

MONTHLY REPORT

Report Date: November 2020 By: Louis De Jaeger Region: 2

SUMMARY

WHAT GOALS OR RESULTS DID YOU AND/OR YOUR TEAM ACCOMPLISH? WHAT MADE YOU PROUD? KEEP THE LIST SHORT, JUST 5-7 ITEMS.

- Connected with all Communities in Region 2. Organized our first RGC Meeting (appointing a 4-Yr term Senator & intern-Women's rep).
- Established a presence on the Indigenous Education Council in the Abbotsford School System.
- Facilitated an initial meeting with Xyólheméylh (Stó:lō) and Fraser Valley Aboriginal Children & Family Services Society with Minister Debra Fisher (MNBC Children & Family Services) and MNBC's CEO Daniel Fontaine.
- Finalized the Nick Lang Memorial Bursary Award (\$4500.00 over 3 years) University of the Fraser Valley. Available to Indigenous students working towards a degree in Child & Youth Care, Criminal Justice, Social work for high-risk Youth.
- Established first ever Metis Studies 101 course development starting January 1 - July 31/2021. Indigenous Student Centre (Chilliwack Campus) based on 2 books, The Northwest is My Mother (Jean Teillet) and Halfbreed (Maria Campbell).
- Successfully advocated and got Flu & Immunization clinics established at the Community level in Region 2.
- Presented at Kwiyeqel Secondary Schools (North & South) for Louis Riel Day with Brody Douglas, MNBC Historian.
- Successfully advocated to be recognized and invited to the Aboriginal Health Steering Committee that oversees the Fraser Salish Partnership Accord, an agreement between the First Nation Health Council Fraser Salish representatives; Board Chair, CEO and senior leadership from the First Nation Health Authority; and Board Chair and Board members, CEO and other senior leadership from Fraser Health.

CURRENT PROJECT/INITIATIVES

WHAT PROJECTS OR INITIATIVES ARE YOU WORKING ON? WHAT IS THEIR CURRENT STATUS? WHAT ARE THE CURRENT CHALLENGES?

<p>Project/Initiative: Taking a seat at the Fraser Valley Regional District's Indigenous Relations Committee</p> <p>Status: in-progress</p> <p>Challenges: COVID has stalled meetings</p>
<p>Project/Initiative: Taking a seat at the Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee (IAMC)</p> <p>Status: in-progress - I have contacted Ernie Crey (founder/past president) and applied through their website.</p> <p>Challenges: re-establishing good relations with working groups/re-developing trust</p>
<p>Project/Initiative: Establish Community Funding</p> <p>Status: started</p> <p>Challenges: MFCBC has never developed loans geared to directly helping Metis Communities d</p>
<p>Project/Initiative: Comprehensive Community Planning</p> <p>Status: in-progress</p> <p>Challenges: re-establishing relationships with Nova, developing the economic potential of communities, developing sustainable funding for Communities</p>
<p>Project/Initiative: Helping develop 2 new Communities, Vancouver Centre and Hope/Fraser Canyon</p> <p>Status: infancy</p> <p>Challenges: forming working groups - Hope is proceeding - COVID is challenging</p>

PLANS AND NEXT STEPS

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO ACCOMPLISH OVER THE NEXT 30 DAYS?

- Establish a Regional Elder's Council
- Develop Revenue streams for my Ministry
- Meet Provincial counterparts
- Work with Matthew to develop some Regional Youth incentives

KEY ISSUES

Old world thinking at MNBC. Getting Agencies to actually work together for the good of the Nation/People. Communication.

KEY FUTURE DATES

Establish regular Regional meetings & attend Community board meetings