
MONTHLY REPORT AUGUST 2021

Debra Fisher, Region 4 Director (Kootenay)

Minister:

Children and Families
Education K-12 (Early Years)

Committees:

Emergency Preparedness
Social and Community Services
Youth Engagement

Appointed:

Provincial Task Force Team
“In Plain Sight”

MNBC Board Meetings:

August 9 Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR) Workshop
August 10 Métis Nation BC: Culture & Language Institute Provincial Zoom
August 12 MNBC Board of Directors - Special In-Camera
August 19 MNBC Board of Directors - Special In-Camera
August 20 MNBC Board of Directors – Briefing
August 20 MNBC Urgent BOD Meeting with Chartered Community Presidents & Vice Presidents
August 27 MNBC Board of Directors – Special In-Camera

Region 4 (Kootenay)

August 9 MNBC BOD Regional Weekly Round Table Zoom
August 10 Region 4 (Kootenay) Round Table Guest: Jason Chang
August 16 MNBC BOD Regional Weekly Round Table Zoom
August 18 Meeting with Jana Schulz- Region 4 Women’s Rep - Cranbrook
August 23 MNBC BOD Regional Weekly Round Table Zoom
August 24 Region 4 (Kootenay) Round Table
August 30 MNBC BOD Regional Weekly Round Table Zoom

MNBC Senior Directors and Staff:

Twice a week or more, Jack Miller, Sr. Director (Métis Nation BC, Children & Families)
Twice a week or more, Colleen Hodgson, Sr. Director (Métis Nation BC, Education & Early Years)

Bi-weekly basis Early Years Navigators Team (Métis Nation BC, Education & Early Years)

Committee and Community Meetings:

July 30 Travel Day - Invermere to Chilliwack
July 31 Chilliwack Métis House: Meet incredible Education Staff & Support Team
August 1 Métis in BC Day: Sharing our Families family gathering at Chilliwack Métis House
August 2 Travel Day – Chilliwack to Invermere
August 9 Youth Engagement Committee
August 9 Métis Language Survey
August 10 Métis Language Revitalization Group
August 16 Social & Community Services Committee
August 17 Métis Nation BC – Children and Families: Jurisdictional Review and Update
August 23 Community Engagement Session – Culture & Language Institute planning
August 23 Métis Partnership Table
August 26 MNBC Health Team Initiative
August 26 In Plain Sight-Provincial Task Team Meeting
August 30 School District #6 (Rocky Mountain) Interview Panel

Children & Families Key Points:

- IGB Letter of Intent: received and acknowledged by Federal Government
- Elder Panel proceeding for the province
- Elder in-Residence Program in Process
- Consultation with Cowessess First Nation Children and Families with guiding framework discussions
- This Ministry is really coming together, we plan to expand and are looking for quality Métis Social Workers and potential Métis Foster Homes.

Education & Early Years Key Points:

- August 1st Métis in BC Day: Sharing our Families gathering at Chilliwack Métis House
- Announced \$400,000 for Métis communities for early years programming (implemented in September)
- Funding agreement with MCFD for 2 Métis early years pedagogists
- As of August 27, there are nearly 800 children enrolled in the Métis Family Connections Program.
- Wellbeing Program had 8 new applications-assessments (neuropsychological, psychoeducation, autism) occupational therapy- speech and language therapy

I cannot stress enough of the importance of obtaining citizenship cards for our children and accessing the Metis Family Connections Program for children 0-8 and our Wellbeing Program.

If you know of any family struggling to gain citizenship due to financial burden, please let me know.

Important Dates:

Métis Nation BC AGM September 24 & 25