



## OUR PLANET, OUR FUTURE

On February 8, 2025, the BC Métis Federation's Conservation Department hosted the Our Planet, Our Future: Conservation Conference at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel in Victoria, BC. This intimate gathering of over 60 participants was designed to foster meaningful connections and inspire collaborative efforts toward environmental stewardship.

## INSPIRING PRESENTATIONS AND ARTISTIC SHOWCASE

The conference featured six dynamic presenters who covered a range of topics, including sustainability, ship recycling, and holistic land practices. Their expertise provided attendees with valuable insights and actionable strategies for advancing conservation initiatives within their communities.

Adding a cultural dimension to the event, Métis artist Louise Lambert of Wine Country Studios showcased six curated pieces capturing the breathtaking landscapes of British Columbia. Her artwork served as a poignant reminder of the natural beauty that conservation efforts aim to protect.

## CULTURAL WORKSHOP AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

In the afternoon, participants engaged in a hands-on cultural workshop led by a local Métis facilitator, crafting their own medicine bags. For many, this was their first experience with this tradition, deepening their cultural connection and understanding of Métis heritage.

The event concluded with an evening networking reception, providing a relaxed atmosphere for attendees to continue discussions, build relationships, and reflect on the day's insights.





# GROWING ROOTS INFO SESSIONS

In February 2025, the BC Métis Federation's Conservation Department hosted two Growing Roots: A Conservation Connection events in Prince George and Terrace, British Columbia. These gatherings aimed foster community to engagement in conservation efforts promote environmental stewardship among Métis members and local residents.

#### PRINCE GEORGE EVENT

The Prince George event took place on Saturday, February 22nd, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Art Knapp's. Attendees participated in discussions on sustainability and conservation, exploring ways to contribute to environmental preservation within their community. The event provided an opportunity for participants to connect with like-minded individuals and learn about ongoing initiatives led by the BC Métis Federation's Conservation Department.

### **TERRACE EVENT**

The Terrace event occurred on Sunday, February 23rd, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Holiday Inn Hotel. Similar to the Prince George gathering, this event focused on conservation and environmental stewardship, featuring roundtable discussions tailored to the specific conservation needs of the Northwest Participants engaged region. meaningful conversations, insights, and explored collaborative approaches to address local environmental challenges.

Both events underscored the BC Métis Federation's commitment to empowering communities through education and active participation in conservation efforts. By hosting these gatherings, the Conservation Department provided platforms for individuals to learn, share, and collaborate on initiatives aimed at preserving British Columbia's natural heritage for future generations.



