
MONTHLY REPORT

Region: 7

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SUMMARY

Tansi, and greetings from the Northeast Region.

April was such a welcome relief from the long winter here in the Northeast. And as usual it snowed more. Many of you may not know that I have a passion for growing food. I am in my fifth year of working on our farm. Boreal Gardens is a Permaculture farm that uses onsite resources to build and maintains gardens. This year we will have approximately 3 acres of food production on two parcels of land. I started this project because I was very concerned about food sovereignty here in the North. Besides selling at local markets we donate food to Elders and the Fort St John Women's Recourse Centre. Farming is my passion and I look forward to updating my reports with pictures once the food starts to grow. My hashtag on social media is #metisfarmer.

April was a wonderful month to host my second Regional Governance Council (RGC) I was pleased to have three communities participate, as well as our women's representative on Thursday April 8th, 2021. These meetings are a wonderful place to gather what the communities are doing for its membership. The communities are excited with this fiscal year's funding and are all looking forward to submitting their plans to offer programming to our local Northeast members.

The code of conduct that we are using for these meetings: be respectful, encouraging and constructive. come with an open heart to help our Citizens.

During the RGC we chatted about the support from the MNBC's Covid-19 funding and how it has helped the Chartered Communities help its membership. Food, gas card, prescription medication, rent and utilities. This Covid-19 funding is helping build capacity in our communities in the Northeast and overall helps our vulnerable members through this pandemic.

April also was the continuation of Strategic Planning with the entire board, as well as meeting to discuss building capacities for our Chartered Communities. I am pleased with the support that MNBC has secured to help our communities. This will go along way to help our citizens. Our Board of Directors are all so passionate about helping. Its an honor and a privilege to work alongside them all. Our Executive and staff at MNBC are committed and dedicated to building our Nation. I strongly believe that the MNBC is in a very good place and will continue to grow its programming and overall membership with the updated registry.

MNBC health staff have also been busy working to ensure Metis citizens in BC are apprised of Covid-19 updates through social media and newsletters. I am enjoying my weekly meetings with our Senior Health Director. The Health Ministry is small; however, I see real growth over the next few years. I look forward to advocating for more health services and programming. Please reach out to me at pflamond@mNBC.ca if you would like to discuss any issue. I am here to help in whatever way I can.