



MULTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
OF WOOD BUFFALO

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MCA invites community to inclusive Canada Day events

Multicultural Association collaborating with partners to offer historically and culturally inclusive drive-thru and online programming

Fort McMurray, AB/ June 17, 2021 – The Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo is collaborating with McMurray Métis and Markaz-UI-Islam and other local partners to offer a historically and culturally inclusive program of Canada Day events.

In partnership with McMurray Métis, Markaz-UI-Islam and event sponsor Suncor, MCA is offering a free Bannock and Pancake Drive-thru Breakfast on Canada Day. No registration is required for this in-vehicle event and the free breakfast will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The community Bannock and Pancake Breakfast takes place July 1 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – while supplies allow – at the Fort McMurray Islamic Centre located at 109 Abraham Drive.

MCA's contribution will also reflect its commitment to Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action No. 93, to work in collaboration with Indigenous organizations to ensure information available for Newcomers to Canada reflects an inclusive history of the diverse Indigenous peoples of Canada. As part of their Canada Day video project, and in support of those affected by Canada's Residential School system, the MCA is collaborating with members of the regional Indigenous community to provide an inclusive history. These videos will air on National Indigenous People's Day on June 21 and in the week leading up to and including Canada Day. MCA is grateful to be able to share this information and will respect those who wish to comment on their Facebook page as part of the ongoing dialogue that is part of the journey to Truth and Reconciliation.

The Canada Day Song Book Volume 2, presented by Suncor, returns for its second year. The online song book will feature individual videos of local residents performing O Canada in multiple languages. The video series will launch on June 21, with videos posted every day on the MCA Facebook page until Canada Day, when the multilingual compilation will be launched at 9 a.m.

Complete programming details will be available on the MCA's website www.mcawb.org on June 21.

Through this time, the MCA will be continuing to work with Alberta Health Services (AHS) as the leading authority on the situation involving COVID-19 in Alberta. Residents are asked to note that public health measures can change quickly, which may impact the Canada Day Bannock and Pancake Breakfast. Those interested in attending are asked to please follow all AHS COVID-19 guidelines. For more information on COVID-19, please visit alberta.ca/covid.

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