

**Office Health & Safety:**

All staff and visitors are required to wear a face mask when entering the building. Health and safety checks are completed for everyone who enters the building. This includes a temperature check.

* All work areas are sanitized daily, and high touch areas are wiped down throughout the day.

**COVID 19 FUNDS:**

**Food Support:** The Mid-Island Métis Nation (MIMN) office has received funds from the Métis Nation of British Columbia (MNBC) to assist community members.

For the grocery support, we ask that community members provide the office with a photo and/or scanned copy of a receipt for $100 worth of food purchased. If they cannot provide a receipt that amounts to $100, we can accept multiple receipts that will add to that amount. A cheque is written after we have received proof of purchase. We can send the cheque by mail, or it can be picked up from the office. Community members are welcome to drop off the original receipt to the office as well.

**Good Food Box:** Support 24 families twice a month with fresh produce from Nanaimo Foodshare.

* Nanaimo Foodshare donated frozen soup, curry, chili, and tuna casserole

**Food Donations:** Guy visits the Nanaimo Loaves and Fishes Food Bank and delivers non-perishable food items to the office

**Traditional Food Items:** Purchased traditional food items (Frozen Bison, Canned Salmon, Bannock Mix, Wild Rice) and other essential food items. These items are available for pick up from the MIMN office during regular office hours.

**Medical Support:** Provide reimbursements via cheque for up to $100 worth of medical assistance (i.e. prescription medication) when provided with proof of purchase for such items. This is available once per month.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Hand sanitizer, cloth face masks, and temperature strips available for pickup from the office.

**Mental Wellness Kits:** Colouring Kits, Dot-art kits, medicine bundles, orange shirts and every child matters products (i.e. pins).

**Dental Hygiene Kits:** Include toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, and mouth wash

**Mamawapowuk Event:** Provide purchased and donated food items, cultural items, PPE, and more! Our Mamawapowuk is hosted at least once per month outside of the office.

* Mamawapowuk means gathering in Michif
* Sept 28th – Every Child Matters (Orange Shirts and Colouring Kits)

**OFFICE INQUIRIES:**

Regular inquiries from community members:

* Childcare - Education (student loan assistance)
* Medical/Health assistance (Dental, Eyecare) - Low-income housing
* Mental Health - Food security
* Hunting/Harvesting rights

**MIMN Membership Applications:**

Membership applications continue to be submitted and completed. Our membership count is currently just over 1500 members.

Moreover, virtual community acceptance has made MIMN membership application process times faster. Receiving a community card quickly has been beneficial to community members who wish to apply for educational funding or grants and are still waiting to receive their provincial card with MNBC.

* Jessica continues to contact “in-progress” membership files for completion
* 78 new members have received virtual community acceptance during COVID-19 thus far
* $0 application fee to help community members (waived fee will continue until further notice)
* Difficult to complete MIMN applications for applicants who have already received MNBC cards

**MNBC Citizenship Applications:**

MNBC has two new citizenship applications available. These applications are much shorter than their previous citizen application and are both available to complete online. The first application is the regular MNBC citizenship application condensed to four pages and includes all ages. The second application is called the “Kinship Application Pilot Program” or “KAPP” for short. This application is only for individuals with an immediate family member or grandparent who is an MNBC citizen.

MNBC has also announced virtual intake sessions. These sessions allow an individual or group to book a virtual session with a registry staff member to discuss the MNBC citizenship application process. These sessions are only to discuss the application process and are not opportunities to discuss research or genealogy.

* Jessica continues to support community members with applications to MNBC
* MNBC citizenship application current wait time is approximately 12 months
* Increased inquiries for MNBC citizenship card renewal/replacement/status of application inquiry
* MNBC Renewal Form/Change of Address Form available online

**MIMN Workshops:**

* Workshop attendance is limited
* Sanitizer and masks are provided
* Participant’s temperatures are checked at the door
* Registration is required to attend

**Membership Numbers October 2021**

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|  | **Total** | **Female** | **Male** |
| **All Ages** | **1540** | **813** | **727** |
| **0-14** | 102 | 60 | 42 |
| **15-30** | 358 | 175 | 183 |
| **31-50** | 507 | 277 | 230 |
| **51-65** | 328 | 177 | 151 |
| **66+** | 239 | 123 | 116 |
| **Age Unknown** | 6 | 1 | 5 |

**Applications in progress: 133 ( 73 female, 60 male)**