
MONTHLY REPORT

Region 7 Report- Northeast BC

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SUMMARY

Tansi, June was a productive month working with the local Presidents to finalize the Regional Initiatives and Innovation Grant application. The communities decided on a video that will depict the historical ties that the Metis had in the Northeast dating back to the 1700's. This video will be an important resource tool that will be used to help educate others throughout BC.

The Presidents are still active in their community assisting their members in all aspects of supports as well as helping others in applying for their citizenship cards. June has been an extremely hotter than usual month and our people here in the North need things such as air conditioners and fans to help get them through these unusual heat waves. As well, we are beginning to live daily with smoke from the fires nearby.

June 2021 brought forth the first in person Board meeting since December 2020 in Victoria, BC. It was a great opportunity to have frank discussions and to work in solidarity with all the other board members and staff from MNBC. I am excited about all the programming and services that are being made available to our Citizens across BC.

I continue with my Tuesday meetings with our Senior Health Director Tanya Davoran. These are meetings to catch up on all topic's health related. We also had the opportunity to meet with the opposition health critic Renee Merrified from the BC Liberal Party who listened to our concerns from our Health Ministry and took them to Minister Dix. I am grateful to be part of the Health Ministry and look forward to all the new programs and services for all Metis across BC.

I continue my work with the Metis people in Kelly Lake by advocating for interim charter membership to MNBC. The community needs are mounting and the need for access to clean drinking water, housing repairs and supports for the Elders are astronomical. It is my vision that we are all afforded a healthy and productive life.

Hope you are all enjoying Summer and stay safe.