## Living Into Right Relations - January 2024

Hello,

I hope you were able to enjoy time with people you love over Christmas and New Years. My apologies for the delay in getting this to you - had a great holiday and then was hit with one of the illnesses going around.

May we all find pathways of hope, peace and joy in this new year. Perhaps some of the offerings here will be part of that journey,

Nancy (<u>nancydykstra@gmail.com</u>). Thank you, Henriëtte and Bev for ongoing editing and other support!

## 1. Land Back

- a. O:se Kenhionhata:tie read their Facebook posts
  - i.Recent post: Photo Exhibit at Willow River Centre. See 5.b.
  - ii.How to support? Support us | O:se Kenhionhata:tie
- **b.** <u>1492 Land Back Lane</u> Supportive actions
  - i.Friday Lunches for 1492 LandBack Lane. Our next delivery dates: Jan 26 and Feb 9. Cash donations can be made through Ways to Donate Parkminster United Church. Please identify your donation as 1492 LandBack Lane and include your street mailing address if you would like a tax receipt. For more info or to lend a hand, feel free to send me an email. Thank you!
  - ii.Support their legal defense fund

# 2. Highlighting Indigenous-led initiatives and organizations: Anishnabeg Outreach

Last year, O:se Kenhionhata:tie put out an invitation to their readers to familiarize themselves with various Indigenous-led organizations in Waterloo Region. We're writing about one each month. If you'd like to tell us about one, please forward info along. Thanks.

Anishnabeg Outreach (AO) offers services to local First Nations, Métis and Inuit individuals and families. Their services address wellness and healing, food insecurity, employment, mentorship and truth and reconciliation. AO offers cultural programming, has a Reconciliation Garden at Hwy 7 and Spitzig Rd, an Indigenous-focussed EarlyON Centre in Kitchener, and offers job search support, to name a few of their initiatives. They have partnerships with numerous organizations and churches.

Anishnabeg Outreach offices are located at 36 Woodhaven Rd. Kitchener, ON and Trinity United Church, 400 Stevenson St N, Guelph. To learn more, check out the link and their Facebook page. (Thank you, Mary Lou Emburgh)

## 3. Learning at home and connecting in person

- a. Deadline Jan. 20. An idea for teachers?? <u>Imagine a Canada</u>. Calling youth from K-12 to envision what reconciliation looks like in Canada. Sponsored by the <u>NCTR</u>. Two streams: <u>Art and Essays</u> and <u>Project Stream</u>. Thanks, Henriëtte Thompson.
- b. Ongoing to Jan. 31, Tues. Fri. 9am-3pm Falling Through the Cracks "photovoice exhibit showcasing the perspective of lived experiences of homelessness in Waterloo Region". Hosted by O:se Kenhionhata:tie at Willow River Centre, 243 King St E., Kitchener.
- c. Jan. 9, 1:30-3:30 <u>Nations Uniting</u> Sharing Circle discussion on The Indian Act supported by Norma General- Lickers. To join this event and be part of their mailing list contact Rhonda Johns at nations.uniting@gmail.com.
- **d.** Jan. 13, 4-6 p.m. Reading Between The Rows: In Conversation with Our Waters Guelph Museums. Guest speakers include organizers of the annual Two Row On The Grand River paddle. Guelph Civic Museum, 52 Norfolk St.
- e. Jan. 16, 7 p.m. Film Screening: Night Raiders. Zion United Church, New Hamburg. Set in a dystopian future, an Indigenous woman joins with a group of Indigenous resistors to try and rescue her daughter from the state-run institution. It won in several categories at the 2022 Canadian Screen Awards. Sponsored by the Wilmot Ecumenical Working Group on Indigenous/Settler Relationships.
- f. Jan. 17, 6-7:30 p.m. Mohawk Institute Virtual tour. Click here for link to tickets.
- g. Jan 17 May 12 CDIC Tautuppaa | Long Looking Tim Pitsiulak. "His artistic and hunting pursuits were intricately intertwined, both stemming from his practice of 'long looking,' reflected in the precise balance of detail and distance in his work." Art Gallery of Guelph.
- h. Jan. 26/27. Retreat <u>Becoming Good Relatives</u>, hosted through MCC. Led by Niagara Region author and speaker <u>Patty Krawec</u>, based on her book <u>Becoming Kin: An Indigenous Call to Unforgetting the Past and Reimagining Our Future</u>. "An excellent opportunity for deep learning and reflection for those that have done some early learning/reading and are looking to go deeper." Thank you, Laurie Warkentin.
- i. Jan. 31, 12-2 Grandmothers' Tea at Nations Uniting, 1652 Chiefswood Rd, Ohsweken. Potluck lunch and sharing time. Contact Rhonda Johns at <a href="mailtons.uniting@gmail.com">nations.uniting@gmail.com</a> for more information.
- j. Ends Feb. 4 <u>Unsettling The Grand: Legacies of Settlement in the Grand River Valley, from 1700 to the Present Day</u> Guelph Civic Museum, 52 Norfolk St.
- **k.** Other events in your area may be found on Eventbrite.

## On the radar

**a.** March 9, 8 p.m. Allison Russell - The Returner Tour War Memorial Hall, Guelph. Featuring multi award winning Oji-Cree alternative rock performer, Aysanabee.

# 4. Good Reads, News and Views

#### a. Reads

- i.<u>Listening to Indigenous Voices</u> new resources to help engage with this publication. Thank you, Jim Dawson.
- i. She Is Wise Magazine Ontario Native Women's Association. Latest edition.

#### b. News

i. <u>2023 Indigenous Rights Year in Review</u>, <u>First Peoples Law</u>. Check out their Public Education space. This is from their weekly First Peoples Law Report.

#### c. Views

i. <u>A Mother's Voice</u>. A short, powerful documentary by <u>Holly Fortier</u> about her mother's survival of Residential School. Includes discussion of what happened when students left the school. 14m.