Ministry of Housing and Homelessness works to advance housing stability and the development of social infrastructure for Métis Citizens. The Ministry addresses three core service areas:

1. Policy analysis and long-range planning
2. Creation and administration of housing support programs
3. Acquisition and development of housing, community facilities, and other infrastructure

Ma Nîki Home Seniors Home Renovation Program

The Seniors Home Renovation Program funded 69 Seniors from April 1, 2022, to December 15, 2022.

- This program administered **\$1,047,757.90** to Métis Citizens this year, primarily focusing on those who were affected by B.C.'s 2021 Climate Crisis and those in the Northern and Okanagan regions.
- Average Citizens funded per month is 9 to 14 depending on the required scope of work.
- Most common repairs for Métis citizens:
 - HVAC, Central Air Conditioning and Hot water tanks
 - Roofing & Gutter repair
 - Wood rot & Mold repair
 - Electrical repairs
 - Mobility/Accessibility (Bathroom renovations & entryways/exits)

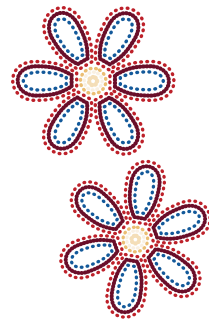
COVID-19 Emergency Supports (Emergency Shelter and Crisis Support):

The Ministry of Housing continues to provide immediate support to Métis citizens who demonstrate financial need due to the pandemic. This program provides financial support for utilities, food, phone bills and other pandemic-related hurdles. Unfortunately, this program will be closing at the end of March 2023.

Since the start of this fiscal year, we have supported **76 applicants** on a continuous basis with total expenditures of \$190,430. In previous years (2020 and 2021) we supported more than **700 applications** (most are repeat applicants) with total expenditures of **\$1,303,787**.

Rent Supplement Program:

The Rent Supplement Program provides temporary rent support to successful applicants who demonstrate a need for financial assistance in order to avoid eviction and secure stable housing.



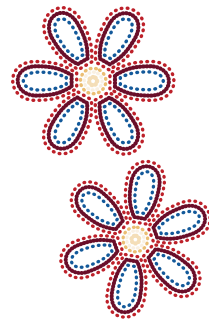
This program contributes 30% of the tenants' monthly rent directly to the applicant, with a maximum yearly amount of \$5,700.00 (maximum monthly amount of \$475.00)

Since December 2021, this program has supported a total of **325 applicants**. Housing staff check in every 6 months to ensure the applicants still qualify for continued support. MNBC has so far distributed a total of **\$1,451,928.69** in rental support to its citizens as of December 2022.

Reaching Home:

Reaching Home Program staff have participated in consultations and engagement sessions with MNBC Citizens and Chartered Community Representatives to address the appropriate supports needed in each of the 7 regions regarding housing and homelessness. This included engagements in Prince George, Vanderhoof, Williams Lake, Cranbrook/Kimberly, Invermere, Golden, Trail, Kamloops, and Terrace. A catalog of existing resources and service providers in each region was created to better understand each community's capacity to support Métis citizens accessing shelter and affordable housing.

Throughout the spring and summer Reaching Home staff began administering financial support to Métis citizens to access market rental stock. Métis citizens facing barriers to safe and affordable housing can connect with Reaching Home staff via the MNBC website, Reaching Home email, other MNBC Ministries, staff referral from outside organizations, and through Chartered Community representatives. Once referred to the Reaching Home Program, staff work with citizens to identify their immediate needs and create an Action Plan. Financial support has been provided for the First Month's Rent and Damage Deposits to citizens exiting homelessness and facing eviction. Rental Arrears support has been provided



to citizens who are at risk of homelessness due to nonpayment of rent. Providing Rental Arrears support has been a success for the Reaching Home Program because it provides the opportunity to maintain the citizens' housing, thus preventing the disruption that comes with needing to rehouse them.

Citizens Helped: 107

Funds Administered: \$150,122.00

Policy Analysis and Long-Range Planning

- MNBC, working with Métis Citizen-owned Big River Data of Squamish, BC, will at the end of March 2023 complete the second and final phase of data analysis to understand the cost to reduce “core housing need” among Métis in BC by 50% by the end of 2027/28. This will be reported to CrownIndigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC). This multi-year, phased project was funded by CIRNAC under the Canada-Métis Nation Housing Sub-Accord.
- MNBC, working with David Nairne + Associates, conducted a Social Infrastructure and Facilities Master Plan process. Social Infrastructure, as defined by MNBC, includes both physical facilities and programs or other resources. The process included meetings with Cabinet, senior MNBC staff, Chartered Community leadership, and direct Citizen workshops and outreach. When completed at the end of March 2023, this Plan will describe the needs of, and estimate the cost of, social infrastructure among Métis in BC. The projects identified in the Plan will be prioritized by Cabinet and funding sought through CIRNAC's Indigenous Communities Infrastructure Fund and other sources. MNBC anticipates updating this Plan every 3-5 years.
- MNBC recently recruited a Policy Analyst to analyze existing housing support programs, propose adjustments to address program equity and sustainability, and propose new programs. The Analyst will also seek out funding opportunities and assist in developing funding applications.

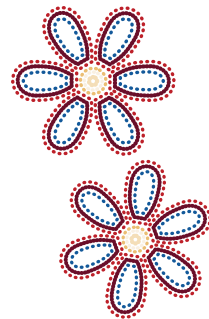
Housing Support Programs

- First-Time Home Buyers Program: Cabinet announced that this program will be administered by the Métis Financial Corporation of British Columbia (MFCBC), and that it will provide up to \$20,000 as down payment assistance to Métis citizen homebuyers. \$1M is allocated to this program for fiscal year 2023-24.

Acquisition and Development

MNBC currently receives funding through CIRNAC under the Canada-Métis Nation Housing Sub-Accord and through the Indigenous Communities Infrastructure Fund.

In partnership with the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Housing and Homelessness is developing mixed-use centres to include licensed child care centres, housing, Chartered Community offices, and community spaces on four properties. These projects are currently in the design phase and are expected



to begin construction in 2024.

Region 1: 3656 Raymond Street, Saanich / Métis Nation of Greater Victoria

Region 1: 834 South Island Highway, Campbell River / North Island Métis Association

Region 6: 2812 Tetrault Street, Terrace / Northwest BC Métis Association

Region 7: 9912 and 9904* 94th Street, Fort St. John / Fort St. John Métis Society

*9904 94th Street is an existing high-efficiency house now occupied by STEPS.

Additional Ongoing Projects:

Region 2: 11479 125a Street, Surrey

Staff is currently exploring options with the City of Surrey for this 1.34-acre, split-zoned (industrial/residential) property.

Region 3: 800 Victoria Street, Kamloops / Two Rivers Métis Society

MNBC is partnering with Lii Michif Otipemisiwak to develop the Otipemisiwak Centre, which will include child care, housing, LMO offices, and community spaces. Construction is expected to begin in 2024.

Region 7: 10002-10008 Stege Street, Hudson's Hope / River of the Peace Métis Society

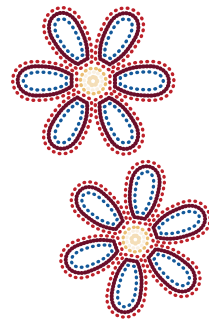
MNBC will develop four single family lots with suites. Construction is expected to begin in late 2023.

Foundational Work

In 2022-23, MNBC completed foundational capacity-building work:

- Recruited three Program Coordinators to guide project development from acquisition through construction and two Program Navigators to increase capacity for housing supports program delivery
- Contracted with M'akola Development Services as development consultant, helping MNBC fast-track the four complex projects identified as mixed-use centres
- Released a Request for Proposal for an architect as MNBC's primary ongoing architect. Two firms were ultimately selected, each with Métis architects in principal roles.
- Released a Request for Information to identify preferred real estate brokerage firms for on-call work around the province.

Ministry of JUSTICE



Respectfully Submitted: **MINISTER – LISSA DAWN SMITH**
 DIRECTOR – MELANIE WALKER

Ministry of Justice Highlights

Indigenous Justice Strategy table with Canada

Justice Canada is developing an Indigenous Justice Strategy to address systemic discrimination and the overrepresentation of Indigenous people in the justice system.

This work will be done through the newly established PBM Justice and Policing working group that includes MNC and MN Governing members, including MNBC; this work has had one kick off meeting and is looking into a terms of reference and funding confirmation.

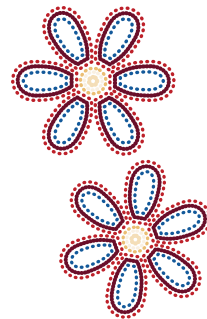
Indigenous Justice Strategy table with BC

After being stalled for quite some time and adding a 12th recommendation around juvenile criminality, BC and MNBC are very close to taking the MNBC Justice Strategy to Cabinet. The finalized Strategy, workplan, and budget will go for approval at the leadership council in January. MNBC increased their participation at this table and thus had a much greater hand in the plan and budget, increasing MNBC positions and funding by a substantive amount for 2023 to 2027. In addition to the main table here, the Justice Council was reignited in early 2023. Once approved, this project will be a substantial undertaking in planning and implementation and in partnership with BC, especially in support of the Indigenous Justice Centres that will be built around BC.

Ministry of Justice: various

The Ministry of Justice also sits at multiple tables and had additional requirements that we are working to better support through increased staff capacity, such as hiring a Justice Manager in early 2023. A few examples include:

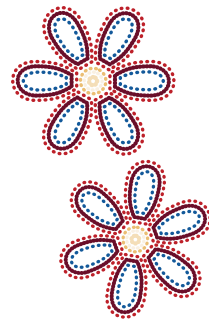
- The Provincial Restorative Justice Committee
- Working with and supporting Surrey Police with their Civil Forfeiture Grant application
- Reviewing and providing comments on various legislative changes, such as the Police Modernization Act
- Advisory Committee on Provincial Policing Standards



- Métis Nation 101 funding
- Weekly intake calls supporting citizens who are reaching out to this Ministry for support

Overall, the Ministry of Justice has been able to organize themselves in a quick manner to progress stalled work; this includes increasing the funding request to BC. This Ministry has a very large portfolio and will mostly require knowledgeable staff to be added in 2023 to align with the increased funding. There is also a need to built better supports for MNBC citizens as intake calls are experienced more than expected. The work in this Ministry will continue for many years.

Ministry of MENTAL HEALTH AND HARM REDUCTION



Respectfully Submitted: **MINISTER – DR. KATE ELLIOTT**
 DIRECTOR – JILLIAN JONES

MNBC's Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction advocates for culturally appropriate mental health, substance use, and harm reduction programs and services at the national, provincial, and regional levels. The mental health and harm reduction team provides support, education and advocacy to Métis people and the Métis Chartered Communities on all mental health and wellness related and harm reduction initiatives in BC. This Ministry's goals are to improve mental health and harm reduction services, and increase access to programs to meet the needs of the Métis Nation. We continue to highlight and address the gaps in existing services and advocate for changes needed at the Health Authority level for the Métis Nation to have better mental health and wellness outcomes



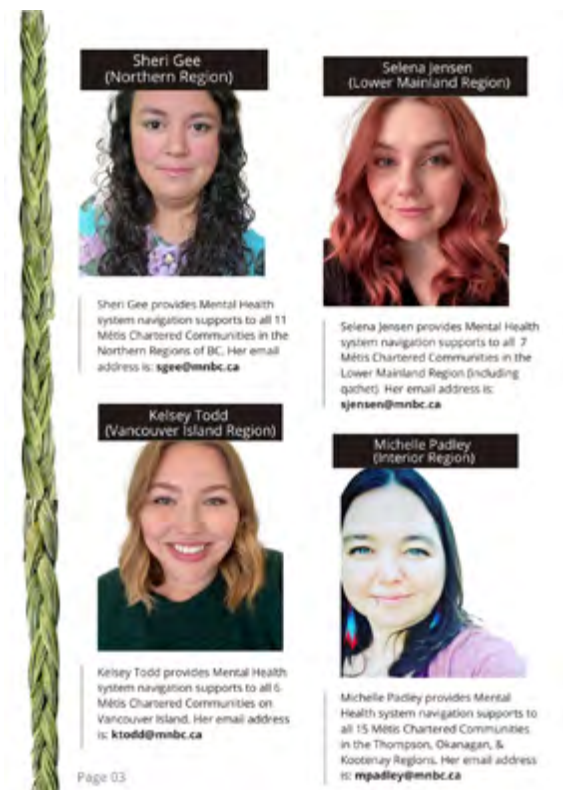
Members of MNBC's Mental Health Navigation team wearing the mental wellness and harm reduction sash

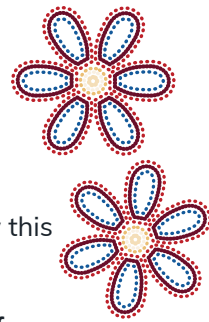
Regional Mental Health Navigators.

MNBC's Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction has rapidly expanded the mental health team. With this expansion, the Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction now includes four Regional Mental Health Navigators. The Navigators support Métis individuals to navigate mental health and substance use resources. They will also be working with local community and health authority partners to hold space and advocate for the inclusion of Métis in all work.

Regional Mental Health Navigation team:

- Island: Kelsey Todd (ktodd@mnbc.ca)
- Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley: Selena Jensen (sjensen@mnbc.ca)
- Northern: Sheri Gee (sgee@mnbc.ca)
- Thompson/Okanagan/Kootenays: Michelle Padley (mpadley@mnbc.ca)





Each team member brings a rich, unique, and important lens to this work. It is exciting to see how this new capacity will serve the Métis community in a good way.



Ooma la Michinn (Here is Medicine): Life Promotion for Métis Youth

MNBC's Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction has been working to create a series of free online modules that focus on life promotion as a means of suicide prevention for Métis youth. Led by the wisdom of a Métis advisory group, the ongoing development of these modules has been driven and

grounded in Métis voices and perspectives - developed by and for Métis populations. Once completed, these modules will be offered for free online and will be made accessible for Métis individuals across BC. Modules will focus on the following themes: connection to wellness; connection to culture; connection to community; connection to self; and connection to land/nature. The tentative, targeted public launch for the modules is May 2023. Between August and December of 2022:

- Work continued in partnership with Argyle to collaborate on the module frameworks, branding, and technical development. Five video modules are being created, which each highlight the beauty and resiliency of Métis wellness.
- Meetings and engagement with the project advisory group (comprised of Métis youth, Métis Elders, and Métis health professionals) continues biweekly. Module 3 is now complete. Module 4 has been provided by The Firelight Group for review. Module 5 outline is now being developed.
- Final analysis session by the community research group, comprised of Métis Elders and Youth, was completed on December 5, 2022.
- Ooma La Michinn and research work was presented in Austin, Texas November 4, 2022 by poster presentation at the International Indigenous Nursing Research Summit.

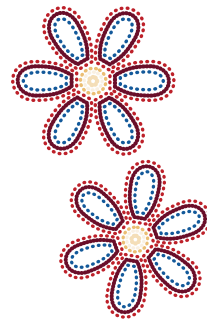
Métis Youth Mental Health and Wellness Initiative.

The Métis Youth Mental Health and Wellness Initiative (MY Initiative) is comprised of ten core members of Métis youth. Together, the MY Initiative works to raise awareness, to empower Métis youth and communities, and to make a difference in mental health within the Métis Community through actioning projects, fostering education, reducing stigma, and providing opportunity for community discussion and engagement.

In the fall of 2022, MY Initiative hosted its first in-person retreat. Cultural activities, educational discussions, and traditional teachings were shared with the youth by a local Elder.

Resilient Roots: Métis Mental Health and Wellness Magazine.

Resilient Roots: Métis Mental Health and Wellness Magazine is the cornerstone project of the Métis Youth Mental Health and Wellness Initiative. Since April 2020, three issues of *Resilient Roots* have been



published, with issues releasing yearly in spring – with the most recent third issue published in May 2022. The fourth issue's submissions are currently in collection from Métis youth across the province, with an annual publication aimed for Spring 2023.

As shared by Minister Kate Elliott, “this magazine hopes to be a testament to the shining strength and resilience of the Métis community. Every part of this magazine – from the stories, to the art, to the poetry - comes from the powerful voices of our Métis contributors. To our readers, we hope that what you find within these pages will bring you inspiration, connection, and

act as a reminder of the deep resilience that lives within us all.”

Since publication began in 2020, several thousand hard copies of Resilient Roots have been distributed across the province – to Métis youth, health authorities, Métis Chartered Communities, and beyond. These publications are also available for free download on MNBC's website.

Work for Resilient Roots issue four is currently underway, with an anticipated publication of Spring 2023.

Kaa-wiichitoyaahk (We Take Care of Each Other): Comprehensive Métis Mental Wellness Community Capacity Building Implementation.

MNBC's Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction was the successful recipient of the Public Health Agency of Canada's under the Supporting the Mental Health of Those Most Affected by COVID-19: Mobilizing Promotion, Prevention and Evaluation Across Multiple Delivery Points Program. Funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada to the tune of \$2.2 million, this project will utilize evidence-based suicide prevention programming to promote mental wellness and create a Network of Safety within Métis communities across BC.

Titled Kaa-wiichitoyaahk (We Take Care of Each Other):

Comprehensive Métis Mental Wellness Community Capacity Building Implementation, this project will work to build response capacity and confidence within Métis communities by providing community members with evidence-based information and resources to improve mental health and well-being. This will be done through partnering with LivingWorks. LivingWorks offers a continuum of suicide prevention programming; these integrated training programs are designed to take the burden off the individual and

Life Promotion & Suicide Prevention Training Opportunities:

KAA-WIICHITOYAAHK (WE TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER): SUICIDE PREVENTION COURSES

3 COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM

START
40-50 mins online

- 10 years plus
- improves trainee skills and knowledge
- improves trainee readiness and confidence

safetALK
4 hours in person with a Métis facilitator

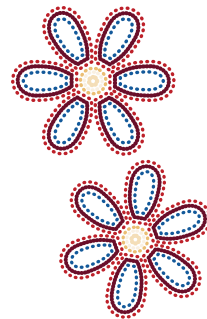
- 10 years plus
- helps trainee develop skills
- learn to recognize when someone is thinking about suicide and connect them to an alternative provider

ASIST
2 day in person course

- 15 years plus
- learn how to connect suicide by recognizing signs, providing a solid intervention, and developing a safety plan to keep someone safe

MNBC and LivingWorks have partnered to bring three lengths of suicide prevention trainings to all 39 Chartered Communities in "BC".

- ASIST** (Advanced Suicide Intervention Skills Training) is two full days of training, interactive learning modules, and safety planning practice
- safetALK** is a four-hour half day training to create safety plans
- START** is a 90 minute online self-directed learning course to provide the basics of recognizing the signs of suicidality and connecting loved ones to local resources for ongoing Mental Health supports.



create a network of safety for those in crisis. Utilizing the evidence-based suicide prevention programming that LivingWorks has created, we will seek to implement a mass-rollout and province-wide implementation of these courses for Métis individuals and communities across BC.



Métis Mental Health and Wellness Gathering.

Over 470 Métis Citizens have joined the waitlist for the first Métis Mental Health and Wellness Gathering, taking place at Spirit Ridge Resort in Osoyoos, BC. Over the weekend of April 28-30th, 2022, we plan to offer various activities, workshops, and sessions to bring healing to Métis community members' bodies, minds, and spirits. Métis Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and Facilitators are featured as workshop leaders.

Community Life Promotion Circle.

As part of our efforts to highlight Métis Communities' wisdom at the centre of our work, December 2022 brought with it the launch of the Community Life Promotion Circle. Comprised of Métis advocates from across the province (of various ages, genders,

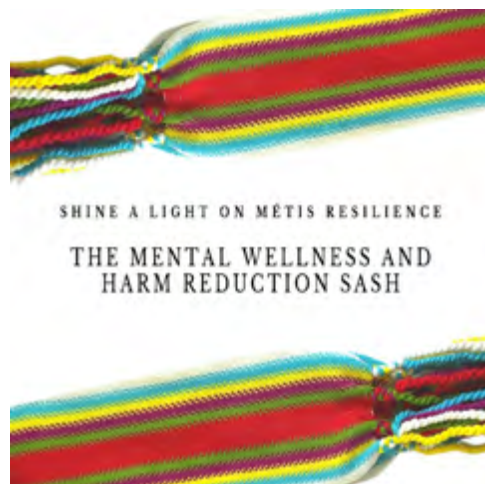
and lived experiences) we meet once per month to infuse the Mental Health and Wellness Gathering Planning as well as the Suicide Prevention Trainings Planning with Métis ways of knowing and being. We provide cultural, social, emotional, mental, spiritual, and peer support to one another through open-ended sharing time, and the inclusion of our wonderful Elder, June Graham. Elder June brings with her a warm, loving, cultural presence, as well as over two decades of clinical counselling experience.

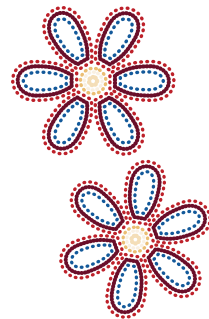
Mental Wellness and Harm Reduction Sash

The mental wellness and harm reduction sash works to represent the wisdom shared by the Métis participants of Métis Nation BC's Alcohol and Community Health Dialogue Sessions. This custom sash was created by participants, with chosen colours guided by the themes that emerged from the dialogue sessions.

- Red: alcohol and addiction awareness
- Purple: overdose and opioid awareness
- Green: mental illness awareness
- Teal: recovery awareness
- Yellow: suicide prevention and awareness
- White: connection to the Earth and Creator

This sash is a testament of Métis resilience and wellness. While the impacts of colonization have contributed to mental health and substance use concerns, we know also that we continually





encounter the resilience of our communities rooted in the strengths of Métis culture and worldviews. By wearing this sash, you shine light on a symbol of Métis resilience.

Métis Counselling Connection



Métis Counselling Connection may provide Métis Citizens with up to ten counselling sessions with counsellors, psychologists, or psychiatrists registered through the BC Psychological Association, College of Psychologists of BC, BC Association of Clinical Counsellors, Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association, or BC Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. **Only limited funding is available, and as such not everyone who applies may receive funding.** To apply for the program, Citizens are asked to login to MNBC's website's [Program Portal](#). Approved applicants will receive a letter authorizing mental health care practitioners to invoice MNBC directly for the sessions. As of June 2022, over 400 Métis individuals were utilizing the Métis Counselling Connection program. Currently Using MCC Program (Aug-Dec 2022): 246 individuals (out of this number, 61 individuals

have used all their granted sessions).

Substance Use and Addictions Program: Métis Street Outreach

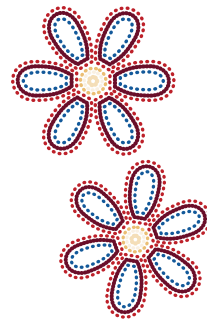
MNBC's Substance Use and Addictions Program (SUAP) lead, Sharna Sugarman, has been busy creating healing relationships and providing harm reduction and substance use supplies to Métis who are living unhoused in the communities of Surrey and Vancouver's Downtown East Side. Through increased capacity in hiring a team of PWLLE (people with lived and living experience) Outreach Workers in the Spring of 2023, the SUAP Team aims to provide cultural support, knowledge around safer substance use, Naloxone training with access to intramuscular injection kits, system navigation support, referrals to Métis community resources, and more.

Collaboration with IHNR (Indigenous Health Nursing Research) Team

The Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction supports ongoing weekly meetings with the IHNR (Indigenous Health Nursing Research) team to review priorities and ongoing research projects. Indigenous nurses throughout BC are being interviewed to explore their experiences working in healthcare. So far, Michelle Padley has interviewed four nurses and is now beginning the analysis process while completing final interviews.

The IHNR team met in Austin, Texas at the International Indigenous Nursing Summit in November 2022. The plan to create a Canadian chapter to move forward research priorities at an international level was discussed and will be developed in 2023.

On a monthly basis, the Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction sits on iChair meetings with



IHNHR chairs across the globe. Currently focusing on reporting to Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) with the goal of renewing the chair programs.

Awareness Campaigns and Advocacy

MNBC's Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction works to plan, lead, develop, and distribute various Métis-focused, public mental health, anti-stigma, and harm reduction campaigns throughout the year, including Mental Health Awareness Week, World Suicide Prevention Day, Mental Illness Awareness Week, Hospice Education Day, and National Addictions Awareness Week. Many of these campaigns have utilized the approach of contact-based education. Contact-based education is known to be a successful way of working to reduce stigma and build understanding and is led through people with lived-experience sharing their stories and experiences with mental illness. The goal of this is to work to promote understanding and reduce stigma through sharing lived-experience stories. These stories and campaigns have been featured across MNBC'S various platforms.



Métis Perspectives of Cannabis Use: A Community-Based Research Study

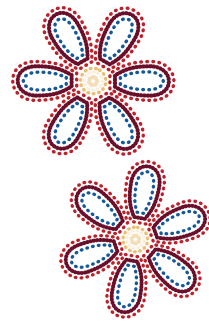
Led by MNBC's harm reduction team, this community-driven research project is working to better understand Métis patterns of cannabis use, as well as barriers that exist to using cannabis for therapeutic reasons. Furthermore, the work will endeavour to reduce stigma around cannabis use and help inform the development of a Métis Harm Reduction Framework. Additionally, working with Elders, an emphasis will be placed on Métis culture and traditions and connection of Métis history to the participants. As part of this work, community-led dialogue sessions ran from January through April 2022. The group re-convened in the fall of 2022 for a sashing ceremony using the Mental Health and Harm Reduction Sash, gathering in person together at Tigh-Na-Mara Resort. Created in partnership with a Métis graphic designer, the final report on this work is aimed for publication in early 2023.

This project was highlighted as part of a panel of Indigenous-led research in a presentation at the Issues of Substances Conference held by the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction in November 2021.

Métis-Specific Lifeguard App



MNBC's Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction worked closely with the Lifeguard Digital Health to adapt the Lifeguard App to resonate exclusively with the Métis community – the first Indigenous Nation in Canada to do so. Lifeguard's goal



is to reduce harm and prevent unintentional deaths for people of all ages. With culturally sensitive imagery and language, the Métis-specific Lifeguard app provides instant access to Métis crisis lines, resources for mental health and addiction treatments and direct links to prevent drug-related deaths.

This app works to provide Métis individuals with life-saving information for their communities to help each other, providing the right care at the right time. When a drug overdose occurs, the customized App signals to first responders in the community. It also helps avoid medical crises by providing unprecedented access to the following services:

- Dedicated Métis Crisis line
- Notifications on toxic drug supply in the area
- Naloxone and administration for a toxic drug emergency
- Prevention and Withdrawal Management Services
- Locations of localized support services

Nasal Naloxone Program

In June 2021, MNBC partnered with St. John Ambulance to utilize the Nasal Naloxone program. St. John Ambulance provided training to MNBC's Provincial Harm Reduction Coordinator to become a trainer for nasal Naloxone. St. John is also providing Nasal Naloxone kits to MNBC for the community members, Regional Coordinators, and staff who become trained in administering nasal Naloxone. This is an ongoing partnership with an initial commitment of three years and will incorporate staff training in Nasal Naloxone in addition to community members.



Weaving the Thread Video

Led by MNBC's Harm Reduction team, this is a video project comprising of a short, animated story focused on the relationship alcohol has within the Métis community from a historical, traditional, cultural, and contemporary point of view. Project to be completed and shared in 2023.

Provincial Tobacco Cessation and Harm Reduction Program

MNBC's Provincial Tobacco Cessation and Harm Reduction Specialist, Lloyd Main, has led a busy year supporting the smoking/vaping program, and Citizens requesting support for navigating their substance use or harm reduction journeys. This

*No one has to walk
their path of healing,
harm reduction, and
recovery alone.*

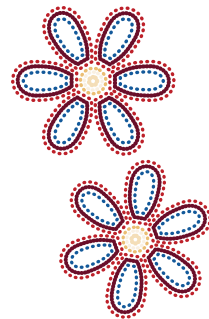
Are you looking
for support
navigating a
substance use,
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or recovery
journey?

Lloyd Main serves as our
Harm Reduction Specialist.
He is here to walk
alongside you and support
you in reaching your goals.

Reach out to Lloyd
any time!

Email:
lm1ain@mnbcc.ca





program has evolved to include chronic cannabis use, as a need has arisen. In this role, Lloyd has supported dozens of individuals on their paths towards healing.

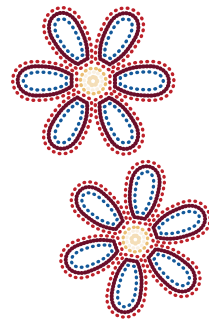
Lloyd has completed the CAMH TEACH program - an intensive education program for smoking and vaping cessation, as well as multiple other addiction seminars. This role also works to continue to strengthen working relationships with BC Lung/Quit Now, as well as Health Authority Tobacco and Vapour Product Reduction Council.

This year also saw the “Smoking Cessation Challenge” to bring in the new year smoke free, which is now also running again for the summer.

Lloyd’s work has evolved to include other harm reduction subjects, such as alcohol, opioids, and system navigation to find resources for the enrolled community members. As shared by Lloyd, “It has been a pleasure to work with community members to assist them in making healthy choices and practicing harm reduction. A strong Nation is a healthy Nation.”

For more information on the Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction, please contact:
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Ministry of INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS



Respectfully Submitted: **MINISTER – LISSA DAWN SMITH**
 DIRECTOR – JEREMY TWIGG

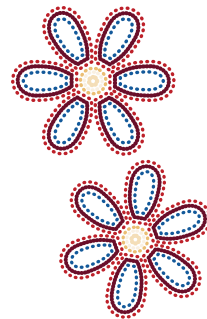
Intergovernmental Affairs Report for MNGA 2023

MNBC's Intergovernmental Affairs department is responsible for managing relationships with external governments at the federal, provincial, and municipal levels. Our team supports the federal Permanent Bilateral Mechanism (PBM) process with Canada through the Métis National Council, and coordinates the relationship agreement process with British Columbia. We also triage consultation requests for both provincial and federal legislation across a broad range of subject matter areas, such as the Emergency Preparedness Act and the Police Act.

At the federal level, we advocated for MNBC priorities at PBM meetings in Ottawa, including a Métis Claims Process, UNDRIP Implementation, International Affairs, Environmental Protection, National Benefits Sharing, Health/Mental Health and Addictions, K-12 Education, Languages and Children and Families. We also helped secure a three-year, \$3.3 million commitment from the Government of Canada to fund Section 35 historical research, arranged a \$2.2 million mental health funding announcement at MNBC headquarters, and advocated for a full seat on the Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee for the Trans Mountain Pipeline.

Provincially, five working tables are under way as part of the bilateral relationship agreement process: Housing, Economic Development, Health, Culture and Environmental Protection/Harvesting. A series of Louis Riel Day commemorative events were held in Victoria, including a well-attended reception for MLAs in the Hall of Honour that featured traditional Métis jigging and fiddling, plus a territorial introduction by the Songhees Nation. Intergovernmental Affairs also embarked on a regional engagement program to ensure MNBC's Regional Directors are acquainted with their local MLAs and MPs; developed a mandate letter for B.C.'s new Premier; participated in a fall legislative calendar briefing with the DRIPA Secretariat; started work on a policy paper on a distinctions-based approach to reconciliation; engaged with the CEO of the Royal BC Museum regarding repatriation; secured a commitment from the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services to support MNBC's budget 2023 submission; and undertook a COVID-19 Lessons Learned review that canvassed feedback from citizens, Chartered Community Presidents, Regional Directors and senior staff.

Municipal work focused on the Union of BC Municipalities convention in Whistler, where we engaged with cities in our seven priority regions where Métis hubs are being developed. On the stakeholder front,

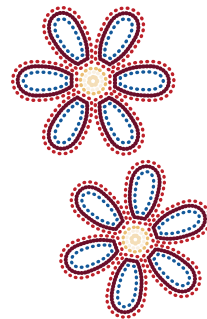


we drafted an MOU for a Métis citizenship verification agreement with the University of the Fraser Valley.

Intergovernmental Affairs continues to focus on establishing strong relationships with First Nations, including sending a delegation to the Songhees Nation South Island powwow to increase cultural visibility, and attending the Assembly of First Nations to clarify MNBC priorities with respect to rights.

Underpinning these initiatives, Intergovernmental Affairs has coordinated more than 60 meetings with federal and provincial cabinet members, and other high-ranking officials, since our department was formed in winter 2021.

Ministry of MÉTIS RIGHTS



Respectfully Submitted: **MINISTER – WALTER MINEAULT**
 DIRECTOR – MELANIE WALKER

Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self Determination (RIRSD) table with Canada

This table on the MNBC side has become well organized and motivated to do the work. We have made great progress in getting the Sec. 35 rights Project off the ground. The Board heard an approval request in January to hire the chosen research team and Canada submitted 300K for current fiscal to support the start of this work. MNBC finds the greatest challenges at this table to be the motivation from Canada to determine why/how they will decide MNBC's Section 35 rights, and show up ready to do the work. MNBC continues to push these issues at executive level meetings with Canada.

UNDRIP table with Canada

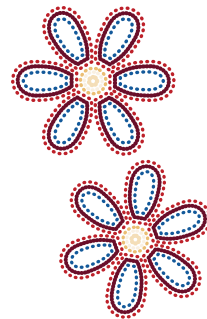
The UNDRIP table with Canada consists of two shared tables:

1. With MNC and MN Governing Bodies to discuss and co-draft a Métis specific chapter in the federal UNDRIP action plan, and
2. With MNC, MN Governing Bodies and AFN and ITK to discuss other Indigenous matters and “shared priorities” within the federal action plan. The federal action plan must go to cabinet within two years of the Act – that statutory deadline is May/June 2023.

MNBC is now a fully participating member at this table. Other governing members have been working on their priorities list for this work; MNBC took their priorities list to the BOD for approval in January. Due to a lack of funding from Canada, MNBC will be accessing community engagement funding through MNC, and in parallel has been supporting MWBC in their own UNDRIP submission. MNBC will make a full submission either in collaboration with MNC and other Governing members, or independently of that table in Spring of 2023.

First Nations Relationships

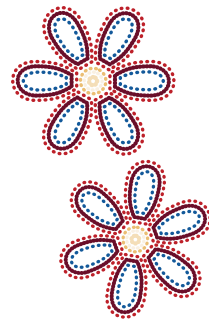
The First Nations Strategy, created from a half day workshop with an external consultant is a starting draft to create a working document that provides MNBC direction in how MNBC wants to create and/or maintain relationships with First Nations groups in BC given the unique political Indigenous environment of this province. The BOD met in January to continue workshopping the plan/path and is using various lenses, to start the work to come to consensus as a Board, such as environment, economic development,



MNBC assertion of rights, intangible cultural heritage and geography.

Overall, the Ministry of Rights is making great progress in their work and in getting organized and planning for the next year. The need in 2023 will be capacity as the workload continues to grow with that organization and thus the outcomes of new tables, funding, and work with external parties. This Ministry carries tables that are all key priorities to MNBC both for the short and long term. The work in this Ministry will continue for many years.

Ministry of SKILLS TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT, AND POST-SECONDARY (STEPS)



Respectfully Submitted: **MINISTER – PAULETTE FLAMOND**
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – KATIE TRACE

MNBC staff, under the leadership of the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and the Minister of Employment and Skills Training, jointly deliver MNBC's Skills Training, Employment, and Post-Secondary programs, to support Métis learners and those seeking employment residing in BC. We advocate for policy and legislative amendments that lead to favorable outcomes

for Métis in BC, and more resources for Métis skills training, employment, and post-secondary programs, all while collaborating with our stakeholders to deliver Métis culturally appropriate programming.

Ministry highlights for the 2022-2023 fiscal year are listed below:

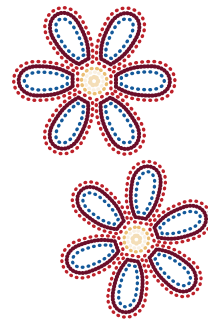
Funding and operations:

STEPS has had a remarkably busy and exciting 2022-2023 fiscal year. Our annual operating budget for 2022-23 is almost \$21 million and includes just over \$ 4.5 million in carry-over funding. This has allowed us to support more than 2200 students since the start of this fiscal year in April 2022 with a variety of education, training and employment programs.

At the end of August 2022, available funding for post-secondary education programs was fully distributed, resulting in over 200 students being placed on a waitlist and every effort was made to find more funding to support these individuals. The focus from September onwards was then put on delivering skills training programs throughout the province to ensure we were providing a variety of programs to Citizens. We are currently on track to hit another record year and it would not be possible without the incredible STEPS team that works so hard to support our Métis learners and those seeking employment, every single day.

Our current team has 36 employees across the province who are based out of seven regional offices. To support various STEPS initiatives and programs, we hired three new positions for the Ministry. This included a Director, Provincial Cohort Manager, and Employer Relations Coordinator. We also welcomed new staff into existing roles in our Fort St. John, Surrey, and Kamloops offices and will be adding an administrative coordinator, employment coordinator and a lead for our MNBC post-secondary institute to our team in 2023.



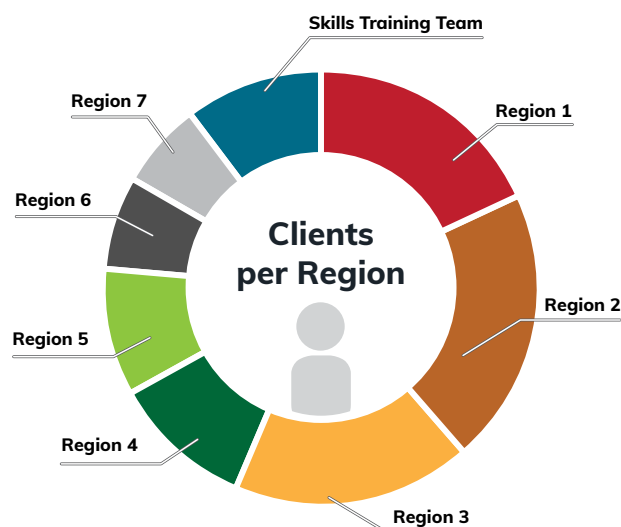


Our advocacy work with the Province of BC continues to pay dividends as we have signed another \$7.1 million contract for 2022-23 for Skills Training programs. It is expected that this funding will continue in the 2023-24 fiscal, and we are advocating for multi-year agreements to develop sustainable training programs that lead to enhanced education, training and employment opportunities for Métis in BC. We also received \$450,000 to support the capacity and development of the Métis-led post-secondary institute which we aim to have operational in 2024.

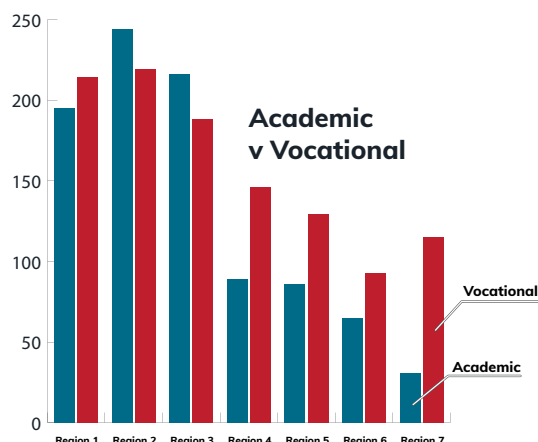
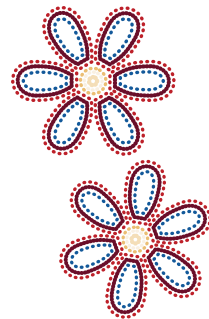
The data in the following graphs covers students who received funding between April 1 and December 2022. Some students who applied for funding but were put on a waitlist due to funding availability were not recorded in this dataset. 'Academic' programming refers to diploma, bachelor, masters and PhD programs, while 'vocational' refers to all other training, including certificates or micro-credentials. Skills Training was offering online and in-person vocational programs across the province and students were not recorded per region.



Region	Funding
1	\$3,215,166.00
2	\$4,547,888.00
3	\$3,374,613.00
4	\$1,810,055.00
5	\$1,859,252.00
6	\$1,384,410.00
7	\$885,664.00
Skills Training Team	\$414,271.00
Total	\$17,491,319.00



Region	Clients
1	409
2	463
3	404
4	235
5	215
6	158
7	146
Skills Training Team	226
Total	2256



Academic and Vocational per Region

Region	Academic		Vocational		Total
1	195	47.68%	214	52.32%	409
2	244	52.70%	219	47.30%	463
3	216	53.47%	188	46.53%	404
4	89	37.87%	146	62.13%	235
5	86	40.00%	129	60.00%	215
6	65	41.14%	93	58.86%	158
7	31	21.23%	115	78.77%	146
Total	926		1104		2030

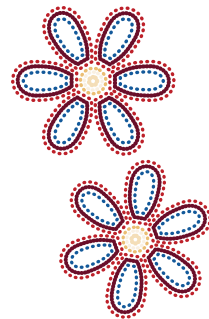
STEPS also received one-time funding in the amount of \$145,000 from the provincial Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills to develop a scholarship program for Métis learners currently enrolled or enrolling in post-secondary studies. The ministers of STEPS chose to dedicate these scholarships to students pursuing education in healthcare or environmental studies to reflect the importance of Métis representation and leadership in healthcare and environmental stewardship. Each of the 20 students selected were awarded \$5000. Over the next two years, ten scholarships of \$5000 will be awarded per year.

Finally, STEPS was successful in their application for a grant from Vancity, aimed at delivering financial literacy workshops to Indigenous people. The Vancity Wealth Mindset: Indigenous Financial Resilience workshop were designed with the Call-to-Action Collaborative, Indigenous Partners, and Elders. The funding is for \$100,989 per year for three years.

Program Efficiency and Updates:

STEPS has recently completed its programs review and guidelines renewal that will go into effect April 1st, 2023. The updated Standards of Practice will be published on the MNBC website in mid-January, in preparation for applications for the 2023-24 fiscal year funding to open on February 1, 2023. In addition, STEPS will schedule information sessions to educate Citizens on the significant changes made.

We strive to improve Citizens' experience through streamlining the application processes and focusing our efforts in a Citizen-centric environment. We are also in the final stages of building an online content management system led by the Ministry of Digital Governance. This will allow Citizens to access their applications, forms, and all signed documents and correspondence on an online platform. The new



system will increase processing speed and efficiency for staff and Citizens and will be deployed in mid-January.

Additional Student Supports:

As the COVID-19 pandemic continued to evolve, we responded to the need for technology supports for learners by providing them with a laptop from BestBuy or the equivalent in cash towards the laptop of their choice. Since September 2021, 490 students received this support, with 198 of those being between April and December 2022. As of January 2022, funding for this program has been fully allocated. Recognizing the need for this critical support for our students, MNBC partnered with WorkBC to secure 150 laptops through their Access to Technology program that will now provide eligible students with access to a laptop.

Policy initiatives:

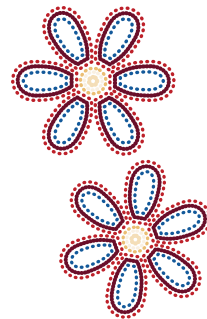
We have continued to work closely with the Provincial Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills on the policy front to ensure Métis voice and inclusion is at the front and center of that work. STEPS staff are managing and engaging in various initiatives, including a new Aboriginal Service Plan (ASP), the Tuition Waiver Program, new Skilled Trades Certification legislation, and The Future Ready Plan.

In addition, MNBC formed a Tripartite table with Employment and Social Development Canada and the Provincial Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills. The focus of this table is to bring forward current challenges experienced and create new opportunities by brainstorming innovative ideas and solutions to ensure we are streamlining and creating efficiencies for the programs and services we offer.

Community Engagement:

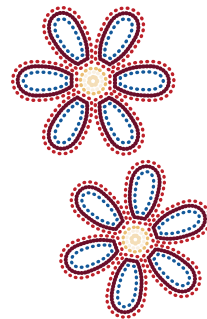
Staff are increasing their visits to Chartered Communities across the province to promote the programs we offer and to listen to Community and Citizens' concerns and answer questions to ensure we are improving our programs and meeting the needs of all Citizens as best as we can. MNBC also held an open house, in Fort St. John in December at the new Métis house. We will continue to host open houses across the province until the end of summer 2023 to welcome Citizens and Communities into our regional offices to learn about what is currently being offered by MNBC and to meet our staff in person. All of them will be done in collaboration with Chartered Communities and Regional Directors, to ensure that Citizen feedback is addressed and considered.

STEPS staff also met with various school districts, post-secondary institutions, and community groups to promote and increase awareness of the STEPS programs and services. The Employer Relations Team have also met local employers across the province to encourage the use of the wage subsidy and paid practicum programs offered and increase Métis representation in the workforce. They have also hosted virtual career fairs and information sessions for employers and those looking for employment or pathways to join certain industries. We look forward to building more connections with employers as well as Métis businesses across the province in the year to come.

**Métis-led post-secondary institute:**

The feasibility and business plan development work for a Métis owned and operated post-secondary institute is now complete. The goal is to create a sustainable and Métis-centric source of skills training and post-secondary education programs to be operational by 2024. MNBC has put out a Request for Proposal on BC Bid to help with activities identified in the business plan and the future application to the Private Training Institute Branch in 2023-24. Citizen and community engagement on the future activities and name for the MNBC-controlled post-secondary institute will begin in spring/summer of 2023.

Ministry of SPORT AND ACTIVE LIVING



Respectfully Submitted: **MINISTER – DEAN GLADUE**
 SENIOR DIRECTOR – KEN BOURDEAU

The Ministry of Sport and Active Living has been focused on ensuring that Métis people have access to sports and active living opportunities. We aim to implement programs that will increase the overall wellbeing of Métis Citizens and support *Aboriginal Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity Strategy (ASRPA Strategy)*, *Declaration of The Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Action Plan (DRIPA)* and other relevant documents.

MNBC Ministry of Sport Action Plan

To support our wellness, sports, and active living initiatives we intend to do the following:

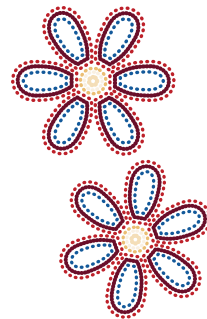
- Launch various internal Sports Programming/Grants.
- Provide start-up funds for Métis people wanting to expand their wellness (self directed)
- Create programming specifically related to the following:
 - Mental health and active living (children and adult focused)
 - Nutrition
 - Traditional Métis sport and culturally relevant activities.
- Administer Sport Equipment Grants
- Funds to participate in North American Indigenous Games
- Create a scholarship fund related to sports
- Facilitate on-going sport and wellness camps

Past successes:

COVID-19 Sports Grant: To support Métis children and youth who wish to rejoin sports as per the BC reopening plan. This program offered a one-time grant of \$150/per child to go any sporting activity. With this program we were able to directly help 400 Métis families. *(Concluded in April 2022)*

Hockey Gear Giveaway: Implemented in March 2022 in partnership with iSPARC and Bauer, we launched a youth hockey equipment giveaway. Equipment included hockey sticks, gloves, helmets, and skates in various





youth sizes. We received overwhelmingly support and positive feedback from our Citizens regarding this giveaway. (Concluded in November 2022)



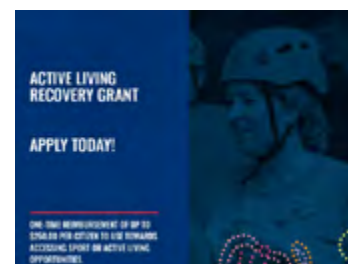
WALE (Wellness and Active Living Event): Presented in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language, this event focused on increasing the overall wellbeing of Métis Citizens through a cultural wellness and active living lens. It was held in late August at Strathcona Park Lodge in Campbell River. Activities included paddle carving, tree climbing, ziplining, waterfront boating activities and a nature bog walk. We hope to continue this type of wellness camp in the future.



Current:



Active Living Recovery Grant: This program is intended for all Citizens who have struggled during COVID-19 to access and afford sport/active living opportunities. With this grant, we provide \$250 per Citizen to use towards accessing any sport/active living opportunity. The goal is to support Citizens in maintaining and expanding their mental and physical wellness. Our reporting



will include pictures and data collection around which types of activities Citizens chose to use their dollar amounts towards (i.e. yoga classes, fitness memberships). (Launched December 2022)

Grant applications are in progress for the following proposed programs:

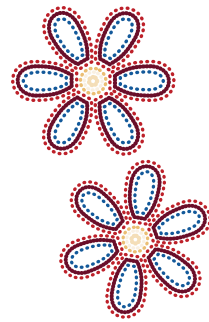
Introduction to Archery Camp - Pilot Program

Métis Healthy Living Cooking Workshop – Pilot Program

Upcoming:

- **Athlete of the Month** – Anticipated to be launched in early 2023, we hope to highlight high achievers in Sports on our social media pages.
- **Sports Excellence Grant** - This program is intended for Citizens who are competing and training at an elite level of sport and require funds to help support their endeavors. With this grant, we aim to provide a one-time payment of up to \$5,000 per successful applicant to use towards supporting their athletic careers at an elite level of competition/performance. Our reporting will include pictures and data collection around what the funds dispersed to Citizens went towards paying for (i.e. training, sports gear, competition travel, competition admissions etc.) We hope to launch this by March 2023.
- **Survey** - Adminstrating a survey to assess MNBC Citizens current Sport and Active Living wants/needs.

Ministry of VETERANS



Respectfully Submitted: **MINISTER – DEAN GLADUE**
 SENIOR DIRECTOR – CHRISTOPHER GAIL
 MÉTIS VETERANS OF BC CHAIRPERSON – DAVE ARMITT

The MVBC Committee continues to use Zoom, but has also met in person twice during this reporting period to keep in contact with MVBC Executive and Regional Representatives. To date, MVBC has 106 registered Veteran members (87 Military/Veterans 19 RCMP/Veterans), with 8 applicants awaiting citizenship.

MVBC has openings for Regional Veterans Representatives in Regions 6, and 7, as Region 4 had a Veteran come forward, Kevin Murray (RCMP Ret'd) has taken up the challenge as the Regional Veterans Representative and will meet with the Regional Governance Council for official appointment at the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.

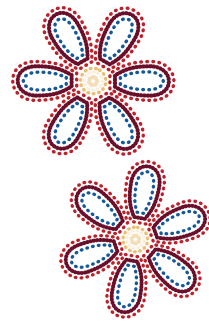
MVBC Chairperson Dave Armitt, submitted 122 Veteran names to the Gabriel Dumont Institute for next phase of engraving on the Batoche Métis Veterans Monument. This permanent monument in

Batoche acknowledges Métis Veterans of past and present, to learn more: <https://www.Métismuseum.ca/Métisveteransmonument/>



MVBC represented MNBC Veterans at the annual National Aboriginal Veterans Day held on November 8 in Vancouver. Dave Armitt and Barb Hulme were supported by Dave Peltier, and laid a wreath on behalf of Métis Nation British Columbia.

World War II Métis Veteran Legacy Program (MVLP) is still available to a living WWII Métis Veteran, a living spouse, and in some cases the surviving children. More information can be obtained on the WWII MVLP website link: <https://Métisveterans.ca/> MV-BC is currently supporting application for two identified surviving spouses of WWII Métis Veterans.



The MVBC Chairperson continues participation at the Métis National Council (MNC) National Veterans Committee of which each of the Governing Members have one Veteran representative, Minister of Veterans or political representative who are supported by technical staff. The committee will take up then cause of advocating for Métis Veterans as well as working with the WWII Métis Veterans Legacy Program as well as the Commemoration Program.

MVBC Chairperson Dave Armitt attended Honour Ranch. MVBC are investigating ways to engage Métis Veterans and a site visit to Honour Ranch was conducted in September. Honour Ranch is a branch of Honour House that support Veterans and Emergency Service Personnel in the province affected by PTSD. Honour Ranch, located 10 kilometers south of Ashcroft BC on 120 acres of rolling hills overlooking the South Thompson River that offers a tranquil retreat that can be used as a place of education and personal growth where positive mental health outcomes can be realized. <https://www.honourhouse.ca/about-honour-ranch/>

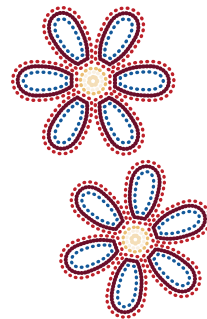
Minister Smith and MVBC Chairperson Dave Armitt met in early September and were supported by technical staff and made plans for the rest of 2022-2023 year. Meetings with MNBC Citizenship and IT (Information Technology) are developing a portal for Métis Veterans to streamline the archaic paper-based system currently in use. It is anticipated this system will go live in the coming months.

MVBC Committee met in person prior to the September AGM, and performed Dumont Scout duties and carried out MVBC Business. They also met as a full Committee in November at MNBC Headquarters and were supported by technical staff to review and created a resolution to present to the MNGA for changes to the Veterans Act.

Special thanks goes to John Britton, Indigenous Support Worker for Abbotsford School District 34. John arranged for students from Dr. Roberta Bondar Elementary and Dr. Thomas A. Swift Elementary school classes to create 106 Christmas cards and mailed them to Director Gaby Campbell who created packages of the individual Christmas cards, N95 masks, and hand sanitizer and sent out to our Métis Veterans prior to Christmas.

MNBC has opened another round of directed COVID-19 grant funds for Métis Veterans. Again, \$50,000 was allotted to this program. The MVBC Committee decided that the MNBC sponsored COVID-19 Métis Veteran Grant would be a one-time amount of \$500. To do this, a Métis Veteran can apply through the MNBC Portal. The applicant must be either an MNBC Citizen or self-identify as Métis, and must provide "Proof of Service" and banking details as described. <https://www.mnbc.ca/portal/login/>

Ministry of WOMEN AND GENDER EQUITY (MOWGE)



Respectfully Submitted: **MINISTER – DR. KATE ELLIOTT**
DIRECTOR – RACHEL PERKINS

MNBC's Ministry of Women and Gender Equity uses an intersectional approach to elevate Métis women and 2SLGBTQIA+ by creating resources, programing and services that promote wellness, security, and safety. The Ministry identifies legal imperatives and inequities and holds space for truth telling. The Ministry creates opportunities for Métis women and 2SLGBTQIA+ to connect and build relationship with culture. The Ministry works along side and provides support to the Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC).

Métis Women British Columbia Provincial Governance Council:

Métis Women's Chairperson: Dr. Kate Elliott

Region 1 Vancouver Island and Powell River Women's Representative: Fleurette Borsboom

Region 2 Lower Mainland Women's Representative: Carmen Carriere

Region 3 Thompson Okanagan Women's Representative: Cheryl Dodman

Region 4 Kootenays Women's Representative: Jana Schulz

Region 5 North Central Women's Representative: Trish Paulson (New)

Region 6 Northwest Women's Representative: Laurie Todd (New)

Region 7 Northeast Women's Representative: Carol Paynter

2SLGBTQIA+ Advisory Committee:

Chairperson: Louis De Jaeger

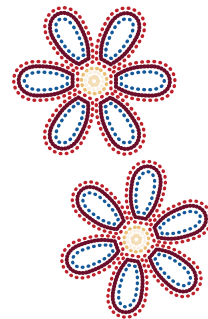
2022 - 2023 Ministry Highlights:

Métis Women British Columbia - Governance and Leadership

Annual Women's Gathering

Ministry of Women and Gender Equity (MOWGE) successfully delivered the first Annual Métis Women's Gathering for Métis Women BC (MWBC) Provincial Governance Council on Friday, March 11, 2022. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the gathering was held virtually with 26 Regional and Community Women's Representatives in attendance.

The theme of the gathering was Governance and Leadership. Elder Stella opened and closed the event in a good way; Keynote Speaker, President Caron shared her journey as a Métis woman to governance



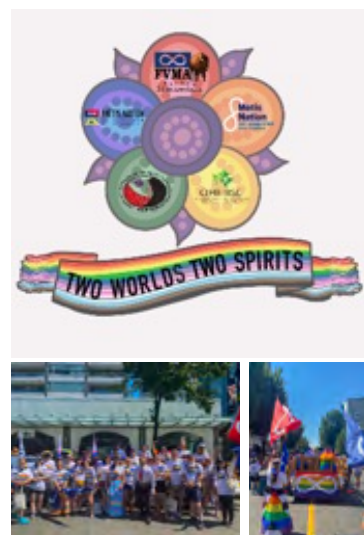
and leadership. Jana Schulz, MMIWG2S+ Family and Survivor, and Region 4 Women's Representative provided a high-level overview of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ 231 Calls for Justice. The Regional and Community Women's Representatives were able to enhance connection and strengthen leadership, while reviewing the MWBC Strategic Plan.

Governance Training

AZ Cooper Consulting was contracted to review MNBC's Constitution, Women's Act and MWBC's Policies and Procedures and create a Best Practices Guide/Primer to create meaningful opportunities for Métis women in positions governance and leadership. MOWGE in collaboration with AZ Cooper Consulting held a virtual governance training session in November for MWBC Governance Council, and four virtual sessions throughout the month of February for MWBC Community Women's Representatives.

2SLGBTQQIA+ Advisory Committee

July 2022 marked the one-year anniversary of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Advisory Committee. Through their guidance and labour, MNBC was able to increase 2SLGBTQQIA+ awareness campaigns and begin work to create spaces of belonging and supports which have been long overdue. MNBC celebrated 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people and allies with a float in Vancouver's 44th Annual Pride Parade. MNBC was also in collaboration with Métis Nation Greater Victoria, Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak, and Fraser Valley Métis Association for the Two Worlds, Two Spirits Gathering in BC.



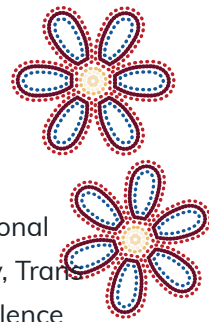
Sashing Our Warriors Campaign

The Sashing Our Warriors campaign has undergone some exciting changes to support the representation of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community within the context of violence prevention. The expansion funded by the Canadian Women's Foundation provided small community seed funding to host Sashing Our Warrior events, along with Sashing Our Warrior cards, community planning kits and regional anti-violence resource lists to support event facilitation for each of the 39 Chartered Communities.

Communications and Awareness

MOWGE has successfully collaborated with several MNBC Ministries to bring awareness to International Women's Day, Transgender Day of Visibility, International Day Against Victim Blaming, Lesbian Visibility Day, International Day





Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, Pansexual Visibility Day, Pride Month, International Non-Binary People's Day, International Pronouns Day, Women's History Month, Trans Parent Day, Trans Awareness Week, Trans Day of Remembrance, National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women and Human Rights Day.

MWBC and MNBC committed to bringing awareness to the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ people (MMIWG2S+), which included May 5th [Red Dress Awareness Day](#), June 3rd National Action Plan One Year Anniversary, October 4th Sisters In Spirit Day and December 17th International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers. Each of these awareness campaigns highlighted [231 Calls for Justice](#) from the [National Inquiry into MMIWG2S+](#) report.



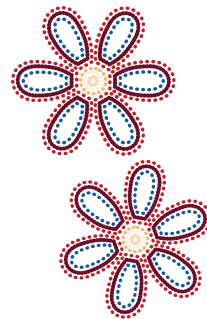
Comfort Kits

MOWGE received funding from LFMO and successfully distributed 494 comfort kits to 39 Chartered Communities. Contents of the kits included: shampoo and conditioner; soap, deodorant, pads, toothbrush and toothpaste, mending kit, laundry strips, hand sanitizer, tissues, chapstick, nail clippers, comb, notebook, banner pen, MWBC flashlight/whistle combo, pocket first aid kit, Sashing Our Warriors lapel kit.

Please look for the MWBC banner pens in your region. These great pens roll out to display the Métis Women BC Logo on one side, and on the other side, contact information for the 24-Hour Métis Crisis Line, Métis Elder Line, Métis Nation BC Website, Métis Nation BC Toll-Free, and Ending Violence Association of BC.

MOWGE Human Resources has been successful in hiring a Director of Women and Gender Equity and is currently hiring another Project Coordinator on a temporary full-time basis, until March 2024. The Administrative Assistant position created last year is now vacant, as that staff member moved over to the Ministry of Youth to serve as a Coordinator.

Ministry of YOUTH



Respectfully Submitted: **MINISTER – SHAUGHN DAVOREN**
DIRECTOR – RACHEL PERKINS

The Ministry of Youth provides Métis Youth in British Columbia with culturally relevant life skill programs and events in order to revitalize and foster connection to Métis culture and community.

2021-2022 Key Objectives:

- 1) Increase Métis Youth access and engagement with MNBC programs and services
- 2) Support Métis Youth in leadership and governance opportunities by promoting the Métis Youth British Columbia (MYBC) Committee and the Community Youth Representative roles
- 3) Cultivate Métis Youth cultural knowledge, connection to community and land stewardship



2021-2022 Ministry Highlights:

Métis Youth British Columbia (MYBC) Committee:

Métis Youth Chairperson/Minister of Youth: Shaughn Davoren

Region 1 Vancouver Island and Powell River Youth Representative: Brookelyn Chalmers

Region 2 Lower Mainland Youth Representative: Danielle Bergevin (Vice-Chair)

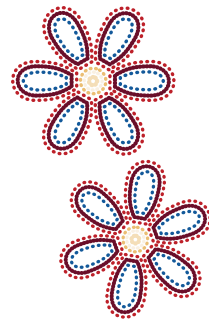
Region 3 Thompson Okanagan Youth Representative: Jamie-Lee Keith

Region 4 Kootenays Youth Representative: Vacant

Region 5 North Central Youth Representative: Vacant

Region 6 Northwest Youth Representative: Jayden Rogers

Region 7 Northeast Youth Representative: Vacant



Y.E.T.I. Youth Employment and Training Initiative

Ministry of Youth, in collaboration with STEPS, launched a **pilot employment program** for Métis youth - Youth Employment and Training Initiative (Y.E.T.I.). The Ministry of Youth has now delivered two cohorts (Spring and Summer 2022), and 28 youth successfully completed the training. The program is set to continue for cohort three in Spring 2023. This unique three-week program supports Métis youth (ages 15-30) to build confidence, gain skills for life and work, and be better prepared for employment in today's labour market. Over the course of three weeks youth plunge into interactive career exploration activities, learn about safety in the workplace, acquire tips to make smarter financial decisions and connect to Métis culture and community, all in a culturally safe and fun virtual setting.

Métis Youth (MY) Parliamentary Forum

The Ministry of Youth and MYBC Committee hosted the first-ever Métis Youth (MY) Parliamentary Forum, which took place at the Provincial Legislature in Victoria, BC, on June 3-5, 2022. Forty eight Métis Youth, including delegates from British Columbia, Ontario, Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, exchanged ideas, debated issues of importance to them and learned how to confidently bring those issues forward to leaders in government and within the Métis Nation. This initiative provided Métis Youth with the opportunity to receive governance training, experience the atmosphere of the Provincial Legislature, learned about parliamentary etiquette, procedures and protocols, drafted resolutions, practiced mock debates of legislation, and develop their public speaking skills.

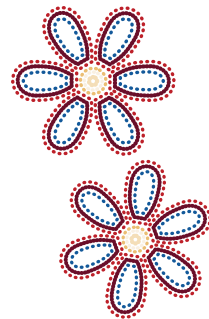
Métis Youth feedback:

"I finally saw people who were like me. Before this experience I had never felt like I belonged anywhere and now I feel I belong everywhere."

"My favorite part of the MY BC Parliamentary Forum was getting to connect and learn from other Métis youth across the country. I feel like we have learned so much from each other and I am so lucky to have all these new connections."

MY TRU Experience

Ministry of Youth, in close collaboration with Indigenous Education at TRU, and funding from the Aboriginal Service Plan, delivered our annual three-day long campus tour event that included a tour of Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, information sessions with the departments of Nursing, Business, Health Care/Social Services, Education, Horticulture, Culinary Arts, and Power Engineering. The event featured hands-on workshop in the Makerspace, library tour and cultural activities like dot painting, jigging, beading and drumming. Nine youth from across BC joined the event and gained insight into the different career and education pathways at TRU, as well as networked with the Métis community.



Youth Employment Survey

Between January - February 2022 Ministry of Youth conducted a survey to gather information on challenges and needs Métis youth (15-30 years old) in British Columbia experience with finding and maintaining employment. The findings of this survey will inform the planning of events and initiatives to improve employability and increase success of Métis youth across British Columbia. The survey generated 155 responses out of which 119 were Métis youth Citizens. The final report was released on March 9, 2022.

Key findings:

Top 5 barriers identified by youth are:

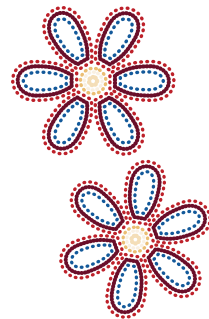
- Lack of motivation, struggling with mental or physical health
- Lack of experience
- Lack of training or education
- Limited transportation
- Have a resume but it is not generating interviews

Métis Youth (MY) Eco Action

MY Eco Action is a unique program at MNBC open to all youth: Métis, Inuit, First Nations and non-Indigenous youth. This program brings all youth together and opens the doors to reconciliation, Métis visibility and land stewardship in BC. In the 2021 to 2022 cohort, 29 youths were accepted into the program; twelve youths contributed over 1500 hours of volunteer service. Six youth successfully completed the program, and five attended the celebration trip in Tofino, BC. Youth took part in on-the-land activities like whale watching, fishing, and hiking! Elders Don Campbell and Denise McCuaig shared cultural teachings around medicine wheel, plant medicines and fish scale art, and the group had amazing time connecting, sharing and exploring together!

Métis Youth Feedback:

- ✓ More connection to the culture
- ✓ Connection to the land
- ✓ Connection to Métis youth provincially
- ✓ Connection to Métis youth nationally
- ✓ Connection to Métis Elders



Métis Youth Role Model Campaign

This campaign focuses on youth achievements and celebrates Métis Youth role models in our Métis communities. Métis Youth Role Models promote healthy lifestyles, Métis culture and awareness; strengthen Métis identity and are actively involved in their community.

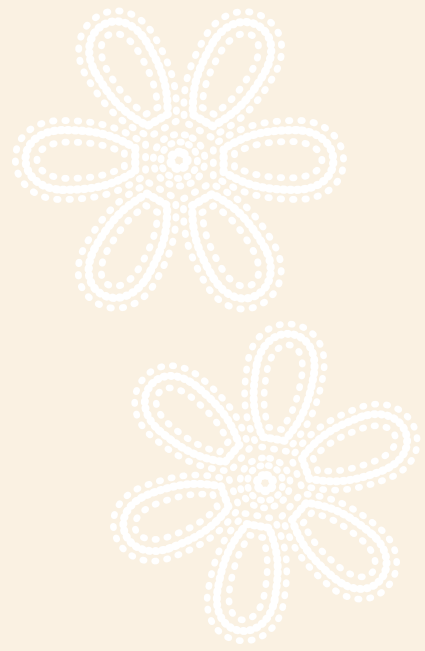
MYBC would like to congratulate the following Métis Youth Role Models:

- Bailey Danielle Johnson
- Cody TY Griffin
- Mara Parkinson
- Sten Sundin
- Camryn Scully

Each Métis Role Model received a \$300 honorarium and was showcased on the Métis Nation British Columbia website and social media channels.

Ask the Kehtê'hak (Elders)" Virtual Well-being Event November 19-20, 2022

This initiative is funded through the Indigenous Healing Stream of the Civil Forfeiture Office. This virtual circle provided an opportunity for Métis youth ages 15-30 to connect with Métis Elders and knowledge carriers to reclaim and re-connect with their cultural identity, traditional ways of being, and participate in the healing of their community. Youth took part in hands-on activities like beading and jigging, explored cultural uses for plant medicines and engaged in Q and A session with Métis elders. Each participant received a box of carefully selected cultural items like traditional plant medicines such as sweetgrass, cedar, sage and tobacco, *Medicines to help us* book, Indigenous-crafted soap bar, beading kit, and floral buffalo tote bag designed by Ministry of Youth staff.



Senate Report



On behalf of the Senate it is with pleasure this report is submitted for presentation to attendees at the 2023 MNGA.

Senate Responsibilities:

- The MNBC Constitution states the Senate shall be responsible for the provisions outlined in legislation known as the Senate Act. Furthermore, that it shall be comprised of seven Senators, and that each of the seven Regions shall appoint one Senator in the manner and process as set out in the Senate Act.
- The Senate Act mandates the Senate to act as the judicial arm of MNBC in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. It must also abide by guidelines for protocol, policy, administrative standards and practices.
- The Senate Policies ensures that all Senators are provided with the opportunity to review pertinent information concerning the state of the judicial system, including the condition of its proceedings; the policies, administrative standards and practices, guidelines, and programs of MNBC and Senate that relate to the guiding of the judicial system, and legislative requirements.

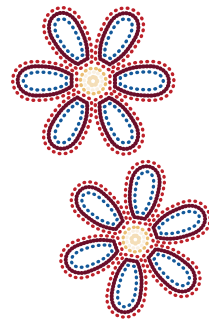
Priorities for the Senate include:

- Education of Métis citizens on role of the Senate, and related legislation;
- Update and refine the Senate Act;
- Define the powers and authorities of the Senate as judicial arm of the Métis Nation;
- Pursue establishment of a restorative justice system for the Métis;

In its previous report to the MNGA attendees it was pointed out that the Senate had completed a comprehensive review of its Policies, and Administrative Standards and Practices. All elected MNBC officials are encouraged to become familiar with these documents, and educate their respective community citizens on the roles and responsibilities of the Senate, and what services are available to them as outlined in the Senate Act or Senate policy. These are viewable on the Senate website at:

- <https://www.mnbc.ca/sites/default/files/2022-08/MNBC-Senate-Policy-Binder-Final.pdf>,
and
- <https://www.mnbc.ca/sites/default/files/2022-08/Senate-ASP-Final.pdf>

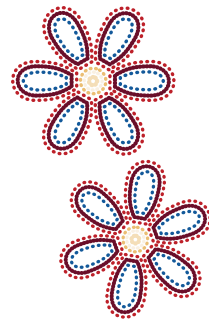
One Senate responsibility that is often overlooked is the requirement for Senators to attend regional/



community AGMs, conduct opening and closing prayers and direct swearing in ceremonies, administer oaths (official or otherwise), and present awards and gifts. Regional Directors and Chartered Community Presidents are encouraged to coordinate this role with the Senator for their region. Attendance at these sorts of events provides an excellent opportunity for two-way conversation to take place between Senators and citizens relative to roles, responsibilities and the expectations of all concerned.

In their roles as elders and statespersons Senators contribute in a number of significant ways throughout British Columbia on behalf of the Métis Nation. A list of some of the events and activities that typically consume Senator time are as undernoted. Given the ongoing concern with COVID some of these activities have been curtailed in favour of conference calls.

- Attendance at numerous community AGMs for the purposes of educating citizens on the role of the Senate as well as delivering opening and closing prayers.
- Focussing attention and awareness to the general public with respect to the violence and impacts that have and continue to be directed at indigenous women, children and families.
- Participation in various Orange Shirt, Remembrance Day and other events.
- Attendance at all grade levels within schools to deliver cultural education and practical exercises related to the Métis people.
- Participation in Louis Riel Day events and flag raising ceremonies.
- Attendance at various regional governance meetings to deliver opening and closing prayers, and use of this opportunity to educate attendees on role of the Senate.
- Continue important role as Elder in Residence at Justice Institute of BC for delivery of Métis cultural training to law enforcement, fire and other first responder trainees.
- Interact with First Nations elders to develop respectful relationships and attend aboriginal justice sessions at the courts for education and exposure to the First Nation restorative justice system with view to development of a similar model for the Métis.
- Participate, and in some instances organize, various Christmas celebrations and meals, and provide support in various forms to those in need, Métis or otherwise.
- Work with the Sports Fishing Advisory Board to advocate for salmon hatcheries, aboriginal allocation of stocks, and fishing rights.
- Respond to numerous calls from Métis citizens, providing direction and procedural advice, or referring questions to the Senate Clerk.



Senate Appeal Applications:

During the past year the Senate has received a number of appeal applications. All applications were reviewed in keeping with Senate Policies. Some were returned to the applicant with direction that alternative remedial action was available to them. Others were accepted by the Senate and proceeded to conclusion. One notable application two years ago resulted in an application to the BC Supreme Court concerning jurisdiction of the Senate to hear the appeal. The Judge rejected this application by the applicant returning the matter to the Senate for adjudication. Although the applicant chose not to pursue the matter any further this case set a precedent for the jurisdiction of the Senate over appeals falling within its MNBC mandate.

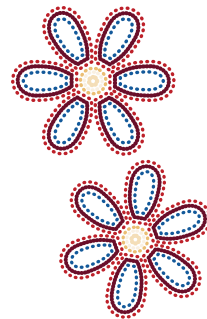
An area of concern to the Senate is the amount of Senator time devoted to research, consultation with legal and cultural advisers, other preparatory work and contributory costs due to real or anticipated procedural challenges by individuals to the jurisdiction of the Senate.

Your Senators are available and look forward to hearing from all Métis citizens whether it be for elder support, ceremonies or interpretation, feedback, and advice.

- Region 1 – Senate Chairman - Senator Alan Edkins – Joined Senate in 2005
 - Contact: 250 710-9757
- Region 2 – Senator Phillip Gladue - Joined Senate in 2006
 - Contact: 778 828-8640
- Region 3 – Senator Fern Hinse - Joined Senate in 2022
 - Contact: 250 852-0553
- Region 4 – Senate Secretary Senator Elizabeth Hoogendoorn – Joined Senate in 2009
 - Contact: 250 344-1216
- Region 5 – Senator Arnold Lucier – Joined Senate in 2017
 - Contact: 778 349-1094
- Region 6 – Senator - Vacant
- Region 7 – Administrative Senator Gerald Pope – Joined Senate in 2008
 - Contact: 250 262-6565

Senate Clerk Responsibilities:

The Senate Clerk, who reports directly to the Senate Chairperson, is charged with delivery of various clerical duties related to processing requests for Senate documents and preparing a variety of forms and reports as mandated by the Senate Act and Senate Policies, and Administrative Standards and Practices. The Senate Clerk also provides advice on MNBC legislation, guidelines, policy, and works closely with the Senate Chairperson and Administrative Senator on issues important to the Senate.

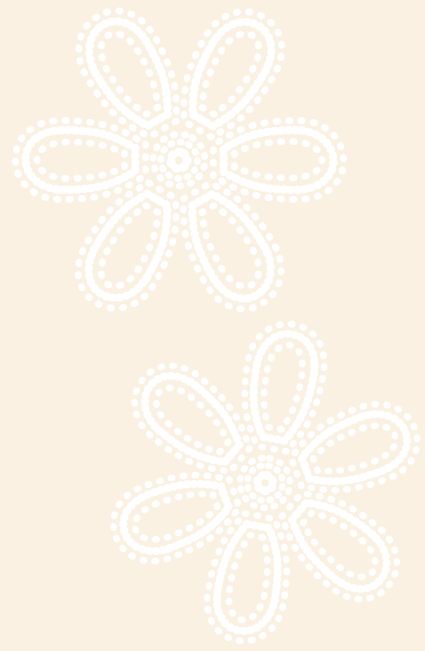


Individuals continue to contact the Senate Clerk seeking information about Métis Citizenship, their genealogy and requesting review of documentation previously submitted. Through review of their particulars and consultation between the Central Registry and follow-up consultation with the St. Boniface Historical Society it has to date been determined that all individuals who have submitted citizenship appeals to the Senate have been treated fairly by the MNBC Registry.

Métis citizens also seek out information from the Senate Clerk on various matters including guidance on appeal, mediation, and dispute resolution processes.

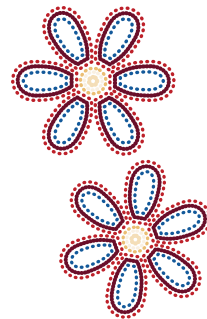
Senate Clerk Bill Bresser may be contacted as follows:

- E-mail: senateclerk@mNBC.ca
- Cellular: 250 488-1509



Community Reports





Alberni Clayoquot Métis Society

Respectfully Submitted: JUNE GRAHAM, PRESIDENT

ACMS monthly report

Greetings community leaders,

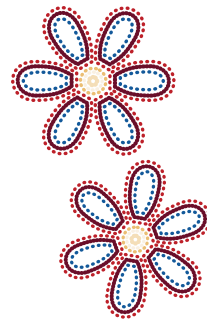
Firstly, hands up to each and everyone of you for continuing to manage to maneuver through the confusing world of COVID/flu and maneuver any other challenge thrown your way. We are all rock stars! I see you, I recognize your selfless commitment you make everyday. I see some of you getting tired, throwing your hands up feeling alone, the struggle is real. My hope is that this time together be partially utilized to discuss these very important issues we face on a daily basis.

Our community of approximately over 700 citizens has continued to carry on at a minimal capacity. The cell phone from MNBC has made it possible for a part-time person to receive calls and arrange appointments at the office when necessary. We continue to process community cards and support our citizens whenever we can.

Highlights of 2022

- We have started a conversation with School District #70 to establish an agreement similar with what Greater Victoria Métis has done. We have made considerable progress with the district in making them aware that our chartered community wants a place at the table and further wants a voice in making the decisions of where dollars are spent that are slotted for our students. We have over 220 identified Métis students in the district and so many more that has not been identified.
 - Special thanks to Fleurette Borsboom, our School Advocate for all the meetings she attends and for going the extra mile!
 - Special thanks to Lauren Petersen for always making herself available and for being a wealth of information!
- We held a successful AGM and had elections. Welcome to a few new faces and returning! Special thanks to those who served their community and are off to other things.
- We held a Louis Riel event with our AGM. It was well attended and filled with good conversations, music, and of course food. Our community was gifted two original Hudson Bay





Jackets from THE 1960's from one of our respected elders and his family. We are so grateful and will assure to put them in a place of honour.

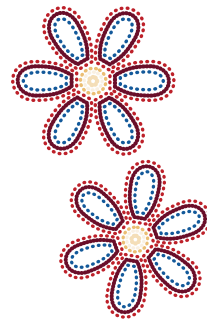
- We continue to engage with the PCN. We have successfully committed the PCN to contract an advocate for ACMS. It is imperative that each community have a voice of expertise in negotiating our rightful position in the PCN, and further that the C.C. be the one that identifies this person. We are very appreciative to have Destinee Barrow as our appointed advocate. The challenging process in working with the PCN has at times required a firm stance, balanced with educating folks on what being Métis means and our rightful place in Canada.
- On Louis Riel Day our flag was again flown at City Hall for a few days. We have requested a meeting with Mayor and Council to discuss our flag staying up for one week. The KUUS Crisis Line flew our flag as well for a week! This is the home of our Métis crisis line.
- We laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony in respect of our Métis Veterans
- We continue to offer tutoring services for our students requiring extra support in their studies
- ACMS was an active partner in the planning and implementation of the 2022 island rendezvous. It was a very successful event and we look forward to being involved this year. A big shout out to Métis capital Corp. for their generous donation in 2022 and their commitment for this years event. As well, thank you to MNBC for their commitment to donate to this year's event.



Some goals for 2023

- Get a paid Educational Advocate in School District classrooms specifically for Métis students
- Do a community hide camp. We have two elk hides to work with
- Hold monthly Elders meetings. Tea and bannock sessions.
- Work more with school students, engaging in cultural activities. Our new youth representative will be meeting with our youth.
- Secure funding to keep our office running efficiently
- Craft Nights – learning more about Métis culture





Boundary Métis Community Association

Respectfully Submitted: DAINA SHAW, PRESIDENT

The Boundary Métis Community Association has had an eventful year. In February of 2022 we had a full replacement of our board aside from one director. Since then, our board has worked hard together to learn the responsibilities and duties required of us, but most importantly, we have worked to recreate a sense of community in our region. There has been so much disconnection over the last couple of years, and the most common answer we have received when asking “what do you need,” is community connection.



One of the first things we did was to make a connection with the Elders in our community. Much of our board had not been previously involved with BMCA events, so it was an opportunity for us to get to know our knowledge keepers. There was a lot of excitement at the opportunity to meet up and see each other again and to make new connections after a quiet couple of years.

Our main focus thus far has been putting on community events to bring us all back together. We have had several over the last 9 months, including on Indigenous Peoples' Day and Louis Riel Day which were big events and some



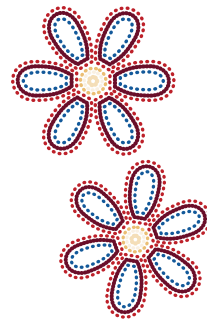
smaller gatherings such as our end of Summer gathering and a Winter solstice event.



To encourage interest in culture and to create more community connections, we have facilitated several cultural events. There are a lot of people in my community that have not been fortunate enough to have been raised with their culture. People of all ages are incredibly excited to



learn new skills that are traditional and cultural, such as: drum making, beading and moccasin making, and ribbon skirts and shirts. We have a big community drum that we put a new hide on this fall, and this was well attended by both Métis and non-Métis community members that wanted to learn more about our culture. We have many more cultural learning events in the works for the new year, including traditional cooking and hide tanning.



These fun events have had success in encouraging members to be more active with us in our community.

We have created a regular drum group that has now performed at two community events with a request for a third. There is a group that meets weekly in our BMCA center and practices and learns songs together.

We provide some direct support to community members in need. Our main method support is grocery cards. There are many families that have participated in our grocery card program, so something we are working on is food security. In the spring we gave out gardening kits, which we hope to do again next year. We have plans to work on other avenues of food security, including creating a food forest in one of our communities. We have several different ideas for what improving food security looks like in our community and we will be exploring them further in the coming months.

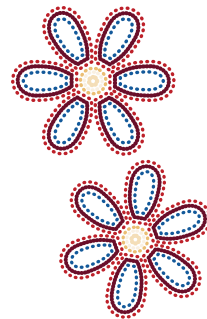


Our board has a good relationship with the school district. I sit as the BMCA liaison on the Boundary Indigenous Education Advisory Council that meets at the schoolboard office every 2 months. Sitting on that board, I am up to date on plans the school board has for our students and can give suggestions to what we would like to see. I was invited to one of the elementary schools during Louis Riel week to share information on Louis Riel and Métis peoples. I had a couple of students ask where they could get a sash, and show real interest in learning more. Going forward, I hope to be able to spend more time in both elementary and high schools reaching out to students about Métis culture and heritage.



Every year, board or community members attend graduation ceremonies and events to sash the graduates. We had 30 students across 3 schools who graduated this year that identify as Métis. Twice this year, board and community members visited the Aboriginal Head Start Center Talking Little Feet to sash the little graduates.

The last 10 months have been eventful for our board and citizens. I feel fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful community with so many hard working volunteers. I look forward to the coming months to see what we are able to accomplish. Maarsi and all my relations.



Chilliwack Métis Association

Respectfully Submitted: PETER LANG, PRESIDENT

As the world eases out of the pandemic and begins to return to a new normal, CMA followed suit. Over the past year we hosted several functions, ran multiple programs, and grew our membership to over 800 all while supporting the health and wellness of Elders, young families and youth. The following are some of our highlights from 2022-2023:



This year CMA used the COVID support funding mainly for food security support for our Elders, families and those living below the poverty line. We purchased Save On Foods grocery cards and issued them to our citizens, on a monthly basis, to assist with offsetting the recent inflation, and to eat healthier foods, which tend to be more costly. When purchasing cards in bulk, Save On provides discounts, thus allowing CMA to stretch our dollars even further.

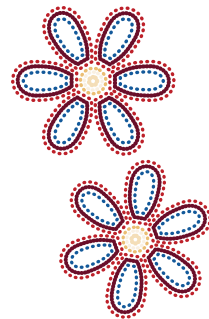
CMA set a goal of trying to increase our youth engagement. CMA hosted a movie night at Métis House in the summer and we also put on a free skating event before Christmas, largely targeted at our Métis Youth. We have a new Youth Rep (Hannah Bil) who helped plan and organize the skating event. We had approximately 75 people attend the skating session and the feedback was positive.



CMA, along with FVMA, hosted our first Harvest Dinner since the pandemic. This event was held outside at Métis House on September 17, 2022 and was sold out! The food was delicious -as it always is – but in particular, those in attendance raved about Sharon Quenneville's (CMA Women's Rep) Tourtière. The entertainment was provided by the Louis Riel Métis Dancers (V'ni Dansi).

Earlier in the year, CMA also hosted our annual National Indigenous People's Day Bison BBQ. This was also well attended by many Métis, First Nations and non-Indigenous people. It was a great opportunity to share our culture with our friends and neighbours. The crowd enjoyed checking out our new Teepee and the kids participated in Red River Cart races. It was a beautiful day on the grounds of Métis House!

For Christmas this year, CMA rented the Scouts Hall on Fairfield Island in order to host our Elders and families for Christmas Dinner. There were approximately 100 in attendance and Santa made his usual



special appearance after dessert to give out gifts to the children and youth in attendance. At least one Elder, Mary Daniels, also sat on Santa's knee!

CMA also hosts the Gender Support Network and the Queer café each week at Métis House. Although not a Métis specific event, it is part of our Community Outreach and providing a safe space for LGBTQ2S+ youth and adults in Chilliwack and the surrounding area. These are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

CMA supports our Elders and Women by hosting and supporting monthly gatherings. The Elders generally get together for a luncheon, or a tea, at Métis House which can hold approximately 20 people in the main space. The Women's events are planned by our Women's rep Sharon Quenneville and our Secretary / Treasurer Bryanna Pelletier. Both of these events fill up quickly and we may need to look for alternate spaces as we continue to expand our membership.

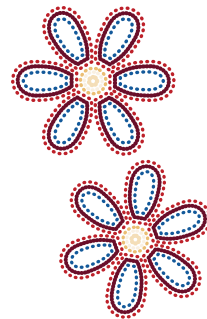
Finally, CMA also hosted our first ever outdoor concert on the stage. This event was put on in early October and was co-headlined by local musicians Taysey Taylor and Stó:lō artist Maddie K. The opening act, Rain Penner, was also First Nations. It's fulfilling to see Métis House being used to promote Indigenous arts and music, just as Louis Riel predicted!

In closing, CMA has a multitude of new hockey gear we would like to get to Métis youth. The sizes are mainly kid sizes. We have sticks (mostly left handed), gloves, skates (sizes 3-5) and youth sized helmets. Reach out to us if your association has young hockey players looking for new gear. Only requirement is that they are Métis or First Nations.

We wish everyone all the best for a productive 2023 MNGA and for the upcoming year of serving our Métis citizens in BC!

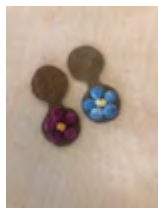
Peter Lang

President - CMA



Columbia Valley Métis Association

Respectfully Submitted: MONICA FISHER, PRESIDENT



Tawnshi Kiya!

Well, it definitely has been a different year than previous years! With COVID restrictions lifted, we have been so excited to engage in person with our Métis community, as well as our greater community.



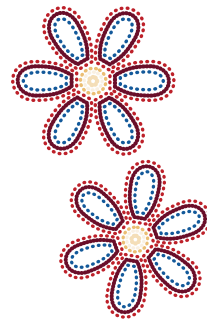
We have been able to host in person workshops, such as, Métis Beadwork Style Dot Art and Métis Caribou Hair Tufting. We have been able to meet with Citizens in person to aid with mental health, and addiction support. We have also been looking at different options regarding housing and development. We were able to secure a registered psychologist for our Citizens as the mental health and addiction crisis within our valley and supports available have been exhausted. It's gotten to the point where Citizens were unable to engage with a counsellor due to wait times upwards of nine months. We are happy that our Citizens engaged with this program and will look for funds to continue this program for our people.



We've helped over 35 Citizens in their application process, we've helped Citizens with business plans and funding options for businesses and for various outside community supports. We've been able to assist over a hundred Citizens with supports for food security, particularly during stressful financial times such Thanksgiving and Christmas. Like many other communities, we have been able to assist individuals with gas cards, medication, staying in their homes during times of job loss and travel for out of town medical appointments.



We have spent a lot of time focusing our care and attention on our elders. Creating programs such as Elders house cleaning, foot care clinics, and evening gatherings like our Métis Mondays. Because we could host in person events, Métis Mondays were able to kick off again where we had an event every Monday with multigenerational gatherings. These included music, crafts, games, crib, laughter and of course food. We have hosted



multiple educational workshops with the STEPS program trying to get youth and business owners engaged with all the different programming that's available seeing upwards of 30 Métis individuals joining with these workshops, both virtually and in person.



One of the best programs that we have going has been providing gym memberships to those who want it. We have reports from multiple Citizens who have engaged with gym memberships, some of whom have lost upwards of 90 pounds, and have gone off of medical apparatuses as well as medications. Reports from the Citizens have stated that their mental health and physical health have drastically improved due to this program. We are now in search of more funding to continue this program.



We were very proud to sash all of our 16 Métis graduates this year. We participated in the Valley Appreciation and Canada Day Celebrations, providing information to the greater community about who the Métis are, as well show our Métis pride. Most recently we hosted our Louis Riel Day Celebration where we had a record-breaking turnout. Thanks for MNBC for the funding for this! We ate delicious food, provided information and understanding of how Louis Riel fought for our people and afterwards we sashed 23 Citizens.



We hosted our AGM and had a record breaking 54 people in attendance with 35 voting Citizens. I, Monica Fisher as President, am very much looking forward to working with our new, passionate, engaged and talented Board of Directors: Newly elected/acclaimed Vice President Topher Burke, Treasurer Cherrie Burke, Elder Pheb Goulet, Director at large Kalista Pruden, Woman's Rep Valerie Bracken and acting Youth Rep Jacob Zhender. We have a very engaged community who are wanting to participate in committees, such as Harvesting, Housing and Development, Education, Culture and Heritage. We will be focusing our 2023 year on developing committees and increasing programming towards our Citizen's needs. Thankfully, we have an incredible new Community Navigator Lisa, who is helping our Citizens greatly with her care and expertise. She has relieved a ton of pressure from us as BOD so we are able to focus on our goals

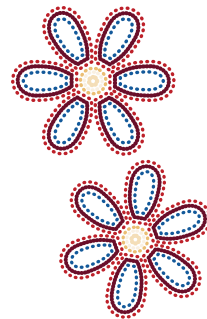


and thankfully with her assistance and our new board, 2023 will be a great year for CVMA!



Monica Fisher
President





Cowichan Valley Métis Nation

Respectfully Submitted: RICHARD LEWIS, ELECTED LEADER



It has been a very interesting and challenging, but successful year, coming out of COVID and coming to terms with how to gather safely, celebrate with community, provide cultural activities and support for our community.



Thank you to the MNBC board and staff for supporting our community and members. Thanks also to both the Region One communities and the Vancouver Island Rendezvous committee for all their hard work in bringing another exciting and well attended Rendezvous to our members and the public.

We are very proud of how effectively Region One operates, in hearing and responding to our members' needs throughout the region and being innovative in how they do so.

Our year has encompassed many cultural workshops, celebrations, and events, to enrich the lives of our Métis members and their families.

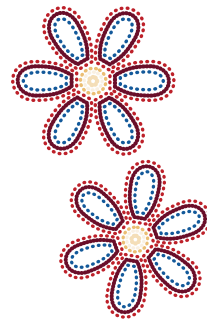
A community highlight was our Grand Opening Celebration that acknowledged a full year in our new location. It has been a busy year moving in, sprucing up and renovating our early 1900's two-story schoolhouse to meet the needs of our members.



On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, representatives from all nations served by School District #79 joined the Board of Education for the formal inauguration of the Board All-Nation Indigenous Education Council, in celebration of the signing of the local education agreements and memorandum of understanding.



We are very humbled and thankful for the continuing positive partnership with School District #79. The two Métis specific Cultural Teaching Assistants, have a very unique job description and relationship with all our teachers and students within the District. We are also fortunate to have several Cultural Métis



Presenters, who are in great demand in our school district as well as the neighbouring one, enhance the understanding of who the Métis people are, past, present, and future, and open a connection with our Métis community as a whole.

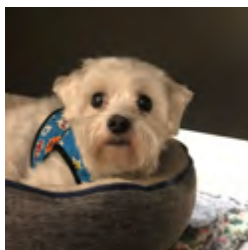
We continue to be challenged and are working with Island Health, the New Cowichan Hospital Network, and the Cowichan Primary Network, to raise awareness and understanding with non-Métis health professionals as to the unique needs of the Métis people and

particularly our Cowichan Valley members.

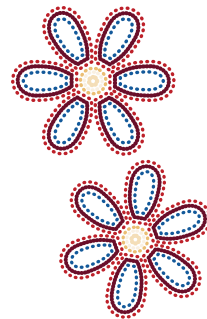


A huge part of our past year was in part thanks to the COVID funding, enabling us to provide support in the form of food, medical, mental health.

I can say that after two years of meetings on Zoom, we are truly thankful that we are again able to meet in person, and our Board and community meeting has restarted as such.



Our volunteer office staff continues to work hard, with two days per week in the office, responding to our members' needs and at least one day per week in our Mâdawapôwak (gathering) space for cultural activities.



Fraser Valley Métis Association

Respectfully Submitted: PIXIE WELLS, PRESIDENT

As we step into 2023, we are proud of the Fraser Valley Métis community's successes over the last year, particularly in providing more opportunities for meaningful engagement and enhancing partnerships as part of our strategic plan now and moving forward. We strive to build a resilient and inclusive community that will strengthen our culture and improve the well-being of the Métis people within the Fraser Valley.

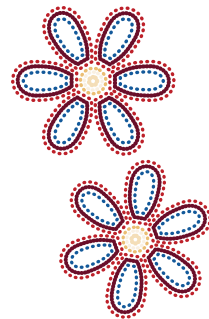


Fraser Valley Métis Association serves and represents the Métis people, providing events and opportunities to strengthen our communities and revitalize our Métis culture.

Our community highlights of the year include:

- To better serve our community improving the membership card printing system saves time and enables us to provide more opportunities to re-connect with each of our members in-person. We enjoy connecting with and learning so much from our members!
- In our efforts to support other Indigenous businesses, our website was redesigned by a Métis owned company. Our website continues to provide up-to-date information which is being used regularly to communicate community information, resources, news, and a calendar of events.
- Fraser Valley Métis Association continues to improve the relations with local First Nations by respecting the longstanding relationships that Indigenous People have to this land as they are the original caretakers since time immemorial. By regularly participating in community events and committees, we provide a Métis voice and acknowledge the historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous Peoples endure in Canada. We are committed to doing our part to build respectful relationships and amplify the voices of all Indigenous Peoples through our services and community engagement such as sponsoring Abbotsford's first Wac'ipi C'ante Was'te Yuhapi (With A Good Heart Pow Wow).
- The community expressed the need for a weekly gathering circle for women. We have been able to facilitate this by opening our shared space to gather on a weekly basis for kinship, culture, and crafting.





- We have also partnered with D.R.U.M.C. (Dawn Rising Medicine Circle), a weekly urban indigenous drum circle which began in 2019 with a small group of First Nations



and Métis women that met and began a weekly inclusive singing and hand drumming circle. Instructor Wenonah Justin member of Cook's Ferry of the Nlaka'pamux Nation with Cree ancestry is a traditional singer, Knowledge Keeper and Drum Carrier. She shares the traditional Salish teachings she learned from Salish Elders in Tiqilip Community

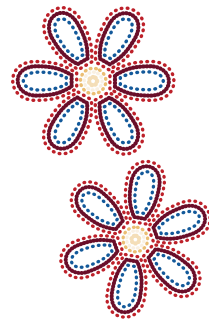
Singers. In the pursuit of helping themselves and others reclaim a culture that was denied to them, D.R.U.M.C. practices love, unity, inclusivity, acceptance, Indigenous languages, stories, and songs

- .Music is a significant part of Métis culture and identity and we continue to offer the Métis Fiddle Lessons which is an annual program going into 3 years. Our Fiddle Lesson Instructor, Joanne Blaak, continues to provide a safe, inclusive and fun learning environment and our amazing students are learning so quickly.
- We attended the opening of the BC Métis History exhibit at Historic Fort Langley event and the Louis Riel Day events organized by Parks Canada. FVMA's attendance was beneficial to our community, as it allowed Citizen to Community engagement. It was also a good example of how Region 2 communities can work together to support the interests of the Métis Nation.



- In collaboration with the City of Abbotsford, we held Abbotsford's first ever in-person Red Dress Day event at City Hall in front of the empty courthouse in order to bring awareness of the over-representation of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Canada.
- We hosted 3 two-day beading workshops for 12 multigenerational community members to learn about and create an infinity pin to keep or gift away. We are grateful to Knowledge Keeper Sara Laslo for sharing her gifts of supplies and the traditional teachings of beading. The meaning and significance of the infinity symbol for Métis People.
- The annual Métis Strong Youth Day Camp was a success thanks to the volunteers and partnerships with Heritage

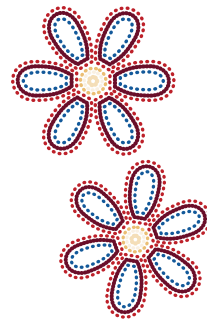




Abbotsford Society, Horseshoe club, and various Indigenous Knowledge Keepers sharing their time, and space and having fun. We continue to learn the best ways to serve the community through these engagements.

- Partnerships like the City of Abbotsford, Abbotsford School District #34, and Mission School District #75 are important to helping us connect with our families and their needs. We supported 56 Métis graduates in Abbotsford and Mission by attending, presenting sashes, and providing gifts and individualized congratulatory cards signed by the board.
- Fraser Valley Métis Association was nominated for this year's Non-profit Organization of the Year. The Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce and The Abbotsford News presented the Business Excellence Awards event to recognize outstanding organizations and individuals in Abbotsford that strive for excellence in our community. Business Excellence Award recipients are Leaders in their industry with a commitment to Customer Service, a concern for the Community, and a passion for Innovation.
- Fraser Valley Métis Association has also been nominated for a Fraser Valley Cultural Diversity Award, specifically 'Inclusive Environment.' These awards started in 2003 to celebrate the best practices of Fraser Valley organizations, initiatives, businesses and individuals in recognizing the diversity of our community. We are proud Métis who embrace diversity to create a welcoming environment for culturally diverse groups in our communities and schools.
- In the year ahead, we will continue these initiatives, and add programming designed for the different needs of our community and events held in collaboration with other communities in the Fraser Valley area and beyond. We are grateful for our members' continued participation and enthusiasm in our community, and partners for their incredible support and advice.





Kelowna Métis Association

Respectfully Submitted: CHERYL DODMAN, PRESIDENT

Tawnshi Kiya Wow / Hello Everyone,

To start in a good way, we acknowledge that we are blessed to live, work and play on the traditional and unceded territory of the Okanagan Syilx people. We recognize, honour, and respect the presence of Indigenous people, past, present and future, including Métis people and the Métis Nation of British Columbia (MNBC).



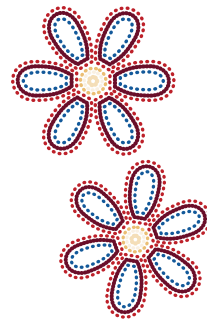
The Kelowna Métis Association (KMA) is grateful to have had an impactful year for our community members, by leveraging the strong expertise of our volunteer board members and the commitment of our community members to build lasting connections. Despite the continued challenges in the past year, including the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, rapidly rising cost of living, and the housing crisis, we continue to be amazed by the perseverance of our community members.

We could not be happier to have had two years of a full KMA board, which has allowed us to tap into a diverse array of technical skills. Most recently we welcomed new members with expertise in board governance, law, and the education system. These skills will strengthen our ability to be agile in meeting the needs of our community members.

As the President, and with support of our board members, I am thrilled to share with you some of our successes in some key areas for our community members.

1. Community Engagement

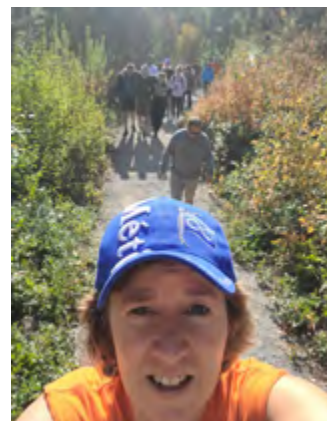
- Hosted the largest Christmas gathering in memory, which included gifts for the children
- Creation of a community banner for outreach
- Held a Trap Shooting event for our community
- An event to share in the 2022 MNBC Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- Provided 20 Wilderness Survival Backpacks to community members
- Hosted a 1-day Wilderness Preparedness Course to our community
- Invested in a partnership with the Bridge Youth & Family Services Society and Kelowna EMDR clinic to support mental wellbeing in our community
- Formed partnership with two University of British Columbia – Okanagan researchers to support more meaningful community engagement and awareness
- Held a community event with live music from Métis musicians, Patrick Alexandre and Arlette Alcock



- Provided gift cards to community members in need to support with medicine, food and necessities
- Held bi-monthly youth hiking/snowshoeing and beading workshops.
- Attended and placed wreaths at numerous Remembrance Day ceremonies throughout our city (one wreath laid by KMA board member and West Kelowna City Counselor Garrett Millsap.
- Held monthly Elders Teas – where elders enjoy connections and share valuable knowledge.

2. Children and Youth

- 24 KMA Youth events - one cultural and one hiking adventure each month
- Created a KMA committee to support an educational bursary for our community
- Expanded our youth Facebook and Instagram activity
- Provided new parents in the community with cultural gifts for their newborn babies.
- Initial scoping into a high school bursary in partnership with Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society
- Provided cultural resources and books to School District 23 for Métis learning
- Two KMA board members on our local Educational Council awarded Métis Grad boxes to each of our Métis Grads.



3. Governance and Administration

- Initial scoping of an Honorarium Policy
- Creation of an Educational/Cultural Funding Application Form
- Extended the funding for a Community Assistant position to support the region
- Strengthened our financial reporting



In closing, we are happy to have supported our community in strengthening cultural connections and helping those in need. We look forward to continuing this work in 2023 and wish everyone a Happy New Year.

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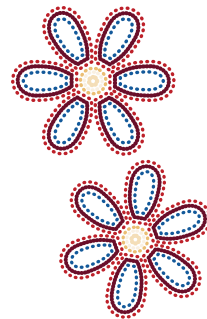
Cheryl D Dodman

Kaniikaniit (Leader/Michif)

on behalf of the Kelowna Métis Association Board

Kaa - Wiichihitoyaahk We take care of each other.



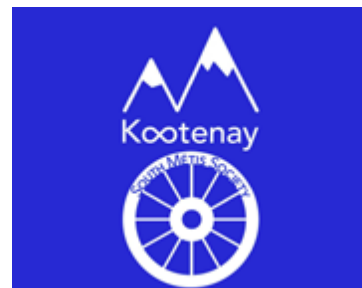


Kootenay South Métis Society

Respectfully Submitted: MYRT SERVATIUS, PRESIDENT

First off, we would like to thank MNBC for the COVID support for our community. So many of our members had the support with gas cards and grocery cards and drug store cards. Some say without our support they would have had a tough time with the sickness, loss of employment and raising of the prices for groceries.

I have had many enjoyable hours with the students from Robson, Castlegar, Kinnard, Rossland, Trail, and Fruitvale, teaching jigging and knowledge about the Métis. We are getting many invitations to gatherings. We were invited to the groundbreaking for the expansion of the Glenmerry School and the dedication of the new Selkirk College in Trail.



June: We sashed our graduates from both Castlegar and Trail and the alternate school.

June 18: Our big celebration for Indigenous Day in Gyro Park. Thanks to our corporate sponsors we had a great time with over 400 people attending. Our entertainment was Jingle dancers First Nation



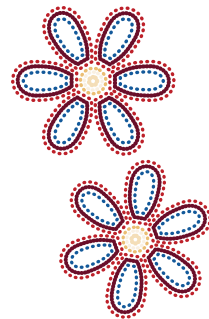
dancers and drummers. Lottie with her fried bread and our members made over 400 pieces of Bannock. There was a friendship circle and Rossland old time fiddlers with about 20 fiddles, guitars and banjos. Buffalo burgers were made and were sold out. We also had many vendors and our early childhood booth was there.



July: It was time to clean the highway again with our community crew and it was great to give back to our community.

August: We had a fishing day at the Beaver Creek part of the Columbia River. We had about 30 members attend, including a family of four generation with great grandma, grandma, mom and daughters. Thanks to Sid Regnier for setting up all the rods and reels. He spend most of his





time untangling lines out of the bushes and baiting hooks. Hamburgers and hotdogs and salads were served after fishing. We will be doing this again in the summer of 2023.

September 23: Attended the AGM in Vancouver and it was very nice to see many friends fact to face.

September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation organized by the City of Trail and corporate sponsors. We were on the committee. There was an action walk, storytelling, reflection area, a teepee, and food by donation. Two short films about residential schools were shown at the theatre. We had a tent with Métis information and orange shirts for sale. Many orange shirts were worn and the event was very well attended for a first attempt.

October 11: For five weeks we had beading classes every Tuesday evening at our office. Thanks to Dale Andrews for his knowledge.

October 19: Attended an Indigenous Connections meeting at SD 20 office with teachers and Indigenous staff as knowledge keeper.

November 5: Attended Remembrance Day banquet at the Legion in Trail with an Elder as invited guests. It was nice to be recognized.

November 11: For the first time in years, we were asked to lay our wreath at the cenotaph. Another acknowledgment.

November 15: In the morning, attended J Lloyd Crow Highschool for jigging and information on Métis.

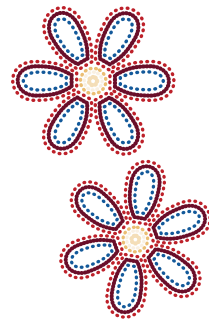
November 15: In the evening, six of our members and even our newly elected Mayor came to help make Bannock for flag raising on November 16. We made over 400 pieces for the students with butter and jam on them all.

November 15: For the first time in SD 20 the schools each flew our Métis flag. I delivered the flags to the school board to be given to each school. So excited for our flag to be flown at the schools.

November 16: Flag raising at City Hall. The City had our flag up for one week. We had two fiddlers and a banjo player. We served juice boxes, water, and the Bannock we made. Approximately 380 students were bussed from Kinnard, Rossland, Glenmerry, Warfield and Fruitvale. Some of the students I taught jigging to were dancing to the fiddles. Great to see. Also, five new councillors for the city attended. Nice to have the City's support.

November 20: We had our community dinner attended by around 95 members and guests. We had some cancellations due to COVID-19 and the flu. We had lots of food, music and prizes. We even had





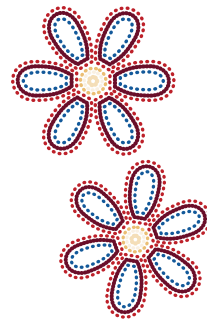
three of the new councillors for Trail attend and asked if they could come again next year they had such a good time.

December 29: I attended MNC President Cassidy Caron's and Paul's wedding reception in Rossland. Was great to see her fiddled into the hall. It is always nice to see President Caron.

January 17: will be attending Elders meeting at Selkirk College in Castlegar.

February: We will be doing a class for fleece mittens. Also have booked a beading class and moccasin making. At the end of February we are having a cultural day of snowshoeing and cross country skiing with a wiener roast for our supper at the golf course in Rossland.

We have our membership list now in the computer so I can send emails to given information. We have had a lot of new members. We had our AGM on December 5th and have a full board and executive except for a youth rep. We meet the second Tuesday of the month at our office and am looking forward to an exciting 2023.



Métis Nation Columbia River Society

Respectfully Submitted: SHELLEY MACGREGOR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2022 was a busy and exciting year for our Métis community. Our visibility in the local community remains strong and continues to grow. We have been asked by Tourism Golden to set up an informative display about the Métis. This will include a Capote, hides and a medicinal plant walk at the local Tourism Center. Our office has been invited and attended several community meetings such as – SAS (Sexual Assault Services), Homelessness with other community organizations, raising awareness and opening the conversation.

Our staff has completed their Food Safe certification and Mental Health First Aid through MNBC STEPS programming. They are eager for other learning opportunities to benefit our citizens. Throughout the year we held many Sashing Ceremonies to welcome new Métis members. One of our Amazing Youth members, Mara Parkinson was awarded as a Youth Role Model of 2022 by MNBC



**Métis Nation Columbia
River Society**

EVENTS:

MMIWG2S – MNCRS hung red dresses along the boulevard through town with an open smudge in front of the office. Golden's Path to Reconciliation: In collaboration with Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy Li Jigeurs Michif performed along with our local fiddlers at Pursuit Golden Skybridge. The event also featured hide tanning, and cultural displays.

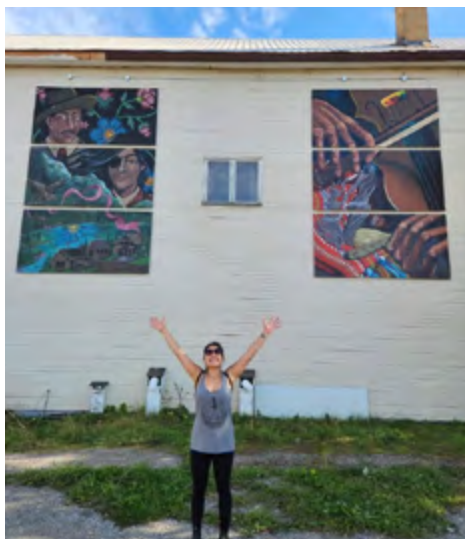
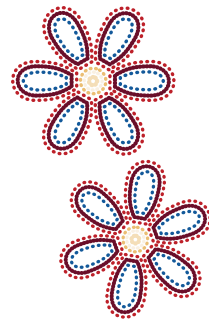
Indigenous peoples day

We hosted Chubby Cree for a performance prior to June 21 and began Indigenous Peoples Day with an early morning Summer Solstice Yoga and Ancestral Meditation. MNCRS then invited members and the community for a Bison chilli and Bannock lunch as well as a beading activity.

Aboriginal Grad and grade 7 transition

This is the first year since before the beginning of COVID-19 that we were able to participate in the Riverwalk for our grade sevens. The event recognizes our grade 7 students transitioning to high school and allows them to meet the





Indigenous education workers. Our Elders shared a meal and sashed Indigenous Grade 12 students during their Ceremony into Adulthood.

Orange Shirt Day September 30th

Every Child Matters Event in Spirit Square- we installed a memorial bench to indigenous people sent to residential schools. We unveiled a Métis Mural created by local Métis artist Hanako Nagao. The mural hangs proudly in the center of main street and features local Métis entrepreneurs Sophie and Baptiste Mourigau. A catered Elders lunch was held and we completed the day with a viewing of the movie Susap Keeper of Knowledge.

Louis Riel Day and Métis week

Métis week was celebrated with Bannock, Tea and crafting each afternoon at the office open house and the Louis Riel Day Flag Raising Ceremony at Spirit Square.

Christmas Party

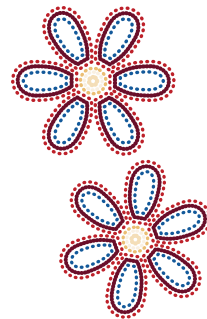
We held a catered Christmas party for community members featuring Métis Bev who got everyone up dancing.

Cultural and educational workshops:

Jigging with Métis Bev, Ed Peekeekoot, Beading Circles, Craft and Cookies circles, Bison hide processing (fleshing, brain tanning and smoking), individual drum & community drum making workshops, a drumming circle led by Moose Luke, medicinal plant foraging, preserving/canning, dehydrating, Capote making workshop, fiddling, archery, snowshoe adventures, chair yoga and beginner classes, Summer Solstice yoga, medicine bag making, salve and balm making with medical plants, Moccasin rock painting, weekly Elders coffee Circle, and our Mummery Glacier Family Get together.

Outreach to Métis Citizens:

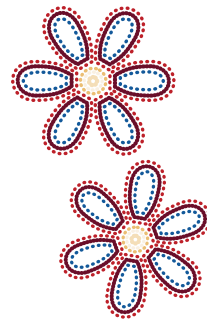
- Prescription assistance to members in need
- Medical travel assistance to 6 members who need to travel 5-6 hrs for eye injections
- Ongoing member and elder check ins
- Grocery and Gas assistance to members in need due to inflation or low income.
- Food Hampers with the option of delivery to elders
- Office gardens that provided healthy vegetables to our members including eggs and bison meat
- Provided a safe space for members to come in and share stories
- Planted and harvested 3 sacred medicines from our office gardens – Sage, Tobacco and Sweetgrass



- Gifted our medicines to those who are experiencing low overall health and mental health
- Set up a Tipi in front of our local office (main street Golden)
- Tipi and Elder stories to the local schools, preschools and summer camps
- Continue to work with the Rod & Gun Club of Golden to feed the Big Horn Sheep displaced by the Kicking Horse Canyon Project during the winter season.
- Kept in touch with children in care and provided cultural activities for them.
- Ended our Year with a Métis Family Christmas Gathering, we had the event catered by a local food vendor and Métis Bev got the whole crowd up on their feet jigging to the Jobin family Music!
- We continue to search for and write grants for organizational capacity to enable us to keep our office open to provide services and support cultural events to our members and community.



- A copy of the QR code that is located at our Mural is attached – an audio of local Elder Paul Ricard sharing his family stories.
- We share pictures and information about upcoming workshops and events on our Métis Nation Columbia River Facebook page please join us.



Métis Nation of Greater Victoria

Respectfully Submitted: CAITLIN BIRD, PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria, I am honoured to report out on the activities and highlights over this past year.

2022 was an interesting year as we started to return to in-person events and opportunities as the default once more.

This past year we had three cohorts of jiggers learn with one of our community members, Simone Blais. Some cohorts were virtual, and some in person as the year moved from winter to spring.

Our regular monthly potlucks returned and it was so good to see familiar and new faces alike! There really is nothing quite like connecting and sharing a meal together in person.

This past year our Michif language program has continued! We offered an introductory Michif class, opened our weekly zoom classes to folks across the province, and now have a waitlist of interested folks. We're hoping to be able to continue to increase the number of Métis in BC who can interact in Michif over the coming year.

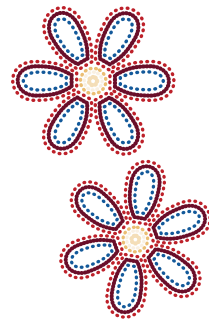
We offered virtual paint nights, a women's Sashing our Warriors event, a Gardening Initiative, Métis Embroidery class, beginners flat stitch class, honoured Red Dress day, held drop-in craft and connect evenings, beaded poppies, and had a workshop to honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and orange shirt day, and supported community emergency preparedness. Specifically for youth, we offered a Métis Snapchat scavenger hunt, a medicine bag making workshop, and canoe steering training!

New initiatives that continued for a second year included a blood donation drive and Food and Comfort drive to collect warm clothes and food. Both of these were held around Louis Riel Day. Our intention behind these initiatives are to give back to our broader community in Greater Victoria.

At Christmas time, our community put together and delivered gift baskets for Elders and seniors, and we held our first post-pandemic Christmas Gathering!

In addition to opportunities for community members, our board has been busy supporting some very important initiatives that we hope will have long-term impact for Métis in the Greater Victoria area and beyond.





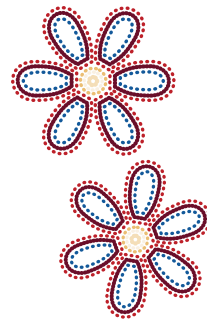
Our community, in partnership with Fraser Valley Métis Association, Métis Nation of BC and Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak, organised the Two Worlds Two Spirits Gathering in Richmond in August. This was largely funded by a grant that Angel Robinson, MNGV's 2SLGBTQIA+ Board Representative, had applied for pre-pandemic. Finally, this grant was brought to life, and an incredible two and a half day event was held. The feedback from participants was wonderful and we look forward to seeing the program and service recommendations that will come from all that was shared at the gathering. We look forward to sharing the report with you all when it is finalized.

On the topic of research - this past year our community guided two important pieces of research that have been fundamental in our ability to advocate for the needs of our community. One was a research project by Métis researchers Monique Auger, Renée Monchalin and Willow Paul with the guidance from Elder Barb Hulme. This looked into the experiences of Métis women and gender diverse folks in accessing health care, specifically in the Greater Victoria area. Shortly thereafter, after some strong advocacy from us, the South Island Primary Care Network contracted Monique Auger, one of our community members, to conduct a thorough needs assessment for our community, with guidance from our community throughout. These two reports share some consistent findings and have been useful in advocating for the unique needs and experiences of Métis people in our area.

Another piece of work that took place over the past year, was the Métis Education Agreement with SD61, Greater Victoria School District. The key distinguishing feature between this agreement and others that our community had with School districts in the past, is the accountability mechanisms built in. It sets out the frequency that we will meet with the school district, the data that will be shared with us and our ability to guide and support the Métis students in the school district. It also sets out a commitment to having a Métis student and family support worker hired by the school district, but whose role it will be to connect with the community, and the inclusion of Métis ways of knowing and being into the educational system. Now the hard work of implementation starts...

Our Board continues to find ways to be innovative, meet our members needs, and continue to find opportunities to advocate for our member's priorities.

I raise my hands to the entire MNGV Board of Directors, community volunteers, and those who support our office and program work - it takes our diverse experiences and areas of knowledge to do the work that we do.



MIKI'SIW Métis Association

Respectfully Submitted: TOM ADAMS, PRESIDENT

MIKI'SIW Métis Association

A year of almost back to normal in the Beautiful Comox Valley. The Board of Directors and Membership have been able to gather again, which is fantastic, and a busy successful year was the result.

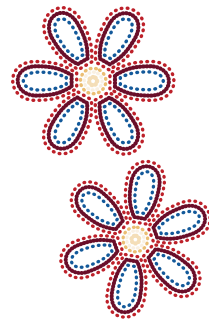
Governance

- The Board of Directors began the Strategic Planning Process, we hired and have been working with West Coast Approach. This is an important part of what we feel needs to be done to help us move forward with the memberships needs at the forefront. We feel investing in Strategic Planning will help us be prepared and will benefit all involved. This will be completed in 2023.
- In October of 2022 we held our Annual General Meeting, there was a shift in Presidency – and our Board of Directors remained mainly the same with one new addition. Our Board is a strong, skilled committed group of volunteers that give their time and energy generously for the membership. Lauren Dean, President and Tom Adams Vice President attended many meetings on behalf of MIKI'SIW Métis Association. We are also proud our Treasurer Brad Dillen has stepped forward to volunteer his time to help MNBC develop better reporting templates for the Chartered Communities. Brad is an amazing volunteer for our organization and now MNBC, but sorry MNBC he is ours; you can't have him!!!

Communication

- Communication with our membership is important – we are proud to have launched a new website in 2022, comoxvalleymetis.com. One highlight of the new website is a link to a lending library that we have set up in the office. Members can browse titles at home and then reserve the book, come into the office to pick up and have for up to 3 months.
- Our monthly newsletter can be found on our facebook page as well as delivered to subscriber's inboxes. We strive to be inclusive and make sure anyone that desires has a hard copy of the newsletter delivered to their home via Canada Post. Our newsletter is subscribed to by many in





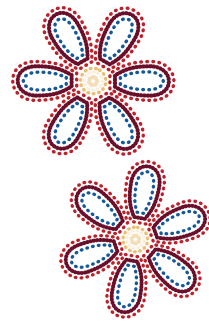
the School District and other agencies in our area.

Gatherings and Connections for Our Membership

- We held monthly workshops for our membership via zoom and in person some of the more popular ones were moccasin making and red dress pin making.
- Sashing Our Warriors – Missing and Murdered Women’s Memorial on February 14th : Our Women’s Representative. Myrna Logan was able to speak at this event and bring our Sashing Our Warriors Event to the general public gathered there. So many people wanted to participate in the program that we ran out of sashes, so we requested more; this resulted in being invited to sash students of the social justice class at Vanier High School.
- Métis Culture Celebration was held at Air Force Beach Park on June 21st. We had a BBQ, games, jigging and of course live music. It was a well attended fun evening for everyone.
- Traditional Hide Tanning: Over an entire, very hot, weekend in June, participants learned this art. We are pleased to have people in our community trained to help teach this to others in the community.
- Campfire Circle for the Summer: When programming slowed down in the summer Vice President Tom Adams and his wife Lorna invited members to their campsite on Wednesday nights. We brought our coffee mugs, needlework, beading, knitting, crochet, leatherwork, guitars, fiddles, drums. This was a time to share heritage, skills, and stories.
- On November 16th we hosted Louis Riel Day for our membership. We had a giveaway of T-shirts, vitamins, teas and a free Métis book for each child. We hosted a Riel Coloring Contest with 3 different age categories and great prizes. We played Michif BINGO and Riel Trivia. Of course, we enjoyed a dinner of Touriterre and live fiddle music as well as honoring Riel by wearing fake moustaches.
- We held our 1st ever Métis Artisan showcase and craft sale along with our “Rock Your Mocs “ Holiday Event in December. There was crafting, drumming, dinner, games, Rock your mocs and Métis Attire on the Sash runway event, jigging and line dancing.

Supporting our Senior and Respected Elders/Khetehayak

- Luncheons: in an effort to reconnect this group of people whom seemed most effected by the isolation of COVID 19 measures we began a monthly luncheon. At the luncheons there is visiting, learning about culture, and in December there was even some BINGO. This has been a huge success.
- On one of the snowiest nights in our valley, through a grant from MNBC, we were able to hire a transportation company to pick up our Senior and Respected Elders/Khetehayak to take them



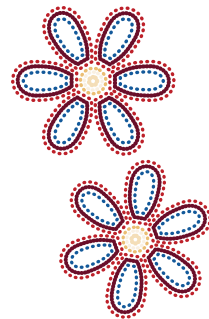
to dinner at the White Spot Restaurant then drive them all over the valley to view the Christmas lights on a beautiful snowy night and return them safely home. We had great feedback on this event

Supporting Our Youth

- Youth Archery Camp in conjunction with I-SPARC and a Métis Youth Culture Camp. In May we were able to host twenty youth at both of these events. They learned archery basics as well as how to set up a Trappers tent, make Bannock on a fire, and all about smudging.
- Tutoring Program: With funding we received we decided to begin a tutoring program for students that have been struggling with their education during COVID. We were able to administer this program by having applications come to our office and then awarding \$2000 in tutoring to each approved student. We checked out requested tutors and then had them bill us directly so that parents did not have to output any funds. This has been very successful and we hope to continue this program.
- Sashing our Graduates. Through work with SD #71 and our Elder Bryce Mercredi's continued work in the School District the 2022 Métis Graduates were all Sashed.
- We are proud of our Youth Representative Chloe Hatch who shows up to every meeting and actually sits through the whole meeting, we hope she is learning something. We also wish her congratulations on making the U19 BC Girls Basketball Team that will compete in Halifax at the 2023 North America Indigenous Games.

Supporting Our Membership

- Farmers Market Nutrition Program: We participated in this program for the first time. Chrys Sample, our Secretary, was the champion of this program for our Membership. We began being approved for 20 Participants per week and halfway through the program were approved for 20 more. The coupons we were given for distribution was for Elders, pregnant and nursing mothers, and families. Each week we distributed \$27 in coupons to each participant to purchase food at the Farmers Market. The program ran for a total of 16 weeks. This was a very successful program for our members who may not otherwise have the funds to purchases this type of fresh high-quality foods. Chrys also shopped and delivered to those who could not make it to the market.
- In December we supported those in need in our Membership by having Board Members Deliver gift cards along with greetings and a Christmas plant for their homes.
- We have started hosting Kelsey Todd – Mental Health Navigator, Region 1, to our office for drop in appointments once per month.

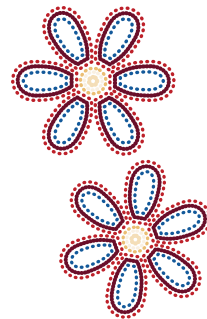


- Our office is open two days a week to support our Membership with accessing information and help connect them to any needs they might have.

Supporting Our Community

- Our membership is our first commitment, but we also have a commitment to the larger village, it is with that mindset that we sent a cheque to support the Ukraine Foundation in their endeavours to support their people and their plight.
- Our next largest village is our Vancouver Island Village: we were pleased to be able to support the Vancouver Island Métis Rendezvous by not only sending a cheque but helping to recruit volunteers and vendors and have people from our area attend.
- Sponsorship of the Iona Campagnolo Dinner and Lecture held in the Comox Valley: this year's featured speaker was Cindy Blackstock who is a Canadian Gitksan activist for child welfare and executive director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada.
- Spirit Walk, September 30th: MIKI'SIW once again partnered with the Indigenous Women's Sharing Society to hold this walk in downtown Courtenay. We had 1397 participants walk through our downtown reading posters about the Indian Act and Residential Schools to complete their quizzes and learn about this history.
- We supported and represented our Métis Veterans by laying wreaths at all 3 community cenotaphs in our valley on Veterans Day.
- We participated at Community tables throughout the year with Providence Health, School District #71, North Island College Indigenous Education Council / Regional Advisory Committee, Installation of New Mayor in Courtenay, Comox Valley Regional District Advisory Group on Reconciliation.

It is with gratitude that we submit this report to the Métis Nation of BC Governing Assembly, thank you for all you do to benefit the Membership of the Chartered Communities.



North Fraser Métis Association

Respectfully Submitted: GREG STANWOOD, PRESIDENT

The North Fraser Métis Association (NFMA) is an Indigenous non-profit community and officially registered BC charity that hosts cultural and historical programming for Métis people. We are an active member of Métis Nation BC (MNBC), attending provincial meetings. with over 3000

citizen members and growing., we are the largest Métis chartered community in BC, servicing over 29 municipalities from Pemberton to Belcarra and everything in between. As an organization, we are often a



first point of contact for Indigenous people within BC's Lower Mainland seeking services and support. To this end, we are working to build a continuum of care for people from birth to death and welcome feedback and guidance from our citizen members.

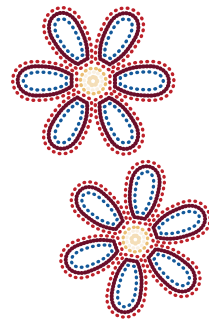
I am the President of NFMA, as of October 30,2022. My Métis family name is "Bruce" from my mother's side. She died at the age of 97 along with her heritage. I discovered her heritage when I was appointed executor

of her estate, she had Métis and Cree heritage. Information and pictures indicate she was a residential school survivor. As a retired Businessperson, with many years experience, I approached NFMA and asked, "How can I help?"

Our recently elected volunteer board is comprised of qualified Métis individuals and follow the provincial guidelines for a BC Society and registered charity.

The NFMA welcomes new Indigenous members as participants and program volunteers. We also fully involve and seek counsel from Métis Elders and Knowledge Keepers to further guide our decision making.

We all continue to be impacted through intergenerational trauma from the effects of colonization, disease, residential schools, and systemic racism. Today, in our community, there are Métis children in the BC Foster Care system who are further removed from their culture, while several others are now rediscovering this buried history in their heritage. For all these reasons, the Métis community is disconnected from each other and their culture throughout the Lower Mainland. As a component of reconciliation to rediscover identity and promote healing, we need to re-establish these ties through



programs that will allow us to share knowledge, learn about our culture, and participate in ceremonies. We have been struggling to find a gathering space to temporarily rent for us to host many of these events.

The ability to create and implement activities that connect and teach each other about our culture is one of our community's main requirements. Elders and Knowledge Keepers need funds to support themselves and to pass on their knowledge to the next generation. Primarily there is a strong need to develop a sense of community by providing a secure and stable setting for people of all backgrounds. In this way, people will study, explore, and interact with our Indigenous population through their knowledge, teachings, and cultural traditions. Our Elders present to share their stories and to demonstrate through workshops Métis history culture and craft.

While we struggle to find shared rental space to deliver programs, and program funding for community infrastructure, a stable community centre



is needed to allow gatherings and cultural events for our members. This facility will also provide a safe place of support, healing, and advocacy for individuals and families through their journey. We need to spread the knowledge and culture of our Métis Nation through attending events, like Golden Spike Days, which show and discuss our Métis history, customs, culture, and crafts demonstrating to the public our culture like carving, jig dancing, beading, and drumming.

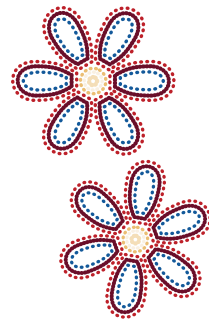


We believe that we must cherish our heritage and preserve our nationality for the youth of our future. The stories, culture, traditions, teachings, and our identity should all be taught to the next generation for this is the way to keep our ancestors' memory alive. These principles have been woven throughout Métis existence, having been documented as ideals of Louis Riel in the early 1800's.

Our non-profit organization has heard and recognized the biggest concerns of our community citizens and aims to strengthen the bonds with our Indigenous families – to reconnect in a world that is exceedingly disconnected.

Over the last year NFMA have delivered numerous successful culturally healing programs and participated in events that engage our citizens to reunite them with their Métis Heritage way . We have aggressively and successfully gone after grants to support our programs and have provided the following programs in 2022.





Cultural workshops

1. Beaded vamps and Moccasin making, Lisa Shepherd, Métis Artist and knowledge keeper was the facilitator for the workshop which was held at the Anvil center in New Westminster. This was held over multiple days and in three sessions. This program was very successful with over 30 people on the wait list for this year. Hopefully, we will be able to run this program 3 times in 2023.



2. Strong Threads Capote Workshop facilitated by Deni Paquette, Métis Elder, knowledge holder, BA International Indigenous Studies Social Sciences. Over twenty participants, it was very successful with a waiting list for year 2023. We plan to run this program two times in 2023.

Events

3. We participated in Moody Park BC For Indigenous Peoples Day with a outreach to K12 students from surrounding schools. We displayed local Métis artwork and provided information on programs provided by MNBC. There was tremendous interest in Métis history, some children applied to join Summer Camp programs which we teamed up with the Stream of Dream society.

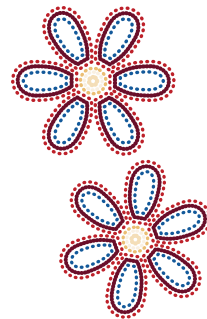


4. Our Louis Riel Day celebration was held at The Burnaby Museum. It was over subscribed but we made room for all. Chief Rhonda Larrabee, of the Qayqayt First Nation, opened our ceremony and Lorelei Lyons blessed our meal. We had a Métis cultural meal with bison stew and bannock provided by the Bannock Queen. The V'ni Dansi dance group and fiddlers jiggered up a storm and performed a group workshop. All attendees had a great Métis cultural experience with great food, awesome dancers, and a wonderful group of people.



5. We participated in Golden Spike Days event in Port Moody, Rocky Point park. We had 2 large booths and gave out many citizenship forms. The event had over 20,000 attendees. Pat Calihou, Métis Artist and woodcraft artisan facilitated a paddle wood carving workshop which was busy for the entire 3 day event. We had Fergus Dalton, a Métis dancer perform and host dance workshops for attendees teaching how to do the jig. This was a wonderful cultural experience; we had Phil and Betty Gladue as our honor Elders and knowledge keepers discussed Métis History and told our story. Thanks to Ken Robillard for organizing this successful event.

6. We participated with other communities in Children of the Fur trade event and Festival du Bois celebration in Maillardville both were well attend successful events



7. NFMA participated in Veterans Day support by laying a wreath down at the New Westminster City Cenotaph in support of all veterans – Benjamin Bruce, proud Métis, my grandfather, died at the Battle of Vimy Ridge in 1916 fighting for our nation.
8. I attended multiple events representing and supporting NFMA at supportive care and Assessment of Elders and Seniors, the Pope visit, Strathcona health and wellness, UBC Louis Riel day, BC Housing conference, and the Vancouver Pride Parade.

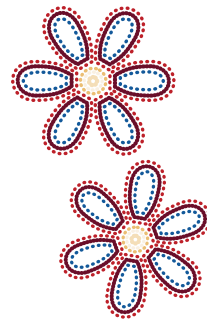


Moving forward, our focus is to continue to offer our successful programs and look to add new programs for 2023. We will be reaching out to our community by going out into the different municipalities and hosting cultural gathering and providing information on available services and programs offered by MNBC. NFMA understands one voice can change a room, then it can change a city, then it can change a province, then it can change our country, then it can change the world (Canadian

Version of Barack Obama) We have gone out looking for programs in collaboration with MNBC and other stake holders to fulfill our vision– the need to find a home. We are actively looking for a multiuse community gathering space we can call home; this is our challenge and goal for 2023.

Please, always remember our board members , officers and program supports are volunteers taking there own time to embrace our community to be a better place to gather. I thank them all for their contribution.





North Island Métis Association

Respectfully Submitted: CHARLOTTE LEVER, VICE PRESIDENT

JACKIE LEVER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We had another great year hosting activities for our members and providing supports as often as possible.

NIMA hosted several food hampers in 2022, which included dry goods, canned goods, and meat/dairy items. These hampers were hosted in both Campbell River and Port McNeill/Port Hardy. A donation of seeds from Good Earth Farms was distributed to community members in Spring 2022 to promote food security.

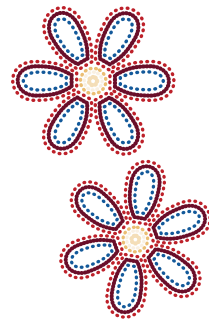
On February 26th, NIMA hosted a Women's Conference at Robron Centre. The day was full of cultural activities, presentations, and laughter. The group discussion brought forward the idea of having regular meetings for women and 2SLGBTQIAA+ community members. NIMA then hosted the first gathering of this suggested group in April 2022 and in July 2022, the group chose to call themselves Mamawi, a Michif word that means 'together'. The group now meets regularly on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Some of the activities we have participated in to date include hair tufting, fish scale beaded pins, and mitten making.

NIMA hosted an Elders Conference on March 19th. The day included cultural activities, health info and a workshop with Elder Bruce Dumont and Kathi Camilleri. The group discussion brought forward by the group expressed a want for more cultural activities and gatherings. In conjunction with some funds received for healing, NIMA hosted a lunch and learn format event on October 30th, which we called

Kaykway Chi Miichihk (Michif for luncheon) for any members 50+ years of age. Kathi Camilleri provided a trauma-informed info session that focused on Métis community and healing. The event was well received and this event format will continue into the future.

NIMA has partnered with MNBC to build a housing and childcare development in Campbell River. We have been working on the development throughout the year, and we have many of the surveys and reports completed in order to begin building. A request for proposals to hire an architect was completed Fall 2022. NIMA has also surveyed all our members about their current housing and





future needs in order to better serve their needs in this development.

We have been hosting various sporting and outdoor events throughout the year to promote physical health and healthy living. We hosted several tipi raising sessions, fitness sessions, sports like basketball, archery, fishing, swimming, walking and hiking, bowling and much more. During the Summer 2022, we hosted “Family Fun Fitness Nights”. In November, we started hosting monthly jigging sessions for community to drop-in and learn.

We were busy during Métis Awareness Week (November 14th – 21st). The Infinity Flag flew proudly during this week in Campbell River, Port Hardy and Port McNeill for Louis Riel celebrations. We hosted a Louis Riel event and dinner in Port Hardy on November 16th and in Campbell River on November 20th. At these events we did jigging, hair tufting, beading, and more.

NIMA hosted many other smaller events throughout the year, including:

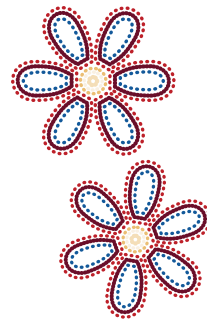
- NIMA's AGM on April 10th.
- NIMA's first Sashing Ceremony for Métis graduates on June 12th. Each grad received a sash, a photo of the sashing, information about the ceremony and a graduation gift.
- Tutoring and resume building drop-in session during Spring and early Summer 2022.



Additionally, NIMA attended many community events, such as:

- National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration at Spirit Square in Campbell River.
- Canada Day celebrations in downtown Campbell River.
- Filomi Days in Port Hardy on July 16th.
- Orcafest 2022 in Port McNeill on August 20th.
- Vancouver Island Métis Rendezvous (September 3rd).
- National Day of Truth and Reconciliation was spent in Campbell River for the morning with jigging lessons and community gathering in the afternoon.
- NIMA laid a wreath at the cenotaph in Campbell River.
- The Vital Conversation: Housing Security Conference in Campbell River on November 25th.





NIMA continues to be a part of local health and education advisory boards, and community coalitions to better support our members. Starting in Fall 2022, NIMA partnered with MNBC Health to offer drop-in health/mental health sessions with MNBC staff to increase supports available in the community.

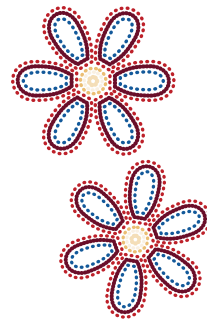
Submitted by:

Charlotte Lever

Vice President

Jackie Lever

Executive Director



Northwest BC Métis Association

Respectfully Submitted: PATRICIA PAULSON, INTERIM PRESIDENT



Northwest BC Métis Association has, after our AGM and the addition of new members on our Board of Directors managed to be a positive presence in our Northwest BC Chartered Community area of Region 6. A big Miigwetch to our Board of Directors who have pulled it together in a very short time to show our Métis presence in the following ways:



Attendance and participation in the MNBC Annual General Meeting in Richmond BC gave us some really good connections and we learned how our MNBC Elected Officials work hard to represent the interests of Métis people in BC. We had a vote on issues that count moving forward, and we learned much to bring back to our Northwest BC Métis Association chartered community members specifically about new announcements about benefits from MNBC Ministries' hard work. The new housing supplements and first-time home down payment are just two examples of this. Thank you to all who worked so hard on these things.

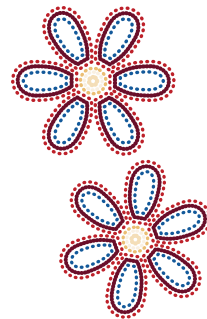


We were honoured to be in attendance and to be honoured in the Kermode Friendship Society Pole Raising with the first ever Métis Symbolism incorporated into the design in the North Region 6 area. **Left:** BCMANR Captain Rene Lucier, Interim President NWBCMA Trish Paulson, Regional Director Susie Hooper and Pole Artist Stan Bevan. **Right:** Interim President Trish Paulson showing the Métis Sash on the pole.



We were able to show our Métis colors in both Terrace and Kitimat Cenotaph events on Remembrance Day 2022. Our NWBCMA Director Melody LaBossiere and her lovely daughter laid the wreath in Kitimat and our Veteran Ron Schneider laid the wreath in Terrace with many community members marching in the parade to show our respect for our loved ones lost defending our country.





Left: Proud to be able to be present for generous donation to be delivered to Kermode Friendship Society in gratitude and recognition for our inclusion in the pole design and the pole raising ceremony. Pictured: NWBCMA Interim President, BCMANR Captain Rene Lucier and Kermode Friendship Society Executive Director Jolene Wesley

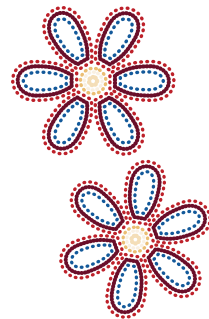
Right: Collaborated with local Outreach crew from Skeena Heartbeat Society in getting our Soap for Hope care packages out to those who are living on the street and in encampments in our chartered community area. A project launched by Métis Women of BC.



Our Director and Education Chair Melody LaBossiere held an Early Years Story time and Craft event at the Kitimat Public Library where she had mitten beading activities and read from the book Métis Christmas Mittens for a great turnout of children and adults alike. She has another event planned Métis Fiddler Storytime and Jig where our Region 6 Youth Rep Jayden Rogers will play his viola and our NWBCMA Interim President Trish Paulson will be learning to jig along side with the children



Above: our Interim President and Women's Rep Trish Paulson participated in MMIWG Feb 14, Annual Women's Memorial March with Matriarches In Training to show support for the families of the Murdered and Missing, worked with local First Nations Organization Tears for Hope in the "She is Somebody" run as a support vehicle, and attended the Red Dress Day and spoke to the issues. She also was present to represent at the community Overdose Awareness Day and FASD Awareness day events.



In the few short months we have become an active board, again Northwest BC Métis Association was able to help with family supports that ensured a Métis Child stayed with their family as tradition dictates. We were able to respond to a crisis that involved an inter-region response to help a family stranded in a snow storm and help get them to safety. We were also able to help an Elder who was needing assistance with non-covered health supports and do some outreach to our homeless encampment bringing food and supplies. We created a student grant for students in post secondary education to help them manage through their semester where their funding may have come up short.

Our immediate future includes our Louis Riel Christmas Dinner, virtual Book and Bead sessions for January using the Kaa-wiichihitoyaahk Métis Perspectives on Cultural Wellness book, an Elders event focused on culture and health, and we hope to find chartered community level women's and youth representatives.

We are also looking forward to working with School District 82 to develop a Métis Education Agreement and entering into a mutually beneficial plan to support our Métis Children.

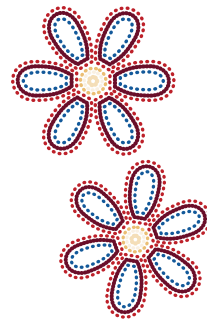
Finally, we are very excited about the upcoming MNBC Terrace housing project that is soon to break ground very soon!

All my relations,

Patricia Paulson

Interim President

Northwest BC Métis Association



Prince George Métis Community Association

Respectfully Submitted: SYLVIA DESROCHER, PRESIDENT

Taanshi everyone!

Prince George Métis Community Association has had a busy year!

In March, we completed our Métis Pharmacare program. With a grant from Northern Health-FNHA we have been able to provide for our most vulnerable citizens up to \$200 to pay for the BC Pharmacare deductible. This particular grant has come to an end, but the PGMCA board has committed to continuing this program should we become successful at



obtaining the MNBC COVID-19 grant this year.



We attended Indigenous grad ceremonies and gifted our Métis grads.

We held a couple of ribbon skirt making workshops, which we then wore to the June 21 Indigenous Day celebration.



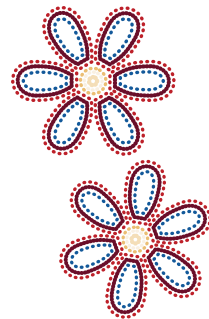
We had been asked to participate in the planning of the Indigenous Day event as well, so many new liaisons were made (i.e. City of Prince George, Lheidli T'enneh, the French Canadians, among many other groups). We provided a 'spin the gift wheel' game, and quickly became a hit!

We partnered with Niwikowin to hold three cultural events, two for youth, one for our Métis community, and also provided a Métis cultural learning booth at the annual PG Exhibition.



Our AGM was held on October 15, 2022 and having purchased Quickbooks prior to this event, our financial statements were met with great enthusiasm! Who knew numbers can be so appreciated?! The accounting program certainly has made keeping track of our finances much easier and the AGM has provided a few new members on the board.

We participated in Orange Shirt Day and a Memorial to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.



November and December saw us at our busiest.

We placed a Remembrance Day wreath for our Métis veterans at the cenotaph.



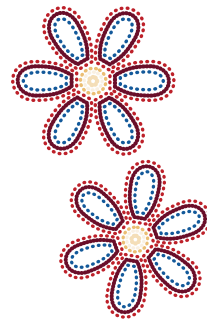
We held a Louis Riel sit-down dinner and dance, along with having our Métis flag raised not only at the Prince George City Hall, but also with the well-known icon - Mr. PG - who is stationed at the crossroads of Hwy 97 and Hwy 16. Mr. PG was also lit in blue. This was catered by a Métis caterer with traditional foods offered.

Through November and December, we put together a Christmas Hamper campaign and received 80 applicants. There are 5 other community organizations that provide hampers and we coordinate to ensure that there is no cross-over of applicants so that all who need a hamper, can receive a hamper. We are looking to liaise with the Friendship Center for the hamper campaign of 2023, so we can continue to make connections that benefit our citizens overall.

With a gracious grant from MNBC – Li Pleu Vyey – we were able to host our last Elders monthly gathering along with a day time Christmas luncheon for young children and families. The event ended with the Elders playing bingo. The children were so excited when ‘Santa’ arrived, and the Elders enjoyed their bingo prizes. Lots of fun was had by all. We commissioned a Métis caterer and musicians.



Beyond our events, we have signed a protocol agreement with Niwikowin Child and Family Services; we have partnered with SD57 and they use our Métis lake area called Otipemisiwak, for which we have an Occupancy Agreement with the Regional Land office, for their Land Based Learning Program; we stay in touch with our MNBC Regional office and have a great relationship with the staff. A young Métis man has offered his IT skills to get a website ready for PGMCA, and we are still using our FaceBook page to get information out to our citizens as well as have our office opened three days per week.



Prince Rupert & District Métis Society

Respectfully Submitted: JOY SUNDIN, PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Prince Rupert & District Métis Society, I am pleased to share our communities' events and activities with our Nation, as we continued to meet the needs of our community members.



The COVID-19 relief funding that was distributed to all Charter Communities by MNBC through federal funding initiatives, has been gratefully received and we appreciate the successful work of the Board of Directors and staff at MNBC. These funds have allowed us to offer support for distributing funds for food hampers, paying for medical costs, housing and transportation necessities, school expenses and whatever other needs our community members were needing. Also the UPIP funding has allowed us to maintain our office to support our volunteer work in our community. Throughout the year we primarily focused on COVID-19 and community needs' response however we did have some cultural and social activities that were well appreciated.

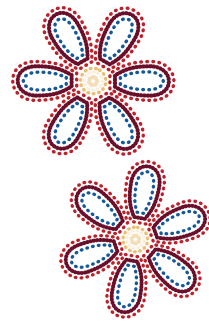
We hired a youth through the Canada Summer Jobs program to maintain our offices' presence and support. The youth learned more about our Indigenous cultural ways by communicating with every member to update their contact information and was able to ensure their well-being during the calls.

Our Métis awareness campaigns have resulted in good exposure and

recognition of our Métis presence in our communities.

The youth also showered the Prince Rupert community with posters and brochures to share our Métis cultural identity. The City of Prince Rupert proclaimed the week in November as "Métis Awareness Week" as we celebrated Louis Riel Day with an in-person social and dance with our local fiddler Andrew Goulet with three other local Métis musician friends. It was a very well-attended event with various ethnic peoples wanting to learn about our Métis music and they were treated to fantastic jigging and dancing music! Even when the power went out in the community, the musicians kept on playing until the end of the evening event in the emergency lighting!





We have represented our Métis local at the bi-monthly Indigenous Education Council meetings for the Prince Rupert public school district. We have supported the northern CervixCheck initiative of MNBC with the BC Cancer Agency with in-person appointments for the cervical cancer screening at-home program. On November 11th for the annual remembrance, a wreath was placed at the Prince Rupert cenotaph with Métis children carrying the wreath which raised appreciation of our Métis involvement in the community.

Prince Rupert City celebrates annually on the second weekend in June with the Seafest community festival and our Métis Charter Community entered a float into the parade with toe tapping fiddle music and flags flying gaily! We also hosted a bison burger barbeque vendor booth and the line-ups are worth the wait for the mouth-watering burgers! We also have the bison burgers barbequed at the annual National Indigenous Peoples Days celebrations, and the Métis citizen volunteers are first class fun and full of energy for their Nation!

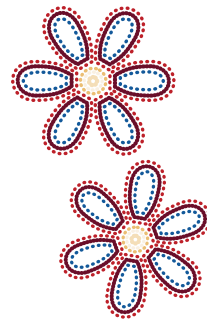
We continued summer activities including kayaking opportunities, hydro-bikes rentals, yoga classes, swim tickets, hikes and cultural newsletters. It has been another year of lots of Zoom opportunities for learning and participating in beading, Michif language classes, jigging fun and exercise, virtual workshops for environmental discussions, and many more activities. There were many opportunities sent by emails and social media so that everyone could participate in some project or fun events. A sweet treat day was held for all Charter Community Citizens to drop into the local ice cream shop for an treat for themselves and their family, and this was well received! Who doesn't like an ice cream treat!

An Elders and Seniors luncheon was celebrated in September with much laughter and comradery. We acknowledged on September 30th that Every Child Matters by offering commemorating t-shirts to all our charter community citizens.

Our Christmas Potluck Social was the first one held since 2019 thanks to the pandemic restrictions being lifted, and the children danced to the fiddle music and welcomed Santa with huge smiles. The Rob Your Neighbour fun brought much laughter with adult's gift stealing and comradery. The turkeys and hams were purchased by the Society and lovingly cooked by our citizens, and the delicious potluck foods set the scene for a wonderful event.

As a northwest region The Métis Movers had fun participating in the provincial SunRun challenge with other Métis citizens from our neighbouring Métis communities in Terrace and Smithers areas. Our Northwest RGC organized carving workshops that were held in each of the three main communities, which was an exciting project for youth and parent participating together. We jointly purchased the tools and hired a local Métis carver to teach the carving basics and we hope to have sequel workshops annually.

It has been another great year of gathering and sharing our ideas and plans for the betterment of our communities and our Métis citizens. Keeping a strong cohesive connection with each other to the best of our abilities will be the enduring strength of our Métis Nation. I hold my hands up high with respect for all the volunteers and MNBC staff and Directors of today and yesteryear who make our Nation strong! We're proud to be Métis!



Rocky Mountain Métis Association

Respectfully Submitted: JEFF CROZIER, INTERIM PRESIDENT

Here at the Rocky Mountain Métis Association we have had a very busy year. Our focus was on building community connections, checking on and supporting our members. This year we have worked hard to incorporate our surroundings and cultural teachings into our programming.

We have highlighted some of our programs that we offered throughout the year.



Michif Language Lessons: January 20 - March 10

The Métis cultural presentation gave community members an opportunity to explore their Métis culture and learn basic Michif language with a traditional Michif speaker Marie Schoenthal. We had 217 people all across Canada attend the Michif Language lessons.

"Hearing the way Michif language sounds, it makes it easier to learn than just in print. I love hearing stories and life experiences." quote from participant

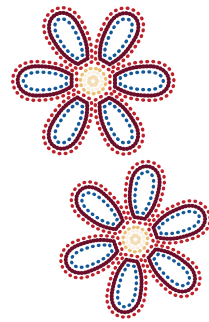
"I learn slowly, so it was wonderful to simply listen and absorb at my own pace. I really enjoyed the music, songs and the stories". quote from participant

Métis Cultural Day Celebration: March 16

The RMMA in partnership with Ktuxana Kinbasket Child and Family Services, celebrated Métis culture on March 16. This was our first in person event since COVID restrictions were put into place by the Government of BC. The event was very successful and we had 57 people attend. We celebrated Métis culture by having Métis jigging lessons, singing and teaching in the Michif language, and playing Métis spoons and music. We had a harvesting workshop by Norman Gagne, who taught everyone about trapping and harvesting and plant identification. We joined together with traditional food and la galette.

Cooking with Koohkoom: May 3 - 24

Cooking with Koohkoom was a 4 week online cultural workshop in partnership with Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund, led by Métis Elder Kokum Marie Schoenthal. This project taught participants through sharing Métis cultural cooking techniques and cultural teachings. Métis culture uses land-based accessible foods to make healthy meals that feed many people for multiple days. The versatility of the ingredients in the recipes allowed the participants to make multiple healthy and affordable meals.



This cultural workshop encompassed Indigenous practices such as Elder teachings, oral transmission of knowledge and language and created community in a virtual environment. Along with food security, we connected communities to interact through a digital setting by bringing participating Indigenous communities together to celebrate our many cultural connections. Every participant was given three Métis recipes and \$60 in gift cards to buy the ingredients to make the meals. Originally, Cooking with Koohkoom, started as a local grassroots project but quickly gained momentum reaching 212 people in six provinces, and one territory across Canada.

"I loved EVERYTHING! It was a wonderfully life-giving course. I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to cook with Koohkoom Marie. She is amazing. It was also heartwarming to share with others in the chat. Previously my fried bannock was good, but I didn't make it very often. My baked bannock, however, was a massive failure. Now, I am delighted to say that I have learned how to rock baked bannock. I make it often for family and friends and they LOVE it! I have gained so much confidence! Thanks so much for this amazing course! Thank you Koohkoom Marie, Amy and all!"
quote from participant

Take the garden home: May-June, November-December

This has been a multi year project in collaboration with Columbia Basin Trust (CBT). The RMMA has started a community medicine garden, where we plan to continue planting Métis traditional plants to be used as medicine. A sign in English and Michif will be included in the garden to identify the garden and our partnership with CBT. In the spring and winter we offered garden kits to our local members consisting of soil, fertilizer, seeds, containers, grow light, dome, and instruction manual. We have made a facebook page for citizens to access to share their growing experience, and share gardening tips.

National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration: June 18

In partnership with Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family Services we came together in celebration for National Indigenous Peoples Day at Rotary Park in Cranbrook. There the Rocky Mountain Métis showcased our Métis culture, had live fiddle music and taught Métis jigging. It was a beautiful celebration of Indigenous culture for the public to attend for free and learn more about Indigenous Peoples and their traditional ways.

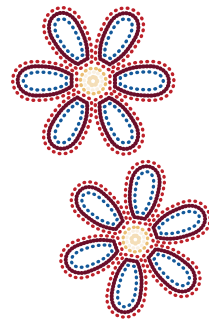
Rocky Mountain Métis Indigenous hockey camp: August 13 and 14

In partnership with ISPARC, the Rocky Mountain Métis Association put on the 7th Annual hockey skill camp in August. There were over 60 Indigenous youth participating, ranging from ages 5-16 years old.

Heat and Emergency Awareness campaign: June-August and October 13

We gave out 10 heat kits to RMMA citizens who were experiencing struggles from the extreme heat that we experienced in the East Kootenays. These kits included fans, cooling packs, sunscreen, cooling clothes and first aid kits.

In partnership with the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) we facilitated a workshop on Emergency Home Preparedness at the RMMA office. Following the presentation, we made personal Heat Awareness, and Home Preparedness Emergency Kits. We had 16 participants in attendance, it was a very informative



session, and we learnt a lot about the importance of being prepared in emergency situations.

Digital Seniors: September-October

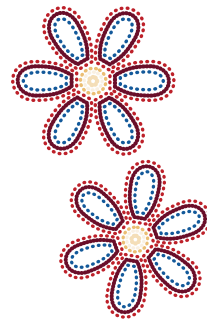
In partnership with the COTR, we had 13 Elder/Seniors participants in the New Horizons Digital Seniors Program. The Elders/Seniors were all given iPads to learn basic computer skills. Some of the other skills they learnt included how to set-up an email, do zoom meetings and navigate the internet. They finished with a Métis Kitchen Party, celebrating Métis culture, cultural belongings with food, music and dance.

Métis Beading Circle: November-December

We are hosting a beading circle twice a week in our RMMA office. This circle has become very popular with people of all different ages and demographics. This circle allows for community connections, and has become very important culturally, spiritually and mentally for participants. We have provided all the supplies for beading, on a drop in basis, on average we have 8-10 attend. It has been very exciting to watch this group grow and be deeply connected to each other.

Métis Christmas Party: December 17

On December 17 we hosted a Métis Christmas Party. We had over 95 people register to attend this fun filled event. We set up a hot chocolate bar, crafts, gifts for kids, cookie decorating, lots of food, a visit from Santa, and even had spontaneous Métis jigging and dancing break out. Being together surrounded by lots of smiling faces and an overwhelming sense of community made this night a perfect ending to 2022.



Salmon Arm Métis Association

Respectfully Submitted: SAMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Salmon Arm Métis Association strives to foster new connections while maintaining our existing community and has seen a substantial growth in our citizenship.

COVID continued to inhibit contact with others and limited participation in events, but we made arrangements to give out COVID rapid test kits to members in March, even though we were in the process of transitioning to a new space so had no physical place for members to visit.



In June, SAMA held a general meeting as well as a genealogy day at our new premises. SAMA received assistance through the Wage Subsidy Program to hire a part-time Métis Office Administrative Assistant. Our new premises opened to the public in August and provides the opportunity to hold meetings and serve meals to our citizens. SAMA received a shipment of cell phones and refurbished laptops for distribution to members in need. All were given out to our citizens in August.

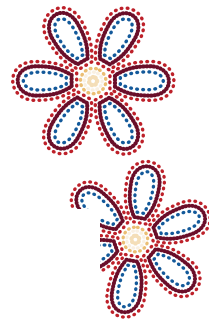
SAMA joined forces with the Shuswap Food Action Society to help gather together and share food and culture and create wellness through community. These events are ongoing, and we are now planning an event in March 2023.

Our President and Vice President attended the AGM in September in Richmond.

We held a general meeting on October 3rd and on October 19th we held a Ladies Meet and Greet Night which went really well and was well attended. It was a great opportunity to get together and get better acquainted. On November 7 we held our AGM.

The SAMA women's rep attended the LFMO policy advisory conference in late November and participated in all the feedback sessions that LFMO engaged the attendees with. This was a jam packed event covering many women and family issues experienced by Métis across Canada. The feedback will be used by LFMO to continue their policy advising at all levels of government.

SAMA hosted a Louis Riel celebration on Saturday November 19th. The dance group V'ni Dansi was invited to lead a jigging workshop in the afternoon and then provided great entertainment for the 140



attendees. A beautiful catered dinner was provided as well and local entertainment kept the dancing going later into the evening.

SAMA was grateful to receive elder specific support funds and will be hosting a health event later in February, as well we were able to give out Christmas care packages to elders in our community just prior to Christmas.

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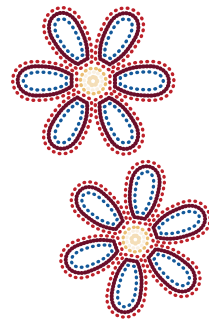
SAMA presence on Indigenous Education Advisory Councils includes representation at the school district level in SD#83 with monthly meetings, committee meetings and involvement with all interviews for Indigenous Education Workers and Indigenous Outreach Workers (there is ongoing positions open in SD#83). We held a meeting with the new Director of Indigenous Education and the District Principal of Indigenous Education to discuss strategically increasing visibility of Métis culture within schools, as well the leadership at SD#83 is open to increasing the understanding of who the Métis are and the historical relevance of the Métis as an Indigenous people of Canada. They have extended an invitation to SAMA and MNBC staff to present at their April Pro-D that is focused on Indigenous Education learning and enrichment. SD#83 and the IEC (Indigenous Education Council) will be spending a day at the end of January where we will be looking at decolonizing our meetings.

As well, at the post-secondary level SAMA is engaged with both Okanagan College and UBCO. This includes monthly meetings and discussions about community needs for skills and training, and shorter certificate-based programming. The college and the university collaborated and held two days of meetings to discuss with all the Indigenous stakeholders from Salmon Arm to Penticton. They were seeking feedback about usage/proposed plans for the new funding from Indigenous Service Plan funds (formerly ASP and as a note OC wasn't funded previously under the ASP).

It has been a busy year for SAMA and we look forward to another successful year ahead.

On behalf of SAMA and the Board of Directors we wish you all a productive MNGA and all the best for this upcoming year.

South-Okanagan Similkameen Métis Association



Respectfully Submitted: JAMIE-LEE KEITH, PRESIDENT

Our community, like so many others, was heavily impacted over the last two years by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Specifically, lack of community gatherings led many to feel isolated and disconnected. After restrictions were lifted, we wanted to reach out to as many people as possible through hosting community gatherings and creating a broader social media presence.

Our 2022 AGM/Welcome-Back-Dinner Gathering was our first event that finally brought our community together in person. With



roughly fifty people in attendance, the event started with introductions and elections which brought forward a few new board members. SOSMA's new board members include; President- Jamie-Lee Keith, Secretary- Ashlee Rioux and Youth Representative- Natasha Radosztics. A



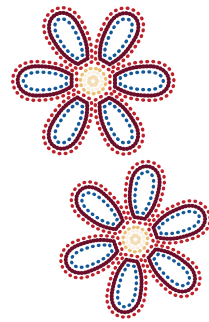
big thank you to the board members that were voted in for another term as well including: Vice President- Sherri Lund, Treasurer- Jean Jones, Women's Representative- Greta Henning, and members at large- Tim Thompson and Karyn Heinrick. During the event, we played several games with prizes including a coloring contest and Kahoot game with questions based on Métis/SOSMA history.

Shortly after the first board meeting, SOSMA asked the community for volunteers in forming a Real



Estate Committee tasked with finding a place SOSMA could host weekly gatherings for locals. As a result, a committee of 5 members was formed. Several meetings were held with possible prospects discussed. Work continues to be done as the committee is set to meet again in February pending approval of a potential community partnership.

The Louis Riel Christmas Celebration was held



December 3rd at the Penticton Lakeside Resort. Shortly after an email notification was sent out, it was clear the event was set to smash the attendance record previously set at the AGM/Welcome-Back Dinner. To start, the venue was booked with 65 guests slated. We quickly surpassed that number and were left asking the venue for a much larger space while trying to adjust catering costs. We were able to have 81 people total, but had a waitlist of over 25 meaning over 100 people showed interest in attending!

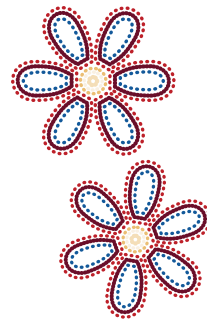
The event itself began with a sash presentation and a sashing ceremony for secretary Ashlee Rioux who is the first to be sashed in over six years in the South Okanagan. Senator Fern Hinse did the sash and said a blessing over the food before dinner began. After dinner, a video on Louis Riel was shown in which Vernon District Métis and SOSMA split the cost to hire a professional voice actor to read the story of Louis Riel. Additional thanks to Carleen Bedard who worked hard to put together the 8-Minute PowerPoint to showcase alongside the voiceover. Finally, SOSMA voted on a new logo and finished the night off with a game of 'pin the moustache on Louis Riel' for the children in attendance.

In other news, SOSMA is working towards cultivating a better relationship with local governing heads. Meetings have been set with the Mayor of Summerland, Mayor of Penticton, and Osoyoos Indian Band Chief Clarence Louie. In addition, SOSMA continues to meet with the local school district and is currently working on an MOU agreement to better support cultural learning for Métis students.

SOSMA would like to recognize our Youth Representative Natasha Radosztics for stepping up and representing our Métis community by presenting a wreath at the Remembrance Day Ceremony November 11th, held at the South Okanagan Events Centre in Penticton.

Throughout 2022, SOSMA was able to reach out and help countless individual community members in need; from gift cards, community outreach, citizenship applications, to helping an elder with firewood.

In conclusion, SOSMA saw many changes in 2022, starting the year off under the strict covid restrictions and only ideas for how we planned to re-connected and make our community stronger. We worked hard turning our ideas into plans and it paid off. We finished the year strong, having implemented most of those ideas and hosting a few gatherings with community interest rapidly growing. Along with a few gatherings and workshops already in the works for early 2023, SOSMA also plans to put forth a monthly newsletter and have a phone line set up.



Tri-River Métis Association

Respectfully Submitted: ALICIA FERNANDO, PRESIDENT

We are grateful to the volunteers that made opportunities available to our Métis citizens and their families; especially the significant time and energy from board members that have recently stepped down: Bonnie Merlo, Marilyn Hooper, Arlene Huisman, Vanessa

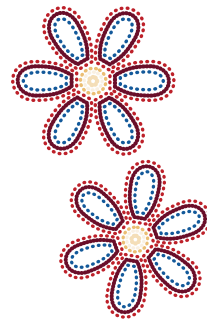
Mueller and George Ewald. Our Annual General Meeting was in Houston BC this year on October 2nd, 2022. The newly elected board includes a wide representation of our communities and skill sets: Joshua Seinen (Houston), Jackie Maurer (Houston), Dawn McConnell (Smithers), Corri Oliarny (Smithers), Grant Conlon (Burns Lake) and Alicia Fernando (Smithers). We also have two elder representatives: Roger Hayden (Hazelton) and Flo Ewald (Smithers) shown in the photo below celebrating their birthdays with everyone at our AGM.



Below are some highlights from this past year:



- Summer BBQs were hosted in four of our communities and were well attended. They were a great time to connect, distribute information and gifts and provide plants selected by our elders.
- Carving workshops were held for the first time through MNBC regional initiative funding.
- Early years funding was provided to families by application for education, health and wellbeing, and physical and cultural activities.
- Funding by application was made available for education, physical activities and wellbeing that is not covered by other programs to age group 19-30, now been extended community wide. Updating information and capturing the talents of young adults is vital to the ongoing health of communities in need of more volunteers.



- Funding emergency and essential needs requests from members that were not covered by other MNBC programs. This is especially appreciated with the extreme prices and weather in the northwest.

In 2023 our Board is looking forward to further orientation and facilitating more opportunities for member connection, cultural growth, and support. A small office continues to be retained in Smithers BC and we have recently retained some bookkeeping support. On Family Day, we will be gathering for an annual horse sleigh ride and fireside lunch, with a giveaway of family cultural resources and update on upcoming elders supports.

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Tri-River Métis Association Community President

