

Sending love to fire-affected communities

Our hearts go out to our communities and friends that have been impacted by the recent wildfires.

We want to extend our deepest sympathies to all those who have been affected. We have seen the immense strength and resilience that defines your communities and recognize your losses. Please know that we are committed to supporting you as you navigate building back.

Stories of solidarity and inspiration can help in hard times.

When fires started near Adams Lake Indian Band, a dedicated Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) team sprang into action. [Anna Barley reflects on ALIB's commitment and determination at the EOC.](#)

Meanwhile, Frank Busch shares what it was like to have his home in the path of the West Kelowna wildfires, as well as [his experience volunteering on the ground along with other community organizations.](#)

10 days in an EOC: Adams Lake Fires

[Read Anna's Story](#)

Praying for rain: West Kelowna Fires

[Read Frank's Story](#)





Essential Tips for Emergency Communications

ESSENTIAL TIPS FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION: We would like to pass on some essential tips we have learned from the communities who are doing an incredible job with their wildfire response. From navigating rumors to respecting privacy and harnessing staff talents, these insights can serve as a valuable guide for ensuring the safety and well-being of all during times of crisis.

[See the Tips](#)

For communities in BC, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) is a great source for [emergency management funding](#). Contact your SN Advisor if you see funding you would like assistance pursuing these funds.

Get your priorities heard in Ottawa

*Now planning Fall and Spring
trips to Parliament*

Join a lobbying trip and get your voice heard

We are excited to announce we are now planning our Fall and Spring lobbying trips to Ottawa. Access to important decision-makers like Federal Ministers, Members of Parliament, and Assistant Deputy Ministers has never been more important, especially in light of large-scale challenges that require significant funding that is difficult to get via traditional application processes.

Why go to Parliament?

- Meet and develop long-term relationships with ministers and government officials
- Promote your projects and priorities and tell your story
- Bypass the middlemen when it comes to funding and go straight to those with the authority and ability to support your project.

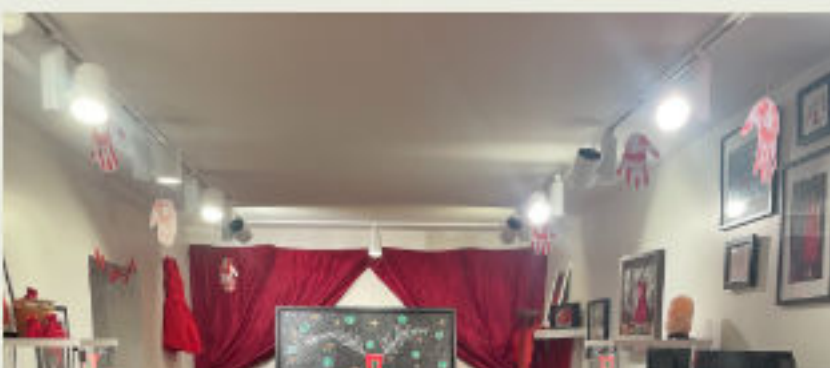
Learn more about our lobbying services at the link below or reach out to Austin, Policy & Government Relations Officer, at a.glover@strategiesnorth.ca to discuss more about what a lobbying trip could look like for your community.

[Read the Lobbying Info-package](#)

Other Community and Staff Photos



AGM attendees from across Canada joining hands for a round dance to celebrate togetherness and remembrance.





Art, sculpture, and memorials are an important part of the NWAC gathering space.

Representing Yukon Indigenous women and girls at the NWAC Annual General Assembly.

The Yukon Aboriginal Women's Council (YAWC) along with Strategies North attended the 48th Annual General Assembly for the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC). YAWC is one of 12 Provincial and Territorial Member Associations across Canada, which work under the larger national umbrella of NWAC to advocate for women, girls, and gender diverse people in their respective regions.

The Annual General Assembly updated the PTMAs on NWAC's work and progress over the last year. Each PTMA voted for their national representatives. YAWC enjoyed sharing meals, successes, and experiences with the other regional organizations and looking for opportunities for collaboration.



Over 1900 BC Elders attended the 47th Annual BC Elders Gathering!

As you can see, many annual gatherings took place this month! For the past 47 years (minus 3 Covid-19 years), First Nations Elders have met in distinct locations of British Columbia. The first event took place in 1977 at Sto:lo Nation. Elders Gatherings are a wonderful time for people to visit and exchange memories and knowledge, to create new friendships and to renew old ones. These Gatherings provide a chance to gain perspective on how other communities live.

Our friends at Spuzzum Nation in the Fraser Canyon of BC brought 31 of their Elders to the gathering. Crystal Macdonald, Spuzzum Nation administrator, reflects:

"Our Elders are quite spread out so they rarely get to see each other. We had folks coming from as far as Powell River, Alberta, and Vancouver Island. Everybody was so excited to see each other and reunite with old friends. They were focused on catching up, giving hugs, exchanging numbers, sharing memories. The meals were delicious and the organizers were amazing. It was a real time."

sharing memories. The meals were delicious and the organizer was amazing. It was a good time.

If you are looking for funding for Elder priorities, check out ISC's [New Horizons for Seniors Fund](#) open until 12PM PST on September 28. Contact your Strategies North Advisor if you would like to pursue this fund.

Upcoming Events

Would you like help promoting an event? Email info@strategiesnorth.ca to share your event. Our newsletters come out on the last day of each month.



Uplifting the voice of Indigenous women in business

at the [2nd annual Indigenomics SHE Conference!](#)

It is essential to amplify the voices, experience and leadership of Indigenous women in business against the backdrop of the emerging 100 billion dollar Indigenous economy. Conference takes place September 18-19th, 2023 at the Fairmont Hotel in Winnipeg, MB. Attendees include Indigenous women entrepreneurs and those in finance, economic development and allies creating value in the Indigenous economic reconciliation space.

A Sharing Circle with Michelle Good

This Sharing Circle is sure to be an illuminating and inspiring event! Michelle Good is a Cree author of award-winning poems, short stories, and essays, including the novel 'Five Little Indians'. Thank you Canadian Artists for Reconciliation & Education (C.A.R.E) for hosting! [Learn more and register to attend for free here.](#)



Thanks for reading! See you next month.



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