



## **For Immediate Release – National Indigenous Peoples Day June 21, 2020**

In June, Canadians celebrate National Indigenous History Month to honour the history, heritage and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada and to recognize the strength of present-day Indigenous communities.

The lands that we call Banff today have origins with the Iyârhe Nakoda Nations (Bears paw, Chiniki, Wesley), Blackfoot (Piikani, Siksika, Kainai), Tsuut’ina as well as the Ktunaxa, Secwépemc, Cree, and Métis. These peoples were here long before settlers arrived, and this beautiful landscape still holds deep significance for Indigenous people today.

Indigenous traditions and connections to this land have often been overlooked, in museums and in the education system, yet their knowledge and resilience is more meaningful today than ever before.

The Whyte Museum has a long relationship with the Indigenous peoples of this area. We are now deepening that relationship in ways that showcase their voice within the facility.

There is much to learn. We are grateful for the guidance of the elders and youth of our Indigenous Advisory who provide recommendations for programs, and for initiatives with the Nakoda AV Club. A new welcome message in the languages of the Iyârhe Nakoda, Blackfoot, Tsuut’ina, Ktunaxa, Secwépemc, Cree, and Métis will greet visitors at our entrance when we reopen. Our Archives will feature the recent initiative Recognizing Relations in which members of the Stoney Nakoda community were able to identify people in historical photographs in our archives.

There is much more to be done. Dawn Saunders Dahl, our Indigenous Program Manager, is identifying new areas in which the Whyte can work collaboratively with the Indigenous community to create greater understanding.

On June 21, National Indigenous Peoples Day, we encourage you to learn more about the land you live on, as we look forward to welcoming you back to the museum to discover these mountain stories.



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### What we are reading/watching/learning:

**Indigenous Corporate Training Inc.:** History of Indigenous Relations in Canada which includes links and a timeline of decrees, Acts, policies, reports and events <https://tinyurl.com/yas3porb>

**National Film Board of Canada:** <https://tinyurl.com/y7btpk3y>

**CBC Documentaries to watch:** <https://tinyurl.com/ya7cdrut>

**National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation:** <http://www.trc.ca/index-main.html>

**Calls to Action UPDATE:** <https://tinyurl.com/ydhjc2kd>

**The Local Good, TRC reflecting on the last 5 years:** <https://tinyurl.com/ycqakjmj>

Watch: <https://tinyurl.com/y7wptbf9>

### **Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women (MMIW):**

<https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/>

<https://tinyurl.com/y7pq2hb5>

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