



MÉTIS NATION OF GREATER VICTORIA COMMUNITY UPDATE-DEC 2011:

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK!

Our Christmas potluck is taking place on Wednesday the 14th DECEMBER at the Friendship Centre 231 Regina Avenue commencing at 5:30 pm.

THIS IS OUR CHRISTMAS EVENT WHERE WE WILL HAVE SOME ENTERTAINMENT TO HELP GET YOU IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON AS WELL AS GOOD FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP.

WE ALSO HOPE TO HAVE THAT OTHER GUY, MINUS HIS REINDEER, MAKE AN APPEARANCE FOR ANY CHILDREN ATTENDING.

We ask that you bring your own cutlery and dishes to help keep reduce the use of foam, plastic or paper disposable items.

IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE POTLUCK WE ASK ALSO THAT YOU PARK ONLY ON THE SPORTS FIELD SIDE OF THE PARKING LOT OR ON THE STREET. ALSO WOULD YOU PLEASE ENTER THE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE FROM THE LOWER DOOR OFF THE PARKING LOT. The potluck is held in the gym at the far end of that corridor.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY FROM THE BOARD OF THE METIS NATION OF GREATER VICTORIA AND IF WE DON'T GET TO SEE YOU AT THE CHRISTMAS POTLUCK WE WISH YOU SEASON'S GREETING AND ALL THE BEST IN THE NEW YEAR

AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT:

NEXT MONTHS POTLUCK on JANUARY 18th 2012 AT THE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE .

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office of the Metis Nation Greater Victoria will be closed FROM Dec 20 TH UNTIL 4 Jan 2012.

MNGV Now Has a Facebook Group

The purpose of this Facebook group is to encourage non-political discussion among community members. It is an area for community members to discuss our Métis culture and language etc. This is also a great place to share upcoming events in our community and to keep in touch.

For those community members that already have a facebook account all you need to do is type in MNGV in the search field and request to join the group. If you are interested in learning about what Facebook is and how to create an account so you can join our community page, there will be a short optional tutorial provided at the January potluck.

Métis Nation British Columbia is very pleased to announce that you can now follow them on both YouTube and Twitter.

Please regard the following links for your reference.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/metisnationbc>

<https://twitter.com/#!/<https://twitter.com/#%21/> MNBCComms>
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The First Citizens Fund Student Bursary program

The First Citizens Fund Student Bursary program is funded by the Province of British Columbia and delivered by the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres. This program provides financial assistance to Aboriginal students enrolled in post-secondary education. Aboriginal students that are ordinarily residents in British Columbia and are enrolled full time in a recognized post-secondary university or college in a minimum two-year program are eligible to apply for a First Citizens Fund student bursary. The level of assistance will be determined by need and will reflect the amount of assistance received from other sources. The maximum level of assistance is **\$700/year** for Band or Tribal Council funded students and **\$2,000/year** for non-funded students.

For more information please contact Jamin Zuroski, Student Bursary Coordinator:

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Student Bursary Application: <http://www.bcaafc.com/programs/firstcitizensfund/31-studentbursary>

Address: 200 -7725 Tetayut Road, Saanichton, BC V8M 2E4

Indigenous Students at UVic!

The Office of Indigenous Affairs (INAF) want to hear from you!

The Office of Indigenous Affairs (INAF) offers a wide variety of programs and services that are ever growing and developing according to student needs. Many of the projects that INAF offers are part of **UVic's Aboriginal Service Plan (ASP)**, a three-year initiative designed to address and nurture the key foundations of Indigenous student success: **access, retention, transition, and completion**.

INAF is going to be planning for Phase II of the ASP framework over the next few months and needs your feedback to tailor the plan to student preferences. We've identified some best practices during ASP Phase I that will guide future years, but most importantly, **we want to hear from you!** Fill out the following survey to let us know what's working, what's not, and how we can improve future services:

<http://ca.studentvoice.com/uvic/aboriginalserviceplansurvey>

The survey should only take a few minutes of your time and by filling it out you will be entered into a draw to **win one of three \$50 Visa cards**. Your answers will be completely anonymous and the feedback gathered through this survey will be used to inform Phase II of the ASP framework, to be implemented over the next 3 years.

If you have any questions or are looking for more information about this survey, please contact Gina Starblanket at inafprco@uvic.ca or (250) 472-5099.

Thanks,

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