



NORTHERN SAVINGS

CREDIT UNION

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Northern Savings Celebrates National Indigenous Peoples Day with Commitment to Supporting Indigenous Communities and Culture

National Indigenous Peoples Day (NIPD) is a time to honour the rich history, culture, and traditions of Indigenous Peoples. It also provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the ongoing challenges faced by Indigenous communities. To celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day, Northern Savings will be supporting the following local festivities:

- Terrace - Kermodé Friendship Society – National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations (taking place on Saturday, June 22 at George Little Park)
- Prince Rupert – National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations (taking place on Friday, June 21 at Rotary Waterfront)
- Old Massett – National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations
- Skidegate – National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations

Northern Savings' Haida Gwaii staff members will be participating in local NIPD celebrations, which will result in office closures from 12:30pm-5:00pm on Friday, June 21.

In addition to its community donations, Northern Savings has announced that they will be seeking proposals for two Indigenous art projects. These projects include the creation of a *gyaaGang.ngaay* (totem pole) to be raised inside their Daajing Giids branch and the development of artwork to adorn the exterior of their future new building façade in Prince Rupert.

"These initiatives reflect Northern Savings' dedication to promoting Indigenous culture and art within our organization and the broader community, while providing acknowledgement for the land on which our locations reside," stated Northern Savings President and CEO, Stefan Delloch.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the *gyaaGang.ngaay* will be available shortly and the credit union will be inviting carvers of Haida ancestry to submit proposals for the design and creation of the *gyaaGang.ngaay*. More information on the Prince Rupert artwork project will be provided in the future.

About Northern Savings Credit Union

Northern Savings has been part of the financial co-operative movement since 1940, operating on the traditional unceded lands of the Haida Nation and the traditional territories of the Ts'msyen Nation. Guided by its mission and vision statements, Northern Savings is committed to improving the financial health of more than 17,000 member-owners and building sustainable Northern communities.

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