



*"Inspiring Culture and Community."*

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To Whom it May Concern

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The Métis Community in the Mid Island area had the first session with Long Lake Rowing and Paddling Centre with instruction in the Voyageur Canoe last fall with huge enthusiasm and intent for the MIMN to establish an ongoing program in 2023.

The benefits of the Centre Culturally for Métis Citizens as travel on water had been a major component of travel across Canada not only provides the opportunity for information sharing about Métis History but now provides the means in which to learn how to paddle a Voyageur Canoe. It also is a positive method of further community building, sharing with others in the City and connecting with other Métis Communities on Vancouver Island.

Other Métis Communities on Vancouver Island do have their own Voyageur canoes making it possible to explore joint activities furthering our interactions across the Island.

It is exciting to support the Long Lake Rowing and Paddling Centre as efforts are undertaken in the upgrading of a safe, secure storage for equipment, sport tourism hosting opportunities, greater access and appeal to paddle and rowing sports, and club year round training space for local athletes. As consideration for this endeavour has been ongoing for a number of years, the Métis in the City and around Vancouver Island are looking forward to the future of paddling in our home town.

Regards

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