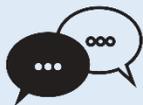


# BC Friendship Centres

The **Friendship Centre Movement** is built on community support, trust, strong leadership, tradition and faith. Mandated to improve the quality of life for Indigenous people across Canada—the Friendship Centre Movement serves all people working towards a brighter future. Each Friendship Centre is unique to its landscape and plays an important role in its community.

## Legacy Project



The BCAAFC is collecting video footage to create a short film that celebrates the work of the BC Friendship Centre Movement.

**Goal:** Inform others on the past and present work of the Friendship Centre Movement in BC and how that work has impacted Indigenous peoples; as well as contributed to the preservation and revitalization of Indigenous knowledge systems and cultures.

### Collecting and submitting footage:

- Video/audio submissions can be collected with any camera device or mobile phone.
- Please submit files in MP4 or MP3 format by email to [communications@bcaafc.com](mailto:communications@bcaafc.com). Include your Friendship Centre affiliation and “Legacy Project” within the subject line.

### Filming tips:

- When using a mobile phone, avoid shooting vertical video; recording horizontal footage provides a better viewing experience.
- Use bright/ outdoor lighting.
- Avoid using zoom.
- Ensure the microphone is as close to the subject of the video as possible and background noise is at a minimum.



[Sample shots and script](#)

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*Thank you for reading the October newsletter!*

## Mark your calendars |

### Mental Health & Wellness Engagement Sessions\*: [Learn More](#)

- October 2, Port Alberni Friendship Centre
- October 4, Dze L K’ant Friendship Centre (Smithers)
- October 8, Quesnel Friendship Society
- October 10, Cariboo Friendship Society (Williams Lake)
- October 29, Sacred Wolf Friendship Centre (Port Hardy)
- October 30, Wachiay Friendship Centre (Courtenay)

\*Please connect with your Friendship Centre for more details regarding the time and location of each session.

### Gathering Our Voices: [Learn More](#)

- Oct. 9, [Registration](#) opens
- Nov. (TBD), [Exhibitor](#) applications open

### Indigenous Youth 3C Challenges: [Learn More](#)

- Oct. 19-21, Skidegate (Haida Gwaii)
- Oct. 25-27, Kermode Friendship Centre (Terrace)
- Nov. 2-4, Fort Nelson Aboriginal Friendship Centre
- Nov. 15-19, Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association (Surrey)

### I-SPARC Healthy Living Leader Training Sessions: [Learn More](#)

- Oct. 10-11, Tk’emlups, Kamloops
- Oct. 17-18, Sumas, Abbotsford
- Oct. 29-30, Snuneymuxw, Nanaimo

### Conferences:

- Nov. 5-7, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual First Nations Health Managers Association National Conference (Montreal, QC) [Learn More](#)



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## Gathering Our Voices 2020 | Co-Hosted with the Kamloops Aboriginal Friendship Society

### Registration opens October 9 at 10:00 AM PST

GOV registration is completed on a first come first serve basis. There is no onsite registration for the event as it is expected the sell out quickly.

Last year GOV sold out in less than 13 minutes, so be sure to set your alarm!

Each year we are honoured by the support Gathering Our Voices receives. The demand for the event is telling of the number of Indigenous youth leaders motivated to connect with others and make a positive difference in their lives and their communities.

Register here on Oct. 9: [gatheringourvoices.ca/registration/](https://gatheringourvoices.ca/registration/)



### Workshops

Do you have knowledge and experience to share that would benefit Indigenous youth? Send in your application for the opportunity to facilitate a workshop at GOV2020.

Apply here by Nov. 1: [gatheringourvoices.ca/facilitators/](https://gatheringourvoices.ca/facilitators/)

### New this year – GOV Youth Emcee/DJ

If you're interested in being involved as DJ/Emcee but feel you don't have the experience required yet, don't fret - GOV2020 is your opportunity to shadow leaders in the industry!

Apply as Youth DJ/Emcee for the chance to work with the GOV2020 DJ/Emcee and learn the ins and outs of the business.

Selected applicants will be mentored during GOV2020, all expenses paid!

Apply here by Nov. 1: [gatheringourvoices.ca/entertainment/](https://gatheringourvoices.ca/entertainment/)

### Stay in touch!



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## Government of Canada | Movable Cultural Property Grants

Movable Cultural Property Grants help designated organizations purchase cultural property at auction. Designated organizations are located in Canada and demonstrate the ability to ensure the long-term preservation of cultural property.

The *Cultural Property Export and Import Act* is used to determine eligible property based on:

- Outstanding significance; and
- National importance to Canada

In addition to these requirements, cultural property is eligible for the grant when:

- An export permit has been denied; or
- That is important to Canada's national heritage and available for purchase outside the country.

**Agents are available to answer questions Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-5:00 PM (EST).**

**Email:** [pch.bcm-mcp.pch@canada.ca](mailto:pch.bcm-mcp.pch@canada.ca)

**Phone:** 819-997-7761 | 1-866-811-0055 (toll-free)

**Eligibility:** [Designated organizations](#) (organizations may apply for designation alongside their grant application.)

**Funding Amounts:** Dependent on property auction price. Applicants are encouraged to contribute 50% or more towards the purchase.

**Application Deadline:** Grants may be submitted throughout the year. Applications should be submitted a minimum of 10 days before the auction date.

[Learn More](#)



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## First Peoples' Cultural Council | Grants (In addition to grants listed in BCAAFC Sep. Newsletter)

### A Sense of Place: Reconnecting the Land Through Indigenous Cultural Heritage

Funding to support efforts to protect cultural heritage, including Indigenous languages.

**Eligibility:** Organizations with a mandate or focus that includes Indigenous heritage.

**Funding Amounts:** Up to \$2,000

**Application Deadline:** October 18, 2019

[Learn More](#)

### Indigenous Heritage Micro-Grants

Grants to support emergent activities on a one-time basis. Including activities supporting the performance, preservation, and or/sharing of Indigenous heritage.

**Eligibility:** BC First Nations communities and Indigenous organizations

**Funding Amounts:** Up to \$25,000

**Application Deadline:** October 18, 2019

[Learn More](#)

## New Relationship Trust (NRT) | Grants – open until funds exhausted

### Youth Grants

Grants available to support youth groups in the implementation of projects that promote capacity development and language revitalization.

**Eligibility:** BC First Nation youth groups at the community level.

**Funding Amounts:** Up to \$2,500

**Application Deadline:** Until funds exhausted

[Learn More](#)

### Elders Grants

Grants available to support Elders' participation in activities that enhance knowledge, skills and processes in areas such as language and culture, mentorship, leadership and team building.

**Eligibility:** BC First Nation Elders groups at the community level.

**Funding Amounts:** Up to \$2,000

**Application Deadline:** Until funds exhausted

[Learn More](#)

## First Nations Health Authority & Province of BC | Mental Health & Wellness Funding (New 2019)

The First Nations Health Authority, the Province and Canada have each committed \$10 million dollars over two years (2019-2021) to support First Nations communities and Nations to come together to plan, design and deliver initiatives in support of the social determinants of mental health and wellness.

The funding approach recognizes that each community and Nation is at a different place on their journey to health and wellness.

The spectrum of activities eligible for funding include:

- Pre-planning and planning
- Collaboration
- Design
- Demonstration

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## What's New in Friendship Centres |

### Kermod Friendship Society

Eight Indigenous youth from Kermod Friendship Society's Aboriginal Child and Youth Mental Health Program travelled 1,400 km from Kitimat to attend the 40th Annual Kamloopa Powwow at the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc Powwow Grounds from August 1-5. The youth were from various First Nations communities within Northwest BC, including Haisla, Tsimshian, Nisga'a and Gitksan.

Their first stop was at the Prince George Native Friendship Centre where they met the PGNFC youth group and were provided with a meal and special evening of fun events. Friendships were established within the youth groups and the PGNFC group leader provided information about the youth program at their Friendship Centre.

Continuing on the journey, the group set up camp, cooked on the camp stove and joined in on the Powwow. This annual celebration is one of the largest celebrations of First Nations' culture and heritage in Western Canada. The Powwow is a spectacular expression of the Secwepemc peoples' heritage and is a vibrant display of storytelling, song and dance in traditional regalia from various Indigenous Nations across Canada and the United States.

The youth gathered with many nations to celebrate, learn and honour each other. The Powwow highlighted many cultural teachings for the group from having a positive self-identity and an increased sense of belonging, to being a part of a strong and diverse Indigenous Nation. The event was empowering and the Kermod Friendship Society was honoured to provide youth with the opportunity to experience cultural teachings through ceremony.



### Prince George Native Friendship Centre

The Prince George Native Friendship Centre has been hosting a free children's cultural camp on Lheidli T'enneh Traditional Territory for over 20 years!

A new group of children attend the camp each week and take part in a variety of activities, including:

- Cultural crafts with Elders
- Art creation with Indigenous artists
- Swimming, canoeing, and hiking
- Training opportunities in health and safety topics

The focus of the camp is fun and friendship. Nearly all of the children who attend the camp are Indigenous, and it is the only cultural summer camp available in the community, as well as the only free camp. For many children, it's their only opportunity to swim at a lake, paddle a canoe, or hike in the forest.



Camp leaders are students, mainly Indigenous, with a passion for mentoring youth – making the camp an incredible opportunity for participants to connect with culture, the outdoors, and healthy role models.

Some of the camp leaders have pursued a career with the PGNFC, others have continued to do inspirational work in the community

outside of the Friendship Centre, and stay connected through Friendship Centre events and volunteerism.

PGNFC considers it a great privilege to host this camp each year, and is committed to providing the program indefinitely.

### October Hallowe'en Decorating Challenge

It's been a busy fall so far! Let's remember to balance work and play.

We've heard that many Friendship Centres put on an impressive Hallowe'en display and we want to be part of the fun!

Share your best Hallowe'en decorating photos with us via social media [#BCFriendshipCentres](https://www.facebook.com/BCFriendshipCentres) or email ([communications@bcaafc.com](mailto:communications@bcaafc.com)).

We'll collect entries until noon on October 30 and youth will vote on their favourite general space and office space decorations.

The winning photo entries will be shared on October 31!



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## Job Postings | [Visit our website for updates](#)

### Friendship Centre Movement

- [Board Liaison](#), BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres (Victoria)

### External

- [Indigenous Child & Youth Clinical Counsellor](#) – Surrounded by Cedar Child and Family Services (Victoria)

## Staff, Board, and Councils |

### Management Training Academy

On Wednesday, Sep. 25 we kicked off the first four-day session of the BCAAFC Management Training Academy! We are so excited to be offering this program with the University of Victoria's Gustavson School of Business.

The response from everyone enrolled in the training was uplifting. We can't wait to see what the next session brings!

### Supporting Aboriginal Families Through the Child Welfare System

We were so grateful to offer this two-day training session to 52 Friendship Centre staff, with funding from The Law Foundation of Ontario.

We appreciate everyone involved with the training for their commitment to supporting families navigating the child welfare system. It meant a lot to provide an opportunity for Friendship Centre staff to share their experiences and perspectives on child welfare within their Friendship Centre and communities.

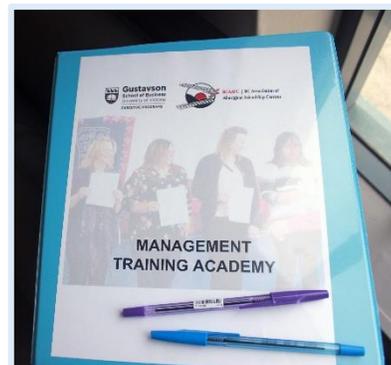
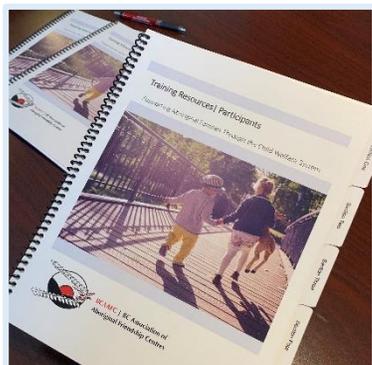
### Board Retreat & Strategic Planning

The BCAAFC Board of Directors met at Spirit Ridge, Osoyoos, Sep. 27-28 for a strategic planning session.

Focus areas, accomplishments, opportunities, and challenges were discussed for each of the priority areas of the BCAAFC Governance Goals:

- Advocacy
- Broad Reach/Collaboration
- Social Enterprise
- Language and Culture
- Finance and Policy (Capacity Development)
- Strategic Opportunities

Thank you to the Board for their commitment to BC Friendship Centres – staff, clients, partners and communities.



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