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## **National Indigenous Peoples Day**

### **Schedule of Events—Sunday, June 21, 2026**

**8:00 AM—Light Refreshments**

**9:00 PM—Welcome – Chief Joanne and Elder White (People’s Complex)**

**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM—Brunch Hosted by the Flat Bay St. Teresa's Native Women**

**12:30 PM – 3:00 PM—Community Games and Activities (Location: Pond/Park)**

Community members are invited to participate in a variety of fun games and activities throughout the afternoon. Activities will include archery, bean toss, and other family-friendly games designed for participants of all ages.

These activities are open to everyone and provide an opportunity for community members to come together, enjoy the outdoors, and celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day in a fun and welcoming environment. Prizes will be awarded throughout the afternoon. Come join the fun, connect with friends and family, and enjoy a day of community spirit and celebration!

**12:30 PM Elder White (Elder in Residence) (Location: Pond/Park)**

First Nations Governance: Expressions of Pre-Colonial Government

Elder White will share teachings on First Nations governance, exploring traditional forms of leadership and decision-making in Ewipkek before colonization. The presentation will also discuss the connection between these teachings and National Indigenous Peoples Day, highlighting the importance of preserving and celebrating Indigenous history, culture, and governance systems.

**2:30 PM—Water Ceremony (Location: Pond-Park, Facilitated by Arlene Blanchard White)**

Participants are invited to gather for a water ceremony to honour and recognize the importance of water as a sacred and life-giving resource. This ceremony provides an opportunity for reflection, gratitude, and cultural connection.

**4:00 P.M. – 5:00 PM—Presentations and Discussions**

Featuring: Erica Hurley (Relational Wellness/WATERR Lab), Arlene White & Evan Andrews

These presentations will explore Indigenous resilience, cultural preservation, community wellness, and the importance of carrying traditional knowledge and practices forward for future generations. The session will provide opportunities for learning, reflection, and community engagement while honoring the legacy of Indigenous leaders, Elders, and knowledge keepers

**5:00 PM – 6:00 PM—Moose Fire Festival, with D'Arcy Butler**

Building on the work of Ivan Sr. and Raymond Thomas regarding the health benefits of moose meat when properly prepared, this festival will feature a chef-led demonstration on preparing and cooking various cuts of moose meat using fire-based cooking methods, including barbecue, propane grills, and open-fire cooking.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn traditional and contemporary preparation techniques while exploring the nutritional and cultural significance of moose as a traditional food source.

**6:00 PM—Evening Community Gathering**

An opportunity for community members to come together, share stories, celebrate Indigenous culture, and conclude the day's events in a spirit of friendship, learning, and community pride.

Below is a schedule of events for the Flat Bay portion of Shore2Shore. Please note, however, that events and their times are subject to change. (All Events are in the Flat Bay People’s Complex unless otherwise noted)  
Please see the link for details <https://shore2shore.info/flat-bay/> June 20, 21, 22

Flat Bay Band Inc. is proud to join organizations across Canada in endorsing Right To Food's 2026 Pre-Budget Submission and supporting a national call to address food insecurity across the country.

Today, nearly 10 million people in Canada — approximately one in four — live in households struggling to afford food. This impacts workers, families with children, seniors, people with disabilities, and Indigenous communities at disproportionately high rates.

Right To Food's 2026 pre-budget submission outlines practical, evidence-based actions the federal government can take now to reduce food insecurity and strengthen financial stability for vulnerable populations. The recommendations were shaped through collaboration with more than 150 community organizations and Indigenous partners across Canada.

The submission calls on the federal government to:

- 1 Set national targets to reduce food insecurity by half by 2030
- 2 Strengthen and make permanent income supports, including the Canada Groceries and Essentials Benefit
- 3 Expand the Canada Disability Benefit to help lift people out of poverty
- 4 Invest in Indigenous food sovereignty through sustained, community-led funding and support

Flat Bay Band Inc. recognizes that food security is deeply connected to poverty reduction, health, housing stability, culture, and community wellbeing. We support meaningful action that helps ensure individuals and families can access safe, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food.



Read the full submission here:

<https://righttofood.ca/a-national-call-to-act-on-food-insecurity-in-budget-2026>

### OFFICIAL NOTICE—Federation of Newfoundland Indians

The Federation of Newfoundland Indians (FNI) is pleased to announce the results of the election for the Office of President, held on May 23, 2026.

Following the official count and certification of ballots, Mr. David Wells has been duly elected as President of the Federation of Newfoundland Indians.

The Federation extends its congratulations to President-elect Wells and acknowledges the participation of all candidates and members who took part in the democratic process. The strong engagement of membership reflects the continued commitment of our communities to effective leadership, representation, and the advancement of the rights and interests of Indigenous peoples throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.

President-elect Wells will assume the responsibilities of office in accordance with the Constitution and governing procedures of the Federation of Newfoundland Indians.

On behalf of the organization, we thank all members, election officials, volunteers, and staff whose efforts contributed to the successful conduct of the election. Further information regarding the transition & upcoming initiatives will be communicated in the coming weeks.

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Closing date: July 1, 2026