

**UPDAT ED**

**Monday, May 29, 2017**

**Don’t think outside the box, think like there is no box.**

* I will start with a few staffing updates this month.
  + I am really pleased to announce that we have hired our new Director of Finance and Administration, Lene Trieu. Lene will be starting on the 4th of July.
  + Also we have hired two temporary OT’s to fill in over the summer for Kylee’s extended mat leave. Their names are Nikki Hornstein and Hanna Nagtegaal. They will both be starting on June 12th.
  + Don’t forget to join the Farewell party for Jen K. at Gladstones after work this Wednesday the 31st of May…a chance to celebrate the “good” in a tough good bye.
* This month’s shout out goes to Janice. Thanks for your initiative in creating the Mannequin Challenge at the Staff Day. Even though we don’t see enough of you, knowing you are on the team makes us “happy”!
* Thanks to every one of you for your positive contributions to Staff Planning Day. I really enjoyed the day and felt pretty darn lucky to be in the midst of such an amazing group of people. Also thanks to your evaluation feedback we will make next year even better.
* Don’t forget we are changing benefits providers on the 1st of June. See Michelle if you have any questions or concerns.
* A very exciting Lunch and Learn this month. Wendy, Rich and the Project Inclusion participants will be presenting on the workshops they attend at the upcoming Inclusion B.C. conference in Vancouver. Please join us on Tuesday, April 20th at noon.
* It would be wonderful to see a good turnout of staff at the Annual General Meeting. Except for Program Managers, attendance is voluntary, but it is a great chance to learn more about the agency and meet some of our Board members.
* The same day, June 21st is National Aboriginal Day. As we started last year, you are welcome, if your workload allows, to leave work at 3 p.m. to attend the celebrations in the K’omoks community…(Of course leaving yourself enough time to scurry back to the AGM.)
* We are hosting volunteers from RBC for two “days of service” June 3rd and 10th. On the 3rd they will be doing some painting and on the 10th some general clean-up around the courtyard. I will be in touch with those of you who will be directly impacted for preparation.
* As you know we had to postpone the Denim and Chili Fundraiser due to lack of ticket sales. We have rescheduled the event for Saturday, September 23rd. Please mark your calendars and think about attending with **A LOT** of your friends.
* Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to either help with decorating or take part in the July 1st parade. We still could use more people for both. The decorating will be done in the parking lot at 3:30 on June 30th. Details on parade rendezvous point will be forthcoming.

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|  |  | 29  Early Years Strategic Planning  12 – 3 |  | 30 |  | 31  BCACDI  Jen K’s Good bye at Gladstones |  | | 1  BCACDI | |  | 2  BCACDI |  | 3  RBC Days of Service | | |
| 4 |  | **5**  12:30  O, H & S |  | 6  Capital Meeting 12:00 |  | 7  Social committee 12:00 |  | | 8  C:\Users\joasch\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\088Q2S8E\img_1219690432501_71[1].jpgKathy | |  | 9  Regional IDP/AIDP/ ASCD/SCD In Service |  | 10  RBC Days of Service | | |
| 11 |  | 12  Program Managers 12:00  C:\Users\joasch\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\088Q2S8E\img_1219690432501_71[1].jpgRob |  | 13  Admin 10:00  Accessibility 2:30  C:\Users\joasch\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\088Q2S8E\img_1219690432501_71[1].jpgAndrew |  | 14 |  | | 15 | |  | 16 |  | 17 | | |
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| 25 |  | 26  Timesheets Due  C:\Users\joasch\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\088Q2S8E\img_1219690432501_71[1].jpgRobyn |  | 27 |  | 28 |  | | 29  C:\Users\joasch\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\088Q2S8E\img_1219690432501_71[1].jpgBeth | |  | 30`  Float Decorating 3:30 |  | C:\Users\joasch\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\088Q2S8E\canada_150_logo[1].jpg  July 1 Parade | | |

**National Aboriginal Day** is a day recognising and celebrating the cultures and contributions of the [First Nations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Nations), [Inuit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inuit) and [Métis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M%C3%A9tis_people_%28Canada%29) peoples of Canada. The day was first celebrated in 1996, after it was proclaimed that year by then [Governor General of Canada](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Governor_General_of_Canada) [Roméo LeBlanc](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rom%C3%A9o_LeBlanc).  
June 21st was chosen as the holiday for many reasons-including its cultural significance as the [Summer solstice](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Summer_solstice), and the fact that it is a day on which many Aboriginal groups traditionally celebrate their heritage.

The day of recognition came about after a series of calls for such a celebration. In 1982, the [National Indian Brotherhood](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Indian_Brotherhood) (now the [Assembly of First Nations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assembly_of_First_Nations)) called for the creation of a National Aboriginal Solidarity Day to be celebrated on June 21st. Slightly more than a decade later in 1995, the [Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Commission_on_Aboriginal_Peoples) recommended that a National First Peoples Day be designated. Also in that same year, a national conference of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people chaired by [Elijah Harper](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elijah_Harper), titled *The Sacred Assembly*, called for a national holiday to celebrate the contributions of Aboriginal peoples to Canada.

**Cultural Corner**