

November 2021 Newsletter



Taanishi kiiyawow? (How are you?),

Louis Riel Day – November 16, 2021



Louis Riel, well known leader of the Métis, was born October 22, 1844 in Saint-Boniface, Red River Settlement. During the Red River Resistance of 1869-70, Riel was elected president of the provisional government, and negotiated Manitoba's entry into Canada in 1871. Louis Riel was elected to Parliament three times but was never able to take his seat due to the Canadian Government. He returned to the Northwest at the request of Gabriel Dumont and the Métis at the beginning of the Northwest Resistance in 1884. Once Riel was captured after the end of the battles, he was tried for treason.

He died November 16, 1885 in Regina, Saskatchewan. North Island Métis will be honouring his memory and celebrating Louis Riel Day with a food hamper and games event at the Robron Centre (Campbell River) and the Port McNeill Community Hall (North Island). The Métis flag will be flown at Spirit Square for a week starting November 16th, so look for the infinity symbol.

What NIMA Has Been Up To...

NIMA is proud to announce a partnership with MNBC to build a Métis Centre in Campbell River. The site will include below-market rate rental housing for Métis families, a Métis child care centre, and office space for NIMA. We will be working with M'akola Development Services to build this project. The property at 834 Island Hwy S has been purchased for this project.

We will provide more details about all these new developments as we are able to. There is much planning to be completed as NIMA is at the very beginning of this work. **Please note that no decisions have been made about specific details for the housing development. This is a long process so decisions about eligibility for potential renters and childcare attendees are further in the future.** Stay tuned as we will share news and information as often as possible.

A Métis Youth Conference was hosted by NIMA on October 22nd at the Robron Centre for youth aged 13-19. Bruce Dumont and the youth set up NIMA's tipi and Sheila Buchanan taught everyone how to jig. We received great feedback from the youth on what they would like to see in the future for youth programs.



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Lisa Shepherd, Métis Artist

NIMA asked Lisa Shepherd on behalf of the Q^walayu House Advisory Committee to create a mossbag to represent Métis families and children. The art piece will be displayed in Q^walayu House at 565 2 Ave. in Campbell River.

There will be a NIMA meat hamper in December so make sure your contact info is up-to-date as we will be phoning members with more information.

NIMA will be hosting a Women's Conference tentatively mid Feb 2022 and an Elders Conference tentatively mid Mar 2022. Watch for more details, as we will be posting registration info soon.

Our office is moving to Room A124 in the Robron Centre. It will be great to have more room for our office as we keep growing. Office hours continue to be by appointment only.

Financial Supports Available

MNBC has many different resources available for Métis people. Go to <https://www.mnbc.ca/portal/login/> to register. Current programs include the Ma Niki Home Renovation Program and a Métis Housing Rent Supplement Program.

MNBC 2021 By-Election – December 15, 2021

Métis Nation British Columbia is having a by-Election. Voting will be held online and by mail in ballots until December 15, 2021. Citizens can start voting November 25th, 2021. If you want a mail-in ballot rather than to vote online, you must request a ballot from MNBC before December 6th and the ballot must be returned by December 15th. More information can be found at <https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/mnbc>

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>

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