

MÉTIS NATION OF GREATER VICTORIA

COMMUNITY UPDATE-Jan-2013

Major Decision from the Federal Court of Canada

"Métis, Non-Status Indians Are Indeed Indians under Constitution Act"

PLEASE GO TO THE MNBC WEBSITE (<http://www.mnbc.ca>) FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS RULING AND THE RELATED DOCUMENTATION.

Recycle Fundraiser 12 January 2013

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS MONTHLY FUNDRAISING EVENT WHICH TAKES PLACE ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH (12 January 2013 THIS MONTH). OUR LOCATION IS BEHIND THE ARCHIE BROWNING ARENA IN ESQUIMALT AND WE ARE THERE FROM 9 AM UNTIL NOON. PLEASE LET BARB KNOW AT THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE ABLE VOLUNTEER AT THIS EVENT.

Next Potluck Details

Our next potluck is taking place Wednesday the 16th January in the gym of the Victoria Native Friendship Centre commencing at 5:30 pm.

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:

THAT YOU PARK ONLY ON THE SPORTS FIELD SIDE OF THE PARKING LOT OR ON THE STREET.

THAT YOU PLEASE ENTER AND EXIT THE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE FROM THE LOWER DOOR OFF THE PARKING LOT AND

THAT YOU DO NOT WANDER IN THE HALLS OF THE CENTRE. THERE ARE OTHER GROUPS AND WE DO NOT WANT TO DISTURB THEM.

The potluck is held in the gym at the far end of that corridor

Emergency Bursary Funds for Indigenous Students

Bursary Funds are intended to offer Indigenous students with one-time financial assistance in the event of an unforeseen emergency or circumstance while attending the University of Victoria. Any First Nations (status or non status), Inuit, Métis student enrolled at UVic is eligible to apply for a maximum of \$700 per academic year. The bursary can help with financial emergencies including but not limited to:

- medical/optical/dental expenses
- family crises and/or community obligations
- unanticipated expenses that are beyond a student's control and directly affects their term completion

To find out more and to apply please contact:

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“Hit the Ice” TV Series

Hello Hockey fans/parents/players:

The “Hit the Ice” TV Series is complete and set to begin airing on APTN this THURSDAY 10 January 2013 at 8pm! Watch the series and follow our 2012 NAHC Team BC players who were selected for the Hit the Ice project (see below/attached as reminder). For more details on the show including air time on APTN in your region, visit <http://hittheice.tv/>.

You can watch a sneak peek of episode 1 here: <http://vimeo.com/55631042>.

Team BC's top players scouted at 2012 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships for national televised project “Hit the Ice”

July 20, 2012 – Four players from Team BC that competed at the 2012 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships, have been recruited and selected to participate in a national television docu-series, “Hit the Ice” that will follow a group of twenty young Aboriginal prospects from across Canada as they try to achieve their dreams of making it to the junior level.

Team BC players Robert Tye ‘RT’ Rice (Invermere), Conrad McMillan (Vernon), Wyatt Trumbley (Campbell River), and Brett Watkinson (Kamloops) were scouted at the 2012 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, May 6 – 12th, by former NHL coach and long-time player, John Chabot, for the “Hit the Ice” project.

“Hit the Ice” is a 13 half hour episode television series which will see some of the NHL's biggest names offer support to Coach Chabot and the players as the young hopefuls train and prepare to display their talents in front of junior scouts from all over North America. Filming is scheduled to begin late July through August in the Ottawa/Gatineau area with the series premiere scheduled to air on the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN) in January 2013

Aboriginal Walk Run Program

Last year we were lucky enough to have Trish lead the MNGV SportsMed BC Aboriginal Walk Run Program, and a group of us were able to work up to running in the Times Colonist 10K! The good news is we're lucky enough to be able to do the program again this year. This year there will be three options to choose from: a learn to walk 10K group, a learn to run/walk 10K group and a learn to run 10K faster group, of course any of the above can be modified if 10K feels too much. The "run" portion of the run/walk group will be a slow jog, at a comfortable talking pace. All three group options are designed to progress gradually to safely prepare you to run or walk 10K. This program is open to our community and our families.

If you are interested in participating in any of the groups, or have any questions, please email me at birdcaitlin2@gmail.com

The program will go from January 19th/20th until the end of April, and will require putting a bit of time aside three days a week, some on your own and some with the group.

I look forward to running and walking with you :)

Caitlin

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