

SENIOR ASSOCIATE LETTER



We have another new addition to our team! Darren Shankel is joining us to assist our clients with their education and agriculture endeavors. He brings 14 years of experience as the principal of a small independent school and has a great understanding of the challenges small schools face; from funding to staffing. Many of our client Nations operate their own schools for their children and in some cases for kids on a regional basis. We are very pleased to be able to assist our clients to a much greater degree with their education needs, and Darren is very excited to jump in and help. As we head into September school start up with so many unknowns it will be a continued challenge for us all. We're very hopeful that all kids will have a healthy environment, both physically and mentally.

Welcome Darren Shankel

We are excited to welcome Darren Shankel to the Strategies North team! Darren has 25 years of teaching experience including 14 years as principal of a K-12 school in Northern BC. His search for hands on learning opportunities that would allow students to explore curriculum, led him to Haskap. Darren has served as the Vice-President of the BC Haskap Association since 2018. Currently, he, his wife Dori and their three kids are enjoying a small backyard orchard at their home in Chetwynd, BC. Darren established a research orchard at his school where students have the opportunity to collaborate with the University of Saskatchewan and learn a skill set unique to students in BC. His enjoyment for learning and engaging with people are always at the center of his "why", and what drives him toward building relationships and sustainable communities. These shared values made Strategies North seem like a natural fit.



We are very much looking forward to bringing in Darren's expertise to future projects at Strategies North!

IN COMMUNITY



Administration Building under construction



Beginnings of the cannabis facility

This month, Grant and Anna were invited by Williams Lake First Nation to tour some of their new facilities under construction including a new administration building and cannabis facility. Thanks WLFN for having us and showing off the projects you have underway!



View from new Administration Building

MONTHLY RECIPE: PEMMICAN

Directions

1. Pound Meat very thin and dry in the oven.
2. Grind the dried meat in a food processor. Add the chokecherries and blend together. The consistency should be dry and loose with the fruit broken up.
3. Add melted lard slowly while mixing.
4. Two tablespoons of fat are used for each 4-5 ounces of meat plus 1/3 cup. of fruit.
5. Fat changes the consistency and makes it appear semi-moist instead of dry and improves the flavour and texture. Store in paper bags.



Pemmican is a mixture of tallow, dried meat and dried berries. It preserves extremely well and is packed with energy. These features made pemmican an essential source of nutrients during the fur trade, and it continues to be enjoyed today.

Ingredients

Dried meat (buffalo, game or beef)

Dried chokecherries (juneberries can be used as well). Use about the same amount as the dried meat

Sugar to taste

Lard (to hold together) *Do not use shortening or butter*

Recipe by Patricia Rowland via firstnations.org

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

August 9th is the **International Day of the World's Indigenous People** as hosted and recognized by the United Nations.

This year's theme is: *COVID-19 and Indigenous peoples' resilience.*

The UN is hosting a panel discussion highlighting how the preservation and promotion of indigenous peoples' traditional knowledge and practices can be leveraged more fully during this pandemic and built back stronger.



Photo courtesy of
un.org

The panel will be held *Monday, August 10th*
9am - 11am EST.

Panelists include:

- Indigenous Peoples;
- UN agencies; and
- Member States;
- Funds and Programmes.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH ADAPTATION FUND

Indigenous Services Canada's **Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program** (CCHAP) supports First Nations communities to identify, assess, and respond to the health impacts of climate change. Funding is available for:

- Capacity building
- Research skills development
- Creating health-related adaptation plans and communication materials

CCHAP can provide up to \$100,000 per project for one year of funding.

Projects should take a holistic approach to research by linking both Indigenous and non-Indigenous forms of knowledge and science.

There two separate streams for First Nations South and North of 60°

Submit your abstract to the CCHAP team at ISC by **August 21, 2020.**

KEY DATES

Aug. 14th: Capital Projects Grant - Community Gaming Grants (BC)

Deadline to Apply

Aug. 15th: Yukon Government - Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust

Deadline to Apply

Aug. 20th: Indigenous Forest Initiative - Natural Resources Canada

Deadline to apply

September 4th: Human Trafficking Call for Proposals - Status of Women Canada

Deadline to apply