

# Mii 2024 Newsletter



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### Update: Participant Procedures Starting 2024

NIMA offers many programs and workshops throughout the year. With increased interest from all members and Métis community in general, NIMA will be putting the following procedures in place to ensure space for those who RSVP and claim a space are attending.

If any members sign up for a program or workshop and no-show for two of these events, they will be placed on a waitlist for workshops. The waitlist placement will be removed after one year from the last missed workshop or after two confirmed attendances at future workshops (if given space to attend). If there is space in future workshops, you will be contacted closer to the date of the event. Failure to again attend a workshop without proper notice or extenuating circumstances after being waitlisted will result in a pause in eligibility for workshops for one year.

While we want all our members to feel welcome and attend events, there is a cost consideration for all programming that has prompted these new procedures. We do not want to create barriers by requiring a workshop deposit fee, but we require folks to attend if they have registered. Please go to our events webpage for definitions and info.

### Office Hours Update

NIMA has expanded our office hours. We are now open Tuesday-Friday 9:30AM-1:30PM.



NIMA AGM April 21, 2024 - Members were honing their axe throwing skills and enjoying each other's company.



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## Coming Events

### Womxn's Programming

#### Kick Boxing:

Monday kick boxing classes are held at Pure Martial Arts and Fitness from 4:30PM-5:30PM. Reminder these classes are open to all NIMA womxn. **From January 2024-September 2024 NIMA members who attend a minimum of three sessions a month will receive a reimbursement for up to \$100 each month for a fitness class.**

#### Book Club:

The next book club meeting will take place on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:00PM-1:00PM, lunch will be provided, we will be discussing *20.12 m* by *Arnolda Dufour Bowes*. Free for NIMA womxn.

#### Reclaiming the Matriarch:

Our May Mamawi will take place on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:00PM-4:00PM. Gregory Scofield will be presenting on Repatriating the Matriarch pieces, as well as offering an introduction to beading. Tea and coffee will be served. Please RSVP if you would like to attend, as space is limited.

On June 1<sup>st</sup> we will be hosting a Sip and Paint (non-alcoholic beverages) from 1:00PM-4:00PM. If you would like to attend, please RSVP with your preference for design.



May 5<sup>th</sup> is Red Dress Day, a day to honor and remember all the missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ folks. NIMA currently has beading kits available if you would like to make your own red dress pin to wear in recognition.

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## Mxn's Programming

On Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:00PM-3:00PM Mxn's Group will be making planter boxes. Make one for yourself, or a special "Mom" in your life. All supplies will be included, please RSVP if you would like to join.

On May 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00PM-7:30PM Mxn's Group will be starting a Bush Craft course. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP if you would like to join.

## 50+ Programming

Our next Kayhkway Chi Miichihk will be taking place on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:00AM-4:00PM. This event is open to our 50+ members and will include lunch. More information to follow.

## Health

Starting May 3<sup>rd</sup> Lisa-Marie will be starting a **NEW PROGRAM!** This will be a weekly adventuring group that participants will have the option to participate in finding geocaches while out. Here are the session dates and times:

Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00PM-7:30PM  
Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM-7:30PM  
Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM-7:30PM  
Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM-2:30PM  
Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:00PM-2:30PM  
Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM-2:30PM  
During the weekend of our Cultural Camp  
Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00-7:30  
Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM-7:30PM  
Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> during our fishing trip

The first session (May 3<sup>rd</sup>) folks will be meeting in the Timberline parking lot, subsequent sessions will be discussed. There will be a gift at the end of the sessions for those who have attended at least half of the sessions.

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Would you like to discuss any health needs/concerns or learn about funding and programming available for health-related services? You can phone to book an appointment with Lisa-Marie Szonyi (Métis Patient Navigator) or Eric de Montarnal (Health Manager).

May 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> is Mental Health Week, this year the focus is centred on the healing power of compassion. If you have any questions, or would like some resources, stop by the office, or give us a call.

## Culture

### Lispaas:

Drop by the first Friday of the month to work on unfinished projects. The next session will be held on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00PM-3:00PM.

### Piihtikway:

Piihtikway groups will be taking place on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00PM-8:00PM. Bring any project that you are working on. Staff will be present to help, and the kettle will be on for tea.

### Culture Camp:

We have begun planning our 2024 camping trip – mark your calendars for June 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. This year we will be staying at Taku Resort on Quadra Island. NIMA rooms are currently all full. Let us know if you would like to be put on the waitlist for a cancellation. If you would like to camp or bring an RV, we recommend you book a camping spot ASAP as locations on Quadra go quickly. You are also welcome to book your own room(s) at the same or a different resort on Quadra Island to ensure you have lodging for the event. Regardless of the location you stay, if you plan to attend any of the activities at this event, please RSVP so that we have a clear idea of numbers for food and supplies.

## Port Hardy

NIMA will be headed up to Sacred Wolf Friendship Centre on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00PM-8:00PM. We will be learning flat stitch beadwork and having dinner. Canning supplies will be provided to those interested (you must be a NIMA member in good standing). We will not be renewing memberships at the event, so please make sure that your dues are up to date prior to the event.

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## Executive Director Notice - Housing and Childcare

I wanted to give some additional information about the project that was announced on April 16<sup>th</sup> by MNBC and the City of Campbell River. NIMA continues to work in partnership with MNBC on this development.

The newly acquired properties are located at 11, 23, 35, and 47 Dogwood Street in Campbell River. The current property, 834 Island Hwy South, has been put up for sale to pay for the new properties.

When planning the original development, we realized it would not be a large enough space for our needs for housing, childcare, and cultural space for NIMA. We paused the project and began to search for alternate properties. After a discussion with the City of Campbell River, the opportunity to relocate the development to Dogwood Street came to light. Due to a non-disclosure agreement in this process, we have been unable to share the news with you until now.

The new plans for the development will include approximately 40 rental apartments (1, 2, & 3 bedroom units), a 61-space childcare facility, and approximately 3,000 sq ft of cultural gathering and office space for NIMA.

The process for this development has not changed. We are not taking names for lists yet, but once we get closer to completion, we will be sure to let NIMA members know and make clear the rules around accessing these units and services. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me, Jackie Lever, Executive Director at 250-287-7417 or [executivedirector@nimetis.com](mailto:executivedirector@nimetis.com).

News release link



APRIL 16, 2024

### CITY AND MNBC COLLABORATE TO BRING MORE HOUSING TO CAMPBELL RIVER

Proposed development by the Métis Nation Government in British Columbia would create up to 40 affordable housing units and a daycare facility.

The City of Campbell River (the City) is working with the Métis Nation Government in British Columbia (MNBC) on a property transfer of 11, 23, 35 and 47 Dogwood Street that would bring up to 40 new affordable housing units and a daycare facility to the community.

*"This property will allow MNBC to make real progress on our goals of building affordable housing, child care, and community spaces for Métis families," said Walter Mineault, Vice-President of MNBC and Minister of Housing. "We are committed to creating opportunities for Métis citizens to thrive, and this development will make a meaningful impact for many."*

MNBC approached the City on the proposed development and the parties entered into a conditional agreement that will see MNBC purchase the properties from the City at fair market value and reimbursement of the City's associated costs with the property transaction. The partnership will create additional housing and daycare spaces within the community and supports Council's Strategic Priorities.

*"We value this opportunity to work with MNBC and facilitate the development of affordable housing and childcare facilities for Campbell River residents," says Campbell River Mayor Kermit Dahl. "Council is committed to working collaboratively on opportunities to address housing availability and attainability, and to meet the needs of the growing community. This property transfer is another step the City is taking to encourage the development of affordable housing options to support Campbell River's growth and vitality."*

The properties at 11, 23 and 35 Dogwood Street are currently vacant lots, zoned as Residential Multiple Three (RM-3), which allows for apartment and social- or community-care facilities. The current allowable density for the properties is 16 to 19 units. The property at 47 Dogwood Street is currently zoned as a residential property (R-1). An application to rezone the properties to allow the full 40 units proposed for the development will be submitted to Council for consideration at a later date.

*"We are thrilled to secure this land to help meet the critical needs of Métis citizens across British Columbia," said Patrick Harriott, MNBC's Region 1 Director. "Affordable housing and child care are urgently needed, and this new site will allow us to develop facilities and programs, and support the excellent work of our Campbell River community."*

The City will share information on the City website and all required public notifications will be made.

For the latest information on statutory notifications, visit [campbellriver.ca/public-notices](http://campbellriver.ca/public-notices).

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NORTH ISLAND MÉTIS

# LAARB KAWMAEKIT

*Join us as we explore cultural  
food sustainability practices.*

**Seed Starting and Gardening for  
Beginners** (December 10th 3:30-6:30)

**Using Plant Growing Equipment**

(January 13th 9:00-11:30)

**Soil Composition**

(January 25th 5:00-8:30)

**Small Space/Hydroponic Gardening**

(February 10th 3:00-5:30)

**Pemmican Making**

(March 16th 9:00-3:00)

**Good Earth Farm Tour**

(April 6th 1:00-3:00)

**Rabbit Processing**

(May 4th/5th 9:00-4:30)

**Canning** (May 25th 9:00-4:00)

**Program Wrap-Up**

(June 8th 9:00-11:00)

Meals and childminding will be provided,  
take home materials, will be given at each  
session.





April 2024

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Government of British Columbia is pleased to inform you that your child may be able to receive a \$1,200 Training and Education Savings Grant.

Children are eligible if:

- The parent or guardian, and the child, are BC residents; and
- The child's birth year is listed below, and the deadline has not passed:

BIRTH YEAR	APPLY BEFORE
2015	Apply before 9th birthday in 2024
2016	Apply before 9th birthday in 2025
2017	Apply before 9th birthday in 2026
2018	Start applying on 6th birthday in 2024

Once you open an account, known as a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP), the Government of British Columbia will deposit a \$1,200 BC Training and Education Savings Grant into the RESP for your child. Students can use the money to pay for their education expenses (e.g., tuition, books, tools, rent, or transportation) in an apprenticeship program, a trade school, CEGEP, college, or university.

**Plan today: you don't have to put any money into the RESP for your child to receive the \$1,200.**

**Step 1:** Get Social Insurance Numbers (SINs) for you and your child. Go to the [Service Canada SIN Overview webpage](#) or call 1-800-622-6232 to find out how.

**Step 2:** Make an appointment with a financial organization that offers RESPs. Bring the SINs for you and your child and let them know that you want to open an RESP and get the B.C. Training Education Savings grant for your child.

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Learn more: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG>    Contact: [BCTESG@gov.bc.ca](mailto:BCTESG@gov.bc.ca)  
Your child may also be eligible for other federal incentives, see: [canada.ca/education-savings](https://canada.ca/education-savings).

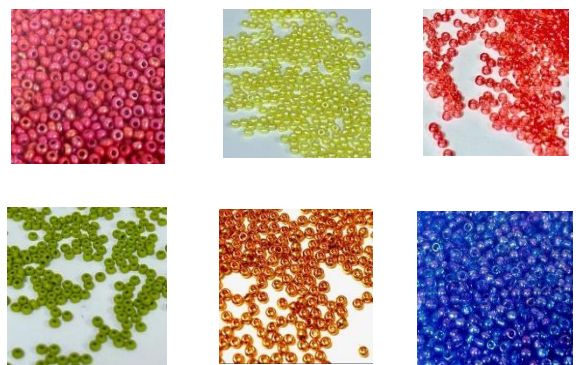


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NIMA finally has our NEW sashes in stock, available in both adult and child's sizes. We have over 80 bead colors in stock, with more arriving soon. NIMA has just restocked our beading kits, that include everything you need to make a brooch.

Stop by the office Tuesday-Friday 9:30AM-1:30PM to check out all our amazing items.



# Mii/May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Rabbit Processing at Robron 9:00AM-4:30PM	6 Wild Womxn at Pure 4:30PM-5:30PM	7	8	9	10	11 Fish Identification and Licenses at Robron 10:00AM-12:00PM Book Club at Robron 12:00PM-1:00PM Mxn's Group Planter Boxes at Robron 1:00PM-3:00PM Gregory Scofield 1:00PM-4:00PM
12	13 Wild Womxn at Pure 4:30PM-5:30PM	14	15	16	17 Pihtikway at Robron 6:00PM-8:00PM	18
19	20 May Long Weekend No Wild Womxn	21	22	23	24	25 Canning at Robron 9:00AM-4:00PM Mxn's Group Bush Craft at Robron 5:00PM-7:30PM
26	27 Wild Womxn at Pure 4:30PM-5:30PM	28 Pihtikway at Robron 6:00PM-8:00PM	29	30 Port Hardy Cultural Night 4:00-8:00PM	31	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p>1</p> <p>Sashing Ceremony at Robron 10:AM-12:00PM</p> <p>Book Club at Robron 12:00PM-1:00PM</p> <p>Mamawi at Robron 1:00PM-4:00PM</p>
2	<p>3</p> <p>Wild Womxn at Pure 4:30PM-5:30PM</p> <p>Archery of Fish and Wildlife Club 6:00PM-8:30PM</p>	4	5	6	<p>7</p> <p>Lispaas at Robron 1:00PM-3:00PM</p> <p>Mxn's Group Build Night 6:00PM-8:00PM</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Laarb Kawmaekit +Fish/Chicken Processing 9:00AM-12:30PM</p> <p>Kayhkway Chi Mitchik at Robron 12:00PM-3:00PM</p>
9	10	11	12	13	<p>14</p> <p>Cultural Camping Trip at Taku Resort</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Cultural Camping Trip at Taku Resort</p>
16	17	18	19	20	<p>21</p> <p>Indigenous People's Day at Spirit Square</p> <p>Pihitkway at Robron 6:00PM-8:00PM</p> <p>Mxn's Bush Craft at Robron 6:00PM-8:00PM</p>	<p>22</p> <p>At Spirit Square for Pride event</p>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<p>Finishing Fish Leather/Rabbit Tanning at Robron 9:00AM-3:00PM</p>	<p>Wild Womxn at Pure 4:30PM-5:30PM</p>	<p>Pihitkway at Robron 6:00PM-8:00PM</p>				
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