

STAFF LETTER - MIRANDA RUSSELL

Our staff letter this month is from Miranda, Community Analyst here at Strategies North.

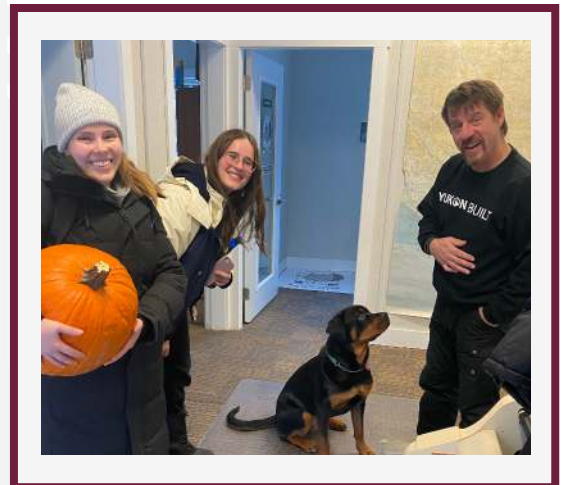


In November, I had the privilege of visiting some of our clients in the Yukon and northern BC with Anna and Katie. In my first community visit at Strategies North I received a first-hand introduction to the beauty and challenges of living in some of the communities that we support. Aside from the powder snow and caribou sightings, what stood out to me was the dedication of the community leaders we met with to improve their communities. I was grateful for the opportunity to be toured around some of the communities that we visited by people who care so much about them, and gave meaning to the work that we do at Strategies North.

At Strategies North we work to support the capacity of our clients. Being in community and hearing directly from leadership really showed what that looks like on the ground, and how our services help fill those important gaps so that the vital programs and services can be delivered successfully, and leadership has the chance to step back and envision a future for their community.

Moving into the end of December as 2020 comes to close, it's the season to relax, to take a break as the emails slow and the deadlines are pushed into January. We'll be doing our best to recharge here at Strategies North, and we're looking forward to picking things up refreshed and well-rested into the new year.

Miranda Russell



From left: Katie, Miranda, Rosie, and Elvis in Good Hope Lake, BC

SN TRIP TO KASKA TERRITORY

In November, SN Staff were invited to Liard First Nation (Watson Lake), Daylu Dena Council (Lower Post), and Dease River First Nation (Good Hope Lake). Here are some pictures of their travels!



From left: Miranda, LFN Councilor Amanda Brown, LFN Chief Stephen Charlie, Anna, Katie, and Darren

Katie and Miranda in Watson Lake



Anna at the Sign Post Forest in Watson Lake

Along the Alaska Highway



KEY DATES

December 15: Canada's Post-Secondary Partnership Program - BC FNESC

Deadline to apply

January 15: Shelter Initiative for Indigenous Women and Children - CMHC

Deadline to apply

January 12: Documentary Heritage Communities Program - LAC Canada

Deadline to apply

January 31: First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund - BC Government

Deadline to apply

CARA LENOIR'S HOLIDAY RECIPES

Old Fashioned Eggnog

Directions:

Combine well-beaten eggs, Eagle Brand Milk, vanilla and salt until thoroughly blended. Gradually beat in milk Gently fold in whipped cream. Pour into punch bowl or serving cups. Sprinkle with nutmeg.

Note: substitute condensed milk and whipping cream with lactose free almond milk and coconut whipped cream

Ingredients:

2 eggs well beaten
1 can of Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 quart homogenized milk
1/2 pint (1 cup) heavy cream, whipped nutmeg



Coconut Cherry Drops

Directions:

In a large bowl, beat butter, shortening, brown sugar, granulated sugar, until fluffy. Beat in eggs one at a time. Beat in vanilla.

In separate bowl, stir in flour, baking power, baking soda, and salt; add to butter mixture in 3 additions, stirring to combine.

Mix in coconut, drop by slightly rounded tablespoons about one inch apart, onto prepared pans. Press cherry piece onto cookie. Bake at 350 degrees, 2 pans, turning and rotating pans for 12 minutes or until golden. Cool for 5 minutes.

Ingredients:

1 cup of butter softened
1 cup of shortening
2 cups of packed brown sugar
1/3 cup of granulated sugar
4 eggs
4 1/2 cups flaked coconut
1 tbsp vanilla
5 1/2 cups flour
2 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
3/4 tsp salt
27 red green glazed cherries, quartered

DOCUMENTARY COMMUNITY HERITAGE PROGRAM

Local documentary heritage organizations may be eligible for the **Documentary Community Heritage Program (DHCP)**. The DHCP provides financial assistance to the Canadian documentary heritage community for activities that increase awareness or capacity to/of Canada's local documentary heritage organizations and holdings to better sustain and preserve Canada's documentary heritage.

The DHCP can provide funding for projects and activities that relate to either or both of the program's objectives:

1. Increase access to, and awareness of, Canada's local documentary heritage organizations and their holdings.
2. Increase the capacity of local documentary heritage organizations to better sustain and preserve Canada's documentary heritage.

The deadline to apply is **January 12, 2021**

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

STRATEGIES NORTH HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

Our office will be closed December 24 - January 3 so that we can spend valuable time with our families and celebrate the holiday season. If you require immediate assistance during this time, please contact Anna at 250-793-7648 or anna@strategiesnorth.ca