
MONTHLY REPORT

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Tansi, May was a busy month starting out with an RGC on May 4th where all the Presidents gathered to discuss the Regional Initiatives and Innovation Grant. The communities brought up several ideas and are hoping that in June a plan will be submitted. The Northeast is a Region that has been left out and it is our hope and plan that the area will see more involvement and programming. The Presidents are active in their community assisting our members in all aspects of supports. During this Covid crisis it has been a challenge to navigate volunteers to take some of the pressures felt by our communities in the Northeast. We are hopeful this will change as restriction lift. Northerners are resilient and creative, and communities have stayed committed during the pandemic.

May 2021 brought forth the first MNGA which was the first I attended. I was impressed by the work of the staff and executive did to make it a wonderful experience even though it was held virtually. It was wonderful to see most of the Presidents on the call and put a face to some of the names that I have read about over the past eight months. I am sure like all of us, it will be a wonderful experience for us to gather in person. In May we also got to further contribute to the Strategic Plan, this being a living document I am certain that we will have a road map to continue serving our people with excellent programming and services.

I continue with my Tuesday meetings with our Senior Health Director. These are meetings to catch up on all topic's health related. We are also involved with the, In Plain Sight- Addressing Indigenous-specific Racism and Discrimination in B.C. Health Care. The table is made up of about 32 people both First Nation and Metis that are working with the provincial government to advocate for systemic changes. This is such a critical piece of work that most of our Ministers are involved with this table. We also had the opportunity to meet with Minister Sheila Malcolmson lead by Dr. Kate Elliot to address issues with mental health and addictions. We addressed supports for counselling as well as Metis specific beds in treatment facilities in BC. These meetings are imperative to change for us Metis in BC. May also brought a meeting with the Interior Health Leadership table, I am very hopeful that their Senior Leadership along with MNBC are making changes to the way health services are being done in that Region.

Minister De'Jaeger , Minister Harriot and I had a meeting with a Metis food producer on the Island to discuss Metis food hubs across that region. This is a project that I am passionate about as my work around food security continues here in the Northeast. The month ended with a meeting with the Metis Financial Corporation which I am pleased to mention that the programming and support it has is building Metis entrepreneurs across our Province.

Hope you are all enjoying Spring and planting seeds!