

STAFF LETTER - AUSTIN GLOVER



Our staff letter this month is from Austin, Policy Adviser here at Strategies North. He is currently located in Ottawa, and a self-described "systems nerd"

Here at Strategies North we are working constantly behind the scenes to improve the services we offer to our clients. As part of our efforts, we've begun developing a powerful application that will enable us to track, analyze, and act upon any and all funding opportunities relevant to your needs.

Many of the problems we routinely hear from community department heads have to do with accessing funding for their initiatives. With the sheer amount of funding out there to navigate through, it's no surprise. The more you know about the funding available--and the earlier you know about it--the better equipped you'll be to put forward an application.

At Strategies North, we're committed to making your projects and goals a reality. Funding is an integral part of the process, and that's why we continue to reinvest in systems and solutions that will ensure our clients have the most up-to-date funding information available.

If you'd like to learn more about how this new development will improve the services we provide, please let us know, and one of our team members will be happy to discuss with you further.

Austin Glover



With the Strategies North team in Kamloops, Oct. 2019

Welcome Christopher and Emma!



Christopher Starr has recently joined the Strategies North team as a Community Analysis. Based in Victoria, Christopher has a particular interest in win-win solutions to social and environmental issues. He received an Masters of Science in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution from Columbia University and now has a role as a Teaching Associate within the program. Prior to his masters, Christopher received a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a double major in Creative Writing and Environmental Studies from the University of Victoria. Having grown up in northern Saskatchewan, Christopher has a strong passion for the outdoors and creating equity amongst communities.

Emma Conlon is our newest Community Analyst based in Prince George for Strategies North. She received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Northern British Columbia with a major in History and a minor in First Nations Studies. Before coming to Strategies North, she worked in a variety of roles, from archival management to front line support work for Indigenous women and children. She enjoys traveling, spending time with her friends, and spending lots of time at the lake during the summer. Having grown up in northern British Columbia, she is passionate about creating equity for Indigenous communities and empowering the next generation of Indigenous youth.



We're looking forward to bringing your expertise to future projects!

Orange Shirt Day in Kaska Territory

Lynn was honoured to spend Orange Shirt Day with members of Liard First Nation in Watson Lake, Yukon, and Daylu Dena Council in Lower Post, BC.



Chief Steven Charlie of Liard First Nation



October Reading Recommendation

*This month, Allaura recommends reading **Split Tooth** from Tanya Tagaq:*

Split Tooth by Tanya Tagaq tells the coming of age story of an unnamed adolescent girl growing up in Nunavut in the 1970s. Tagaq communicates this to the reader only through subtle clues. She moves seamlessly between traditional stories and the central narrative, creating a surreal experience. Issues such as the destruction of Inuit land in pursuit of profit and northern food insecurity are brought sharply into focus. The poems that are woven throughout the novel are disturbing and powerful bringing to light difficult issues plaguing Inuit communities. This novel is recommended for anyone seeking an escape into the magic of the land and a sobering dose of reality.

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"[A] forceful coming-of-age tale" TORONTO LIFE

SISTERS IN SPIRIT OCTOBER 4TH, 2020

The violence experienced by Indigenous women, girls, and gender diverse people is a national tragedy. Sisters in Spirit is an annual initiative across Canada to honour their lives, support grieving families, and create opportunities for healing. Due to COVID-19 restrictions this year, October 4th was marked with online actions and support.



Photo courtesy of ctvnews.ca from the 2019 vigil in Calgary

You can find more photos on social media (facebook, instagram, and twitter) by using the hashtag #SISVigils.

ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGES FUND (EDF)

The **EDF** is a specified purpose account administered by **Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)**. The purpose of the EDF is to **restore the environment and conserve wildlife and habitats** in a scientifically sound, cost-effective, and technically feasible way.

In order of priority, the funding categories are:

- 1. Restoration**
- 2. Environmental quality improvement**
- 3. Research and development**
- 4. Education and awareness**

Available funding varies. There is no maximum project duration.

Applications must be submitted by **11:59 pm on October 21st, 2020.**

For more information about this funding opportunity or others, please contact us!

KEY DATES

Oct 16th: Sport for Social Development - Canadian Government

Deadline to apply

Oct. 20th: Horizons for Seniors - Canadian Government

Deadline to apply

Oct. 30th: COVID-19 Emergency Support - Canadian Red Cross (Second Intake)

Deadline to apply

Nov. 1st: Northern Development Investment Trust (NDIT) - Variety of New Streams

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