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Edith Frederick, L’heidli T’enneh Nation Language Keeper



Background

The Prince George Native Friendship Centre (PGNFC) is coordinating the development of an **Off-Reserve Aboriginal Action Plan (ORAAP)** as part of our ongoing commitment to urban Aboriginal people in the Prince George area; this process will be inclusive of First Nations, Métis and Inuit.

It has long been recognized that more collaboration is necessary to develop an effective plan that will be enduring and have the commitment of the key players in our community. To do this, urban Aboriginal people need to take the lead without waiting for government to tackle issues like, streamlining services, reducing redundancy and competitiveness, increasing cooperation and support, and reducing polarization, to name a few. To be clear, the PGNFC has no predetermined outcomes, we simply wish to explore our collective community potential by tapping into the vast wisdom and history of urban Aboriginal people and the organizations that care for their interests and well being.

Working in collaboration with community, we hope to identify ways that we can work together to improve the lives of urban Aboriginal people residing in Prince George. In the coming months, we will draw from our grassroots community knowledge using facilitated discussion forums. These forums are designed to ensure that diverse voices contribute to the development of this plan. We hope that you will be able to attend our planned events, and also hope that you will contact us with any ideas, solutions, comments or questions you might have regarding the work we are completing on ORAAP.

From these efforts we will create a plan for action. We will use this action plan to promote our collaborative strategy to funders. We also hope that this work will help to create a legacy of strong relationships and understanding amongst our community partners – a value that assists, and extends beyond implementation of the action plan.

We are pleased to be working in partnership with the provincial Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation; Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada; Métis Nation of BC; BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres and local government to undertake this work.



Off-Reserve Aboriginal Action Plan

For further information regarding this project, please visit www.pgnfc.com to explore links and documents that will give you information about and prepare you for the community engagement events.

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Community Engagement



8th Fire Cultural Nights

**Prince George Native Friendship Centre,
Power of Friendship Hall**

February 7th 5pm - 7pm

February 21st 5pm - 7pm

February 28th 5pm - 7pm

March 7th 5pm - 7pm

The CBC's 8TH FIRE is a 4-part, provocative, high-energy journey through Aboriginal country showing why we urgently need to fix Canada's 500 year-old relationship with Indigenous peoples, now mired in colonialism, conflict and denial. With an energetic pace and stunning HD landscapes, 8TH FIRE propels you past prejudice, stereotypes and misunderstandings, and introduces you to encounters with an impressive new generation of Aboriginal Canadians who are claiming both their culture and their confidence.

The title of the series draws from an Anishinaabe prophecy that declares now is the time for Aboriginal peoples and the settler community to come together and build the "8th Fire" of justice and harmony.

Join us as we host the series at the Prince George Native Friendship Centre, Power of Friendship Hall. Each evening will include cultural teachings, food and provoking discussion.

Circle of Leadership Community Engagement Gathering

**Prince George Native Friendship Centre,
Power of Friendship Hall**

February 19th 7:30 am - 4:30 pm

Elders, leadership, grassroots community, service providers and non-aboriginal allies. We welcome all who are interested in the "move forward". Cultural teachings and sharing's from local leadership we will begin our day and move to interactive involvement of participants as we answer the call of action to collaborate on:

- community vision;
- community priorities/needs/interests;
- initiatives or actions to address community needs;
- key partners/resource requirements for initiatives; and,
- expected outcomes

Our day will begin with ceremony at 7:30 am with our formal itinerary beginning at 9am.

Please RSVP Penny Perlotto to attend any of the events.

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Survey

We value your input into this process and are seeking out participation in a survey that assists in our "action plan".

To participate, please contact:

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