



FRASER VALLEY MÉTIS ASSOCIATION

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President's report, Of 2020

Address Covid-19

Also holding meetings directly with our Municipality of Abbotsford re:

Topics

Covid Safety and issues,

Food Security

Local Funding Grants

Homelessness

SITTING AT TABLES; Municipally, Regionally, Provincially, and Federally

Municipal = City of Abbotsford, Heritage House, PCN we fought for the same equitable equality as ever one sitting at the table, even after being told to be quite and be thankful we have a seat, we disagreed and fought for our Métis voice to be heard and be treated as equals. Well PCN went back and found the funding.

Applied for funding from the city

Regional = Covid meetings 2 weeks and strengthening our Association with other regions regularly.

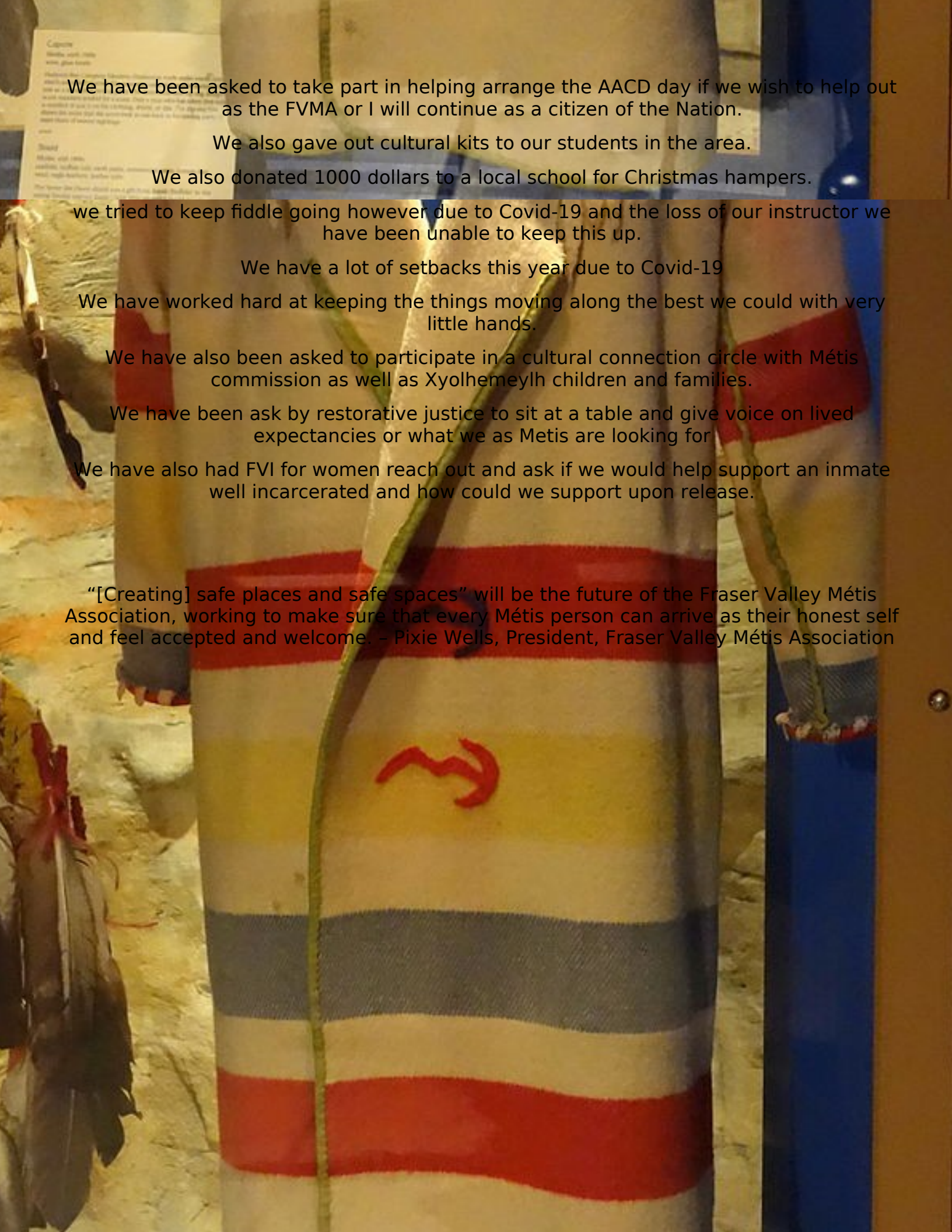
Provincially = We are giving voice at the table at MNBC and with other agencies on social determinants issues of FVMA.

Federally = As a 2 spirited chair for a voice locally on a national action plan for MMIWG and 2SLGBTQQIA peoples.

We have worked on keeping our community healthy during Covid-19 by ways of staying in touch with our people in need.

We have been working hard on finding a good healthy way forward to work through the pandemic.

We signed an agreement to help a community member hopefully obtain a greenhouse for one of our local schools, we have also be working hard on trying to obtain funding to keep it growing plants, or by supplying the plants on food security perspectives and initiating the talk with the city.



We have been asked to take part in helping arrange the AACD day if we wish to help out as the FVMA or I will continue as a citizen of the Nation.

We also gave out cultural kits to our students in the area.

We also donated 1000 dollars to a local school for Christmas hampers.

we tried to keep fiddle going however due to Covid-19 and the loss of our instructor we have been unable to keep this up.

We have a lot of setbacks this year due to Covid-19

We have worked hard at keeping the things moving along the best we could with very little hands.

We have also been asked to participate in a cultural connection circle with Métis commission as well as Xyolhemeylh children and families.

We have been ask by restorative justice to sit at a table and give voice on lived expectancies or what we as Metis are looking for

We have also had FVI for women reach out and ask if we would help support an inmate well incarcerated and how could we support upon release.

“[Creating] safe places and safe spaces” will be the future of the Fraser Valley Métis Association, working to make sure that every Métis person can arrive as their honest self and feel accepted and welcome. – Pixie Wells, President, Fraser Valley Métis Association