



MIKI'SIW Métis Messenger

August 2022

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Local News & Events

LOOKING FOR SOME MÉTIS CONNECTION OVER THE SUMMER?

Although our programming is shut down for summer, our Vice President Tom Adams and his wife Lorna extend the following invitation to our MIKI'SIW Métis Members.

“On Wednesday Nights from 7-9pm Tom and I are welcoming our Métis members to our campsite.

Bring your coffee mug and your needlework, beading, knitting, crochet, leatherwork, Guitars, fiddles, drums.

This is a time to share your heritage, skills, and stories. Want to learn something new? We will help where we can. It's time for us to lift up and share our knowledge.”

What to bring - a chair, your coffee cup, your enthusiasm, and whatever you might be creating.

Wednesday evenings 7-9 to the end of August.

Place - Site C 31 Airforce Beach

Limited parking with additional up by the campground office.
Campfire included till there's a fire ban”



Elder's Lunch – August 5th – Comox Legion

Guest Speaker Senator Edkins

**Call the office to RSVP or email
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Vancouver Island Metis Rendezvous Information

THE MÉTIS NATION ON VANCOUVER ISLAND AND IN POWELL RIVER INVITE YOU TO THE

Vancouver Island Métis Rendezvous

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY:

**COMPAIGNI V'NI DANSI | SUMMER SAGE
ED PEEKEEKOOT | CALVIN CAIRNS**

COWICHAN EXHIBITION PARK

GATES OPEN 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

FOR MORE INFORMATION: TCLOW34@GMAIL.COM FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: [@VIMRendezvous](https://www.facebook.com/VIMRendezvous)

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Métis Financial Corporation of BC

This is going to be a great event, but help is needed – if you can do a volunteer shift that would be great.

You can see what is needed and sign up here

<https://signup.com/go/OmCNnTs>

Camping is available Friday and Saturday night \$20 per night

September 3rd Entertainment Schedule

10:00 am– 10:45 Opening Ceremonies

12:00 – 12:45 Calving Cairns/Jeremy Walsh duo

1:30 – 2:30 Compaigni V'ni Metis Dance Group

4:00 – 4:45 Ed Peekeekoot

5:00 – 5:45 Summer Sage

7:30 – 9:30 Wind up Dance – All performers

Workshops, Marketplace and food throughout the day

Admission will be by donation and camping will be available for \$20/night on Friday and Saturday only

Local Health Care Rally and Board of Directors

There will be a few short speeches, then everyone is encouraged to walk, run, bike, or roll around the Courtenay Airpark loop in support of better healthcare in B.C.

Speakers will include:

- **Hereditary Chief Wedlidi Speck** (topic: First Nations' health)
- **Dr. Jonathan Kerr**, Family Doctor and Comox Councillor (topic: Family Doctor shortage and the local efforts to address it)
- **Sonia Furstenuau**, MLA and BC Greens Leader (topic: Seniors' Care and the Opioid Crisis in BC)

RALLY FOR HEALTHCARE WITH SONIA FURSTENAU

THURSDAY
AUGUST 4TH | 1:30 PM

WHERE

ROTARY SKYPARK
MANSFIELD DRIVE
COURTENAY

WHO

EVERYONE WHO IS WORRIED ABOUT THE FAMILY DOCTOR SHORTAGE, THE OPIOID CRISIS, THE LACK OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND/OR SENIOR'S CARE IN B.C.



SONIA FURSTENAU
BC GREEN LEADER

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- Elders:** Bryce Mercredi and Jo Loukes
- Youth Rep:** Chloe Hatch

Métis Nation BC & Métis National Council News

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Métis National Council President Caron's Statement on Papal Apology at Maskwacis

Edmonton, Alberta— July 26, 2022

Yesterday's apology was a step forward on the pathway of truth, justice, healing and reconciliation. In committing to a serious investigation and supports for Survivors, Pope Francis has begun to move the Catholic Church from offering mere words to taking real action.

We will continue to push the Church to further reflect upon and apologize for the role of its doctrines in justifying colonizing systems such as Residential Schools, and work closely with First Nations and Inuit leadership to ensure that all next steps in our collective journey are Survivor-driven and contribute to meaningful and lasting change.

I have continued to keep Métis Survivors in my heart throughout this entire process and, having watched their strength, courage and grace today, I am once again reminded of why I am proud to be Métis.

More than ever, it's essential that we collectively stand with all Survivors and their families in their deeply personal healing journeys, and respect that yesterday's apology will mean different things to different people. All of those meanings are valid and deserve our deepest love, respect and support. Please remember: we are doing this work for the children—those that were taken, those of today and all those yet to come.

The Ministry of Skills Training, Employment, Post-Secondary (STEPS) and the Ministry of Health have received \$145,000 in funding from the Province of British Columbia to develop a **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR MÉTIS LEARNERS CURRENTLY ENROLLED OR ENROLLING IN POST-SECONDARY**. STEPS would like to administer this funding starting in September 2022. Funding will be provided to those registered in a health-related program at a recognized BC public post-secondary institution or in an environmental science/studies program.

Full scholarship details, eligibility, and registration can be found in our program portal at <https://www.mnbc.ca/portal/dashboard/>



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