

January 2022 Newsletter



Taanishi kiiyawow? (How are you?),

Welcome to 2022

We hope you had a great winter break, with plenty of relaxation and time with loved ones. Although we are still in the midst of a pandemic, and the virus continues to mutate, NIMA continues to move forward and offers various supports and programs to the Métis community on the North Island. We have some great things happening this year as well as continuing the existing programs we offer as much as possible.

What NIMA Has Been Up To...

NIMA hosted meat hampers for the NIMA community in November and December 2021. The first hamper was in Port McNeill on November 21st at the IGA and the second was on December 16th at Campbell River Quality Foods. It was great to see everyone, and we hope you enjoyed a nice turkey meal over the holidays.

The meat hampers given out at the Campbell River Quality Foods included flour and sugar which is part of the January 2022 food hamper. NIMA members in Port Hardy and Port McNeill will receive their flour and sugar with this month's food hamper.



*Rachel, Jackie and Charlotte
at Quality Foods (l to r)*

NIMA will be hosting a Women's Conference planned for February 26th, 2022. Due to changes in provincial COVID restrictions, the conference will be held on Zoom and may take place over two days to accommodate for the changes in activities. If you are interested in participating in the conference, please complete the registration form that can be downloaded at www.nimetis.com/events.html or ask for a paper copy from the NIMA office. Details about activities and sessions will be provided as soon as possible.

The Elder's Conference in March 2022 will most likely be changed to an online format as well. Registration forms can be downloaded at www.nimetis.com/events.html or you can ask for a paper copy from the NIMA office. Stay tuned for event details.

Southern Michif Words (https://www.metismuseum.ca/michif_dictionary.php)

winter - l'ivayr
snow – la niizh

winter boots - lii sooyii d'ivayr
snowshoe - lii raachet

winter sports -lii sport d'ivayr
snowball - enn plot di niizh

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COVID Protocols for NIMA Office and Events

As of January 2022, NIMA has updated our COVID protocols as follows. These changes affect all office visits and events that NIMA hosts at Robron Centre only. Events that take place in other locations will conform to either that locations protocols or if there aren't any, will revert back to NIMA protocols as detailed below. NIMA complies with the most current BC COVID protocols and regulations. All NIMA staff are fully vaccinated, have given proof of vaccination and any volunteers and new staff are required to show proof of full vaccination before participating in events or attending work. Masks are required for all people 5+ years in all indoor settings and in outdoor setting where there is close proximity.

NIMA OFFICE

All visitors to the NIMA office are now required to show proof of vaccination. This will be provided by showing your digital or paper vaccine card and valid ID to enter (BC driver's licence, BC Services Card or a passport). All visitors must be fully vaccinated. Booster shots are not required for entry. Children aged 0 to 11 are not required to show proof of vaccination.

If you are not fully vaccinated and wish to do business with NIMA's office, alternate methods are as follows.

- Have someone who is fully vaccinated come to the office for you. You must notify us before you choose this option in order to verify this person is working on your behalf.
- Personally complete any business through email, mail, and phone. Please make sure NIMA has your most current contact information.

NIMA EVENTS

All NIMA events attendees are now required to show proof of vaccination. This will be provided by showing your digital or paper vaccine card and valid ID to enter (BC driver's licence, BC Services Card or a passport). All attendees must be fully vaccinated. Booster shots are not required for entry. Children aged 0 to 11 are not required to show proof of vaccination.

If you are not fully vaccinated and wish to attend an event, alternate methods are as follows.

- Zoom options will be provided when applicable, such as for presentations or general meetings.
- Events that require in-person attendance will have outside locations where those who are not fully vaccinated can pick up items in a safe and distanced manner, such as a pickup point for food hampers.
- NIMA will provide surveys and other information given at in-person events by email or mail as requested.

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