

MONTHLY REPORT

Region: 4 (Kootenay)

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SUMMARY

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

- Working with and understanding the interconnectedness of the service providers for Children and Families
- Terms of References with Anne Cooper: Common Goal
- First Committee Meeting: Emergency Response-Common Goal
- Fundraised and contributed to Kelly Lake Community for Elders and Families in need: Grassroots teamwork
- Fundraised & contributed to a Metis Elder/Veteran in Region 4 to have food and gas cards on Christmas Eve
- Fundraised & contributed to a Metis Elder/Veteran in Region 4 for extraction of toxic teeth so he didn't pull them out himself like the other 7-9 that he did do previously after spending 10 days in ICU.
- Regional Governance meeting and all communities attended: our grassroots people

CURRENT PROJECT/INITIATIVES

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

<p><i>Project/Restructuring of Metis Nation BC Children and Families</i></p> <p>Status: ongoing</p> <p>Challenges: The process of our Nation not having continuity and smooth transitional practices is a sign of how healthy we are as a governance organization and nation. These practices are dangerous and limits our ability to lead the process of building a healthy nation but most of all build a strong foundation to bring our children home.</p> <p>Lack of long-term strategy and planning for developing essential funding for MNBC Children and Families</p> <p>Locating the right person for the job vs good enough</p> <p>Hiring Metis or Indigenous so our Children and Families have the face of home</p>
<p><i>Project/ Seeking a possible secondment of high-level Metis Social Worker to be the Senior Director of MNBC Children & Families.</i></p> <p>Status: a huge disappointment that the one who we were hoping to second fell through</p> <p>Challenges: Finding the right one for this position</p> <p>Building trust that "thinking outside the box and best practices" works. It creates open, honest, and productive responses and will help build a strong nation because everyone has a voice and is respected. Making the face of Metis Nation Children and Families like home.</p>
<p><i>Project/Initiative: Columbia River Treaty Negotiations with USA/Canada/British Columbia</i></p> <p>Status: Initiated a meeting with local MP Rob Morrison and MP Doug Clowchok on January 6, 2021 – Requested to have observer status asap. Letters to be drafted by MP to support our request.</p> <p>Challenges: Unfortunately, the Canadian Government has not heard back from MNBC/President Dal Col since November 14, 2018.</p>
<p><i>Project/Initiative: Reestablishing Trust with the Ktunaxa and Secwepemc Nations</i></p> <p>Status: ongoing</p> <p>Challenges: A sign supposedly was put up in my region saying, "Welcome to the traditional territory of the Metis", Tale of Two Nations, Land Claims have moved our relationship backwards very quickly. We need to tread lightly; the Ktunaxa are not afraid to take any threat to their territory to the wall. "Jumbo"</p>

PLANS AND NEXT STEPS

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

- Region 4 monthly zoom meetings requested quarterly. I disagree; I believe they need to be at least every 6 weeks.
- Continue working towards a full understanding of the complexities of Children and Families.
- Continue to advocate for us at the Columbia River Treaty Negotiations
- Continue to earn the respect of our citizens

- **KEY ISSUES**

ANY GENERAL CHALLENGES OR NEGATIVES? SHARE CONCERNS OPENLY.

MNC & MNO and lack of true discussion and Q & A

KEY FUTURE DATES

TRAVEL PLANS AND UPCOMING MEETINGS IN THE NEXT 30 DAYS.

None for me currently. COVID rules unfortunately.