

# BC MÉTIS FEDERATION

*Monthly Newsletter*

## Métis COFFEE TALK



Hosted by Keith Henry

Métis Coffee Talk - 7PM Thursday, April 27, 2023

### **MÉTIS COFFEE TALK AIRS LIVE NEXT THURSDAY!**

Métis Coffee Talk is going LIVE on Facebook on Thursday, April 27th! Join BCMF President Keith Henry and Vice President Rene Therrien for a great discussion, fiddle tunes, and an update from the Federation.

Tune in LIVE at 7 pm PDT on Facebook at: [Facebook.com/bcmetis](https://www.facebook.com/bcmetis)  
If you have questions or topics you want to see on the show, please email [K.Henry@BCMetis.com](mailto:K.Henry@BCMetis.com).

# BCMF LAUNCHES MOST AMBITIOUS ACTION PLAN TO DATE

The BC Métis Federation (BCMF) has announced its 2023-24 Action Plan, which was made possible by the \$4.4 million BCMF has raised, much of it funded by own-source revenues. The Action Plan includes strategies for expanded Michif language resources, cultural programming, research activities, a cultural centre to celebrate the living culture of Métis people across the province, plus much more.

*"We have an exciting year ahead of us," said BCMF President Keith Henry. "More and more people are reconnecting with their Métis roots, and we're proud to support them in discovering more about their culture and language. I'm looking forward to meeting and exceeding every single one of the ambitious targets we have set out in this Action Plan, and can't wait to reach new milestones together."*

As always, the BCMF remains committed to its members and partner communities, who play a pivotal role in supporting Métis people in BC. Capacity building will continue to be a main focus, and the Action Plan includes concrete steps to increase the BCMF team's capacity and to invest in new tools to connect with partner communities, members, employers and storytellers.



Read the 2023-24 Action Plan here:

[BCMetis.com/ActionPlan](https://BCMetis.com/ActionPlan)

## About the BC Métis Federation

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# NEW EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM LAUNCHED

## Do you need help covering health-related expenses?

If you're an active BCMF member, you can apply for the BCMF's new Emergency Assistance Program. Full BCMF members can apply for financial assistance for costs related to essential health equipment, medical supplies, or travel costs for medical appointments.



The Emergency Assistance Program was launched last week and has already seen a significant response from members. "Pandemic-related health concerns, along with an increased cost of living, has meant that some of our members are struggling to cover costs. Since announcing the new Emergency Assistance Program, BCMF has received a large number of applications for help covering health-related expenses, and we're happy to help our members bridge the gap so they can get back to health." said BCMF President Keith Henry.

Assistance is only available for health related expenses. Only Full Members are eligible and their membership must be active. Members who have let their membership lapse must renew their membership before applying for assistance. If you have any questions about the program you can reach out to Kevin Henry, Métis Community Health Coordinator at [ProjectSupport@BCMmetis.com](mailto:ProjectSupport@BCMmetis.com).

*For more info, visit the Emergency Assistance Program page on our website:*

**[BCMmetis.com/EAP](https://bcmmetis.com/EAP)**

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# UPCOMING COASTAL WATER PROTECTOR EVENTS

## VANCOUVER SCHOOL BOARD SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE

April 24, 2023 • Vancouver

The Coastal Conservation team will be presenting two workshops district wide to students in grade 10-12 on "Zeroing in on a greener future".

## TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE SPILL DEPLOYMENT EXERCISE

May 2, 2023 at 12:00 AM – May 3, 2023 at 12:00 AM  
Monck Provincial Park • Nicola Lake

The department of Coastal Conservation will be taking part in Trans Mountain Pipeline Spill Deployment Exercise on Nicola Lake, at Monck Provincial Park.

## SMALL DOMESTIC VESSEL BASIC SAFETY (SDVBS) COURSE

May 3, 2023 • Online (Zoom)

Join the Coastal Water Protectors in an online Transport Canada approved course taught by an instructor from Safer Oceans on marine emergency duties.

## DEEP COVE SPRING MARKET

May 6, 2023, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Seycove Community School • North Vancouver

Join the Coastal Conservation department for a day of fun and environmental awareness at the Deep Cove Spring Market! Interactive booths, local artisans, environmentalists, greenery and plants + delicious eats and treats!

## WORLD OCEAN DAY KITSILANO BEACH CLEAN UP

June 8, 2023, 6:30 – 8:30 PM  
Kitsilano Beach • Vancouver

Join the Coastal Water Protectors on World Oceans Day for an evening of community engagement, networking and beach cleaning, followed by dinner at the Boathouse.

## WORLD OCEAN DAY ENGLISH BAY BEACH CLEAN UP

June 11, 2023, 9:30 – 11:30 AM  
English Bay • Vancouver

In honour of World Oceans Day on June 8th, join the Coastal Water Protectors for a morning beach cleanup, followed by a networking lunch at Cactus Club.

## INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN UP DAY

September 16, 2023, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Kitsilano Beach • Vancouver

In honor of International Coastal Clean Up Day on September 16th, join the department of Coastal Conservation and members of the Coastal Water Protectors for a morning of beach cleaning at Kitsilano beach, followed by a community BBQ.



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