

BC Metis Federation Community Meetings

August 2018-October 2018

“Defining Reconciliation with BC Métis Federation Members and Community Partners”

Purpose:

In 2018, the Province of British Columbia and the BC Métis Federation collaborated on a Knowledge Partnership Project (KPP). The results of this project were important in that we learned there are common threads and great diversity amongst and between Métis people and communities throughout British Columbia regarding identity and governance. This was truly a first step toward creating a shared understanding of the diversity of Métis communities in British Columbia was a positive step toward reconciliation.

Reconciliation is a term today that has been a major focus of Federal and Provincial Governments. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada has provided recommendations for reconciliation with Indigenous communities. However, the recommendations require interpretation in terms of tangible plans or frameworks in place to enact these recommendations. Garnering information and knowledge about what reconciliation means for the BC Métis Federation members is critical to building a positive, inclusive, and mutually beneficial relationship between all Métis people and the Government of British Columbia. Research that grounds reconciliation efforts and strategies in local Métis experience is critical to ensuring future success.

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
 - Local Elder
2. Opening Remarks
 - Review purpose of the meeting and welcome
 - First Nation Territory Acknowledgement
3. Review survey template
4. Next Steps
5. Closing – Métis Cultural Celebration