

October 2021 Newsletter



Taanishi kiiyawow? (How are you?),

Events

NIMA is hosting a Youth Conference on October 22, 2021. The registration deadline has been extended to October 18th and can be found on our website. The day will be filled with fun activities and teachings from Elders and provide a great opportunity to develop ideas for youth involvement. To register, go to <https://www.nimetis.com/events.html>

The first five Michif language lesson videos have been posted on our YouTube channel. The last four videos will be posted every Wednesday in the weeks to come.

The Witness Blanket display is in Campbell River until October 30, 2021 and is located at the Laichwiltach Family Life Society gym. This display includes artifacts from residential school providing viewers a lens into the stories and experience of residential school. We hope you take the opportunity to see this display, as it is very impactful.

What NIMA Has Been Up To...

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey at the last event. This information will be used as a guide for NIMA as we prepare for the future. We will be contacting you in November for Louis Riel Day events.

Thank you to all who came to Sprit Square to honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Our president, Tyler Masee, spoke on behalf of NIMA and our Métis community. Laichwiltach Family Life Society hosted the event, and we appreciate all the work they do in for the greater community.



Tyler Masee, NIMA President

If you would like more information on the Métis residential school experience, go to: https://www.surreyschools.ca/ProgramsAndServices/ABRG/Documents/Residential%20Schools/Metis_Residential_School_Experience_Forgotten.pdf. For those who need support or are triggered by this material, the Métis Crisis Line is 1-833-638-4722.

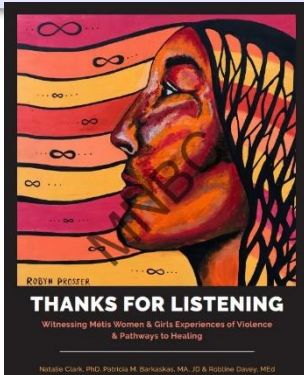
Financial Supports Available

MNBC has many different resources available for Métis people. Go to <https://www.mnbc.ca/portal/login/> to register and for more information. Supports include a “Return to Sport” grant, counselling, post-secondary funding and more.

To stay up-to-date on resources and future events by visiting our website and following our social media.

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Métis Women's Data Report

Métis Women BC's *Thanks for Listening* report has just been released. It discusses the many paths and processes of healing from experiences of violence. Further, the report provides numerous tools and strategies to heal yourself by connecting back to your Métis culture. The full report can be found using the link provided.

<https://www.mnbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/MWBC-Report-Thanks-For-Listening-FNL-Print.pdf>

NIMA Store

We have accessories and clothing of all sizes and colours with the new logo available for sale. To see all the new items available, go to <https://www.nimetis.com/store.html>.

New Manager of Indigenous Health for Mount Waddington

North Island Métis would like to congratulate NIMA community member Dean Wilson in his new role as Manager of Indigenous Health for Mount Waddington Area for Island Health. This is a new position created to improve engagement with Indigenous communities and work to improve health outcomes for Indigenous people in the area. There are plans being worked on to create an Indigenous Patient Navigator that will assist community members who are coming to the Emergency Department in the Mount Waddington area to feel supported and understood by health staff. As well, there are plans for an Elder to support families. Currently, Dean is leading a review into the experiences of Indigenous community members who have sought help from Island Health facilities. NIMA is a part of this review group that consists of representatives from Kwakwaka'wakw First Nations on the North Island, Island Health and FNHA. Mount Waddington includes Port Hardy and Port McNeill, as well as smaller communities north of Sayward. NIMA looks forward to working with Dean to improve health services used by Métis community in the Mount Waddington area.

Métis and other Indigenous people with concerns about their treatment with the Island Health healthcare system in the Mount Waddington area can contact Dean Wilson, Manager of Indigenous Health, or Benedict Leonard, Indigenous Liaison Nurse.

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