



MIKI'SIW Métis Messenger

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Local News & Events

Back to Normal Beading and Crafting Circles



We are pleased to be able to bring back our drop in beading and crafting circles. The third Monday of every month from 6:30-8:30 pm

First one of 2023 is January 16th in the activity room, 2nd floor, 576 England Ave.

Drop in for a cup of tea and bring a craft project or we have some beading supplies if you want to just come along and try some beading. I am hoping there will be some experts there to help teach, you can do something as simple as coloring or as complicated as making moccasins – it is just a time to be together crafting and sharing.

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Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, shopped and enjoyed the Métis Artisan Craft Show and Sale and Roc Your Mocs Hoiday Event – the reviews seem to be good – we are always looking for feedback – let us know what you liked and what you would like to see more or less of

Métis Artisan Craft Show and Sale – Tea and Bannock and Drumming



Members and Guests Rocking their Mocs in the Walk the Sash Runway Event



Thanks to our Youth for helping to set up and take down the tables etc. and help serve the dinner at this event – you are much appreciated!!

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Through a Grant from Métis Nation BC we were able to give our Senior and Respected Elders/Khetehayak a special holiday treat – we picked them up took them out for dinner and then on a Christmas Light Tour – it was a snowy night but our Driver from Ambassador Transportation was great and took us all over the valley to enjoy the lights.



Congratulations to MIKI'SIW Métis Association Youth Representative Chloe Hatch

Chloe attended tryouts and succeeded in becoming one of the players for the U19 BC Indigenous Basketball Team, representing BC at the 2023 North America Indigenous Games in Halifax this summer. We wish her a fun journey!! The North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) 2023 will bring together more than 5,000 athletes, coaches, and team staff from 756+ Indigenous Nations celebrating, sharing and reconnecting through sport and culture.



Happy New Year from the MIKI'SIW Métis Board of Directors

We hope it is a prosperous one for all of our Association
Members and Families

Looking into 2023 and serving our membership we will be working on Strategic Planning for the Association, representing our Membership with local government agencies and associations as well as attending Métis Nation BC meetings and functions to represent the MIKI'SIW Membership.

With COVID hopefully behind us we will be able to hold regular gatherings, crafting and beading circles as well as planning workshops.

During our Strategic Planning we will be seeking your feedback for what you want for yourselves and your families and hope that you will be able to participate in that process to help guide us in what wants and needs we should pursue on behalf of the Membership.

We are always open to hearing your ideas, you are more than welcome to contact us at the office or any of the Board Members Directly.

Let's make 2023 a fantastic year together!



Board of Directors

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**Many hands
make light
work**



Dear Métis Nation BC Citizens of Region One:

Over the next four years MNBC will, as a start, have at least \$25 million to spend on Social Infrastructure in Métis Chartered Communities. This amount could increase - we need to know what you, your family, and your community need to thrive. We need your help to decide how much we need and how to spend it

Social Infrastructure is defined as “infrastructure needed for Métis communities in British Columbia to thrive”. It includes, but is not limited to community, educational, and cultural spaces; improved internet connectivity; Chartered Community offices; and more.

Three ways to chose to participate:

In-person January 18, 2023, 6-8pm Grand Hotel, Nanaimo, BC

Zoom workshops - January 23/24, 6-8 PM PST: Two online workshops via Zoom

Please RSVP for the in-person or online workshops at **MNBC.CSI.Engage@gmail.com** (ask for the zoom link)

Online Survey - No time to attend - Take a few minutes to do the survey, you can tell us what you, your family, and your community need to thrive. Anyone taking the online survey can enter to win a \$50 Walmart gift card—up to fifteen cards per Region.

[Take the Survey](#)



Do you have a child, kindergarten up to age 12, needing care during school Winter and Spring breaks?

The Métis Winter and Spring Break Supplement will help Métis families with the cost of school break camps. The Winter and Spring Break Supplement will not exceed a maximum of \$500.00 per child per school year. This supplement will support families with the costs of school break camps. These are inclusive of winter and spring break

This funding does not support skills development camps that are improving skills in sport, art, or specific development, and school professional development days or other school closures. This funding will be available to families to assist in their child care needs during Winter and Spring break.

Before you apply, you will need:

- To be an MNBC Citizen and provide your citizenship number or an have a verified active application with the registry. You can access the registry here: [Become A Registered Métis Citizen – Métis Nation British Columbia \(mnbc.ca\)](https://www.mnbc.ca/become-a-registered-metis-citizen)
- Your child/children to be enrolled in the Métis Family Connections Program. For more information on this program please visit <https://www.mnbc.ca/mfc/>
- Your child/children are school age, entering kindergarten to 12 years old.

Supporting Document:

Proof of Purchase from Camp/Service Provider

For further information or questions please contact metisearlyyears@mnbc.ca