

RECLAIMING OUR WELLNESS



First Nations
Health Council

POSTPONED: Gathering Wisdom for a Shared Journey XI

June 4, 2021

RE: Postponed: Gathering Wisdom XI – June 16, 2021

Dear Chiefs and leaders, Health Directors and health leads, and partners:

In light of the recent news from the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, the First Nations Health Council has postponed the virtual Gathering Wisdom for a Shared Journey XI (GWXI) that was scheduled for June 16, 2021.

The GWXI forum is now rescheduled for Tuesday, September 28, 2021 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

We acknowledge the impact of this tragic news on individuals, their families and communities, and have paused FNHC business and events to focus on supporting each other as Nation-groups to pray, bring comfort and heal.

- We support all individuals and their needs to be with their communities and families at this time.
- We will continue to provide for urgent needs during this time, including for the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc community.
- We will work together to reschedule Gathering Wisdom XI and provide more information in the coming weeks. We are considering a special FNHC-hosted session for Chiefs and leaders regarding mental health and wellness supports on June 16. More information to follow.

Mental Health Supports:

We ask you to take care of yourselves, your families and reach out to one another to offer support as we collectively receive and process this news. Supports include the KUU-USCrisis Line, Tsow-Tun-Le-Lum Society and the Indian Residential Schools Survivors Society.

Contact information for services is below, and other resources can be found [on the FNHA website.](#)

- 24-hour KUU-US Crisis Line at 1-800-588-8717
- Tsow-Tun-Le-Lum Society at 1-888-403-3123

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- Indian Residential School Survivors Society at 1-800-721-0066 or 604-985-4464

The FNHC-FNHC-FNHDA issued a Joint Statement last Friday which can be read [here](#) and below:

<https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/statement-on-discovery-of-mass-grave-in-tkemplups>

In wellness,

First Nations Health Council