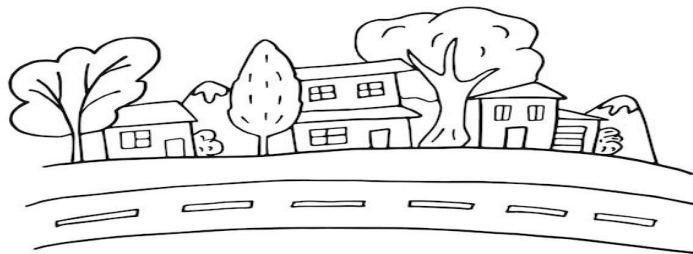




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What we've been up to...

Beacon finishes construction

Beacon has moved into their new office space, which was funded by IRH. You enter through beautifully etched glass doors with their new logo, courtesy of Jody Van Brabant, to the massive wood gathering table, created by Matthew Thibeault, it is a must see! Staff are anticipating a few more pieces of art to bring everything together. We look forward to having a Partner Project Gathering hosted there soon. Beacon is now able to operate with a full team, so we know the new space is being utilized to its full potential.

WAY TO GO BEACON!



Meet the team at Island Métis!

Eve Taylor, Housing Support Worker

Eve is of Cree/Métis and French ancestry with family ties to Northern and Central Alberta. Eve has been with Island Métis Family & Community Services Society on and off since May of 2022. In her current role as Housing Support Worker, she supports youth and families accessing housing services.

Cassidy McConkey, Housing Coordinator

Cassidy has Métis/European ancestry with family ties to Red River and Saskatchewan. She joined Island Métis Family & Community Services Society in January as the Housing Coordinator. Her role is administration and program planning for the Housing Team.

Island Métis sees successes!

The Housing Support Team worked with a community member who is supporting the care of another family member in the care of the Ministry of Children and Family Development. They required appropriate housing to raise the child. The IMFCSS Housing Support Worker was able to help the community member update their BC Housing file and expedite the application. In early March, they received housing and as a result is now able to raise the young one in a safe stable, and affordable dwelling.



Dual ICAB/CAB meeting

IRH collaborated with the CRD this quarter to host, for the first time ever, a dual ICAB/CAB gathering. Attendees had an opportunity to network, share a meal, watch some incredible performances, and take in the beautiful space at the Esquimalt Gorge Pavilion. We were honored to have Elder Sky open and close our gathering in a good way. The Joseph Family dancers, drummers, and singers shared their beautiful traditions and were lucky enough to hear some stories and experiences from an Inuk woman. We really appreciate everyone who was able to make it!



Partner Gatherings

We hosted our biggest Partner Project Gathering to date! We shared a beautiful lunch together and had an opportunity for all our new projects to share their project goals, and successes. Our community is seeing the benefits of our projects collaborating, connecting, and sharing together. We have decided, as a group, in September to continue monthly gatherings for 2 hours rather than 1. Can't wait to see what we can accomplish!



CAA Event

IRH had another collaboration event with the CRD when he hosted our Coordinated Access event. Several folks working in the housing sector were invited to come together to hear Jody Yurkowsky Pace from CAEH, and Doug Pawson from End Homelessness St. John's. The topic of Coordinated Access has proven to be a passionate and important one and we are grateful to be apart of these productive conversations and look forward to all learning more together.

