

# BC METIS FEDERATION

Monthly Newsletter

## Métis COFFEE TALK



Hosted by Keith Henry

Metis Coffee Talk - 7PM Thursday, December 22, 2022

### METIS COFFEE TALK AIRS LIVE THIS THURSDAY!

Metis Coffee Talk is going LIVE for a special Holiday Episode on our Facebook Page on Thursday, December 22nd! Join BCMF President Keith Henry, and Vice President Rene Therrien, for a great discussion, holiday fiddle tunes, and an update from the Federation.

Tune in LIVE at 7 pm PST on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/bcmetis](http://www.facebook.com/bcmetis)

If you have questions or topics you would like to see on the show, please email [k.henry@bcmetis.com](mailto:k.henry@bcmetis.com).

### STAFF MEMBER MINUTE

*Karen Andrews*

After retiring from the Oil & Gas Industry as an Aboriginal Liaison, Karen joined BCMF in 2019, helping Metis people find employment in BC. Retirement was not the adventure she thought it would be, but helping Metis people gain employment was. "As a Residential School survivor, most of my life I thought I wasn't very smart, because school had been such a struggle. However, I decided to challenge that long-held belief and went to Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops at the age of 55 and ended up on the Dean's list (that's for people with good grades!). The world opened up after that, and getting the best job in the world with TransCanada Pipeline was just the beginning." Karen lives in Prince George and is a proud Metis woman from the Desjarlais, Gladue, Waniandy & Cunningham families. Helping others brings her great joy.



# A SPECIAL HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH



Greetings!

It's important to reflect on our journey and celebrate our accomplishments in the last year in the research division. We all came together at the end of May as part of the Metis Terrestrial Investigations Project and began to learn about what it means to do community-based research. We launched a knowledge portal, and the idea of a thriving knowledge community in the Pacific Northwest began to take shape. Since then, it has been great getting to know the local researchers from all over the province - Rosanne, Cindy, Diann, Rhaina and Karen. We have been learning that research is an ongoing conversation and relationship-building process that centres community members' and organisations' voices, needs and benefits.

Bruce, as our academic lead and Tanner, as our GIS specialist, have done amazing work co-designing the curriculum, supporting the entire research team, and building and maintaining the GIS platform. Many thanks to Betty, Kristina, Kassandra, Craig, and Danielle, who help keep things flowing smoothly, along with the BCMF board and community support, as well as the Government of Canada for their financial support. So far, we have uncovered hundreds of buried books and documents that provide evidence that Metis people and communities and their complex kinship networks were throughout the Pacific Northwest. We have been sharing our research on our social media and blog, and our findings are being noticed by many. Some of our posts featuring local researchers have received thousands of views!

BC Metis Federation is on the cutting edge of efforts to repatriate lost Metis history and memory in the Pacific Northwest! The future looks promising next year as we are poised to expand our research relationships. As the BCMF research division increases, we value your ongoing participation, feedback, questions and comments!

## About the BC Métis Federation

The BC Métis Federation (BCMF) is a non-profit association that works to ensure the well-being of its growing membership across British Columbia (BC). Through capacity building, advocacy, and cultural revitalization efforts, BCMF works to advance Métis knowledge and self-determination and to encourage the use of the Michif language.

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## SURVEY: Win a VISA Prize Pack!

### AQUATIC AND LAND-BASED ACTIVITIES SURVEY

BC Metis Federation is collecting survey responses to understand better the areas of interest for our Metis members in regard to aquatic and land-based activities and conservation concerns.

All participants will be entered into a draw to win a VISA prize pack.

- 1st prize: \$100 Visa Prize Pack
- 2nd prize: \$75.00 Visa Prize Pack
- 3rd prize: \$50.00 Visa Prize Pack
- 4th prize: \$25.00 Visa Prize Pack

To enter, visit

<http://www.bcmetis.com/conservationsurvey>.

## MICHIF CONVERSATION SERIES

Have you been enjoying our #MichifMonday posts on Facebook?

Our Language team is working hard behind the scenes to develop engaging tools and content to support learners with developing some French Michif basics.

Starting in January, BC Metis Federation will be providing members with some Michif Language Support in the form of our Michif Conversation Series!

This series will be published on our Facebook and Instagram pages, and will include sound bites, graphics and video content to promote the daily use of the Michif Language.

Make sure you're following our Facebook and Instagram pages for more in the new year!

**LI TAAN PAASII.  
LI TAAN KI VYAYN.  
FROM OUR PAST. FOR OUR FUTURE.**



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM BC METIS FEDERATION

From all of us at the Federation, we are wishing you and your families a warm and safe holiday season. We hope that you are spending time in community and recharging for the new year ahead.

With a number of community meetings planned in the new year, we hope to be able to greet you all in person after a much-needed rest!

Our offices will be closed from December 21- January 4th.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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