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BC Métis Federation and INAC Launch New Program for Youth - MyVoyageur.ca

Vancouver, BC – The BC Métis Federation is pleased to announce today that it will be launching the new web based tool, MyVoyageur.ca on March 31, 2017. The organization had been awarded funding for their proposal through the Urban Aboriginal Strategy under the Urban Partnerships funding. The original working acronym for this project was the Métis Youth in Transition to Urban Life project (MYTUL). The purpose of this project was to create an accessible web-based tool that enhances, improves, and measures the success of Métis youth who are transitioning from rural to urban settings, and their ability to be able to participate in the economy. BC Métis Federation is the contract holder for this project and will provide support through the daily administration of this project and reaching out to the Metis people in British Columbia.

BC Métis Federation President Keith Henry stated, “We are excited to have been working on this project. We can see how this will support our Métis communities and our youth, not only as a tool to help them with the transition of rural to urban life, but as a support to give them access to find what they need to help them participate in the economy, by also letting them identify culturally safe programs and services in their area. “

On March 13th, our team members will reach out to communities and partners to invite participation in the final testing of MyVoyageur.ca, and will also seek to gather information that answers the following questions:

1. Are Metis Youth being employed moving from Rural to Urban areas?
2. How long before they are employed?
3. Are they receiving education or do they have post-secondary education including trades training?
4. What public or private supports are they accessing if any?
5. What supports do they know of?

MyVoyageur.ca is a web-based information system that will provide information for Métis youth aged 15 to 24, for the purpose of providing information that facilitates successful transition from rural to urban life starting with the five major city centres in British Columbia: Greater Vancouver, Victoria, Prince George, Kamloops and Kelowna. The BC Métis Federation is currently reviewing options to expand the project scope to include other communities and their Métis youth during the project. Successful transition for Métis youth will mean participation in the economy.

BC Métis Federation President Henry concluded, “We look forward to increasing support for our Métis youth and this project demonstrates another important step to our members. Thank you to INAC for the support and we look forward to future steps.”

For more information about the BC Métis Federation go to www.bcmétis.com.



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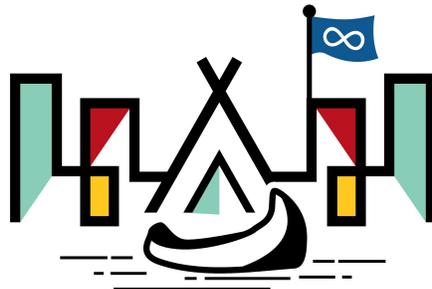
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