

Renfrew County Indigenous Population - Community Needs Analysis

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Why is it important for you to complete this virtual needs analysis?

There is a serious lack of Indigenous based services in our community. Ministry funded services are not accessible to all Indigenous peoples. It is a matter of where they live. Those of us who live here know that there is a need for additional services, but we need the results from this survey to support our funding applications to get the services our community so desperately needs.

What do we mean by meaningful Indigenous culture-based services?

We mean services that address health as a whole: Mentally, Physically, Emotionally, and Spiritually. Services that focus on balance and harmony, connecting with family, spirituality, community and nature. Services provided by someone trained in mainstream care clinical models who can incorporate traditional healing methods like ceremonies, land-based remedies, healing circles and connection to Elders and Knowledge Keepers.

Virtual Community Needs Analysis

Thursday October 21st, 2021

Please choose a time that suits you best

10:00am

Link:

<https://queensu.zoom.us/j/96511729943?pwd=TzZTT3VKL3F2WUN0ajE1bEcrZjViQT09>

OR

5:00pm

Link:

<https://queensu.zoom.us/j/91421369676?pwd=K2JaWktiVkthbk1DSzh3VnZmek04Zz09>

Thank you for your time and thank you for helping us gather the information that will help change things. If you are unable to attend and wish to contribute, please call 613-629-4243



COMMUNITY NEEDS ANALYSIS

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

OF RENFREW COUNTY

This data will be used to better understand the overall picture; promote better relationships, raise awareness, and create action.

Indigenous peoples have a unique culture, status, and needs. It is only by gathering information that we achieve a better understanding of Indigenous issues from the perspective of Indigenous people, and those who work with them.

NEEDS ANALYSIS

• **OBJECTIVE**

To better understand the needs of the First Nation, Metis and Inuit Population of Renfrew County; by listening to the voices of those who live, raise their families, and work in our local communities.

• **GOAL**

Enhance existing services and develop new initiatives so that all First Nation, Metis & Inuit people in Renfrew County feel connected, supported, and understood

Partner with us

in our community needs analysis survey.

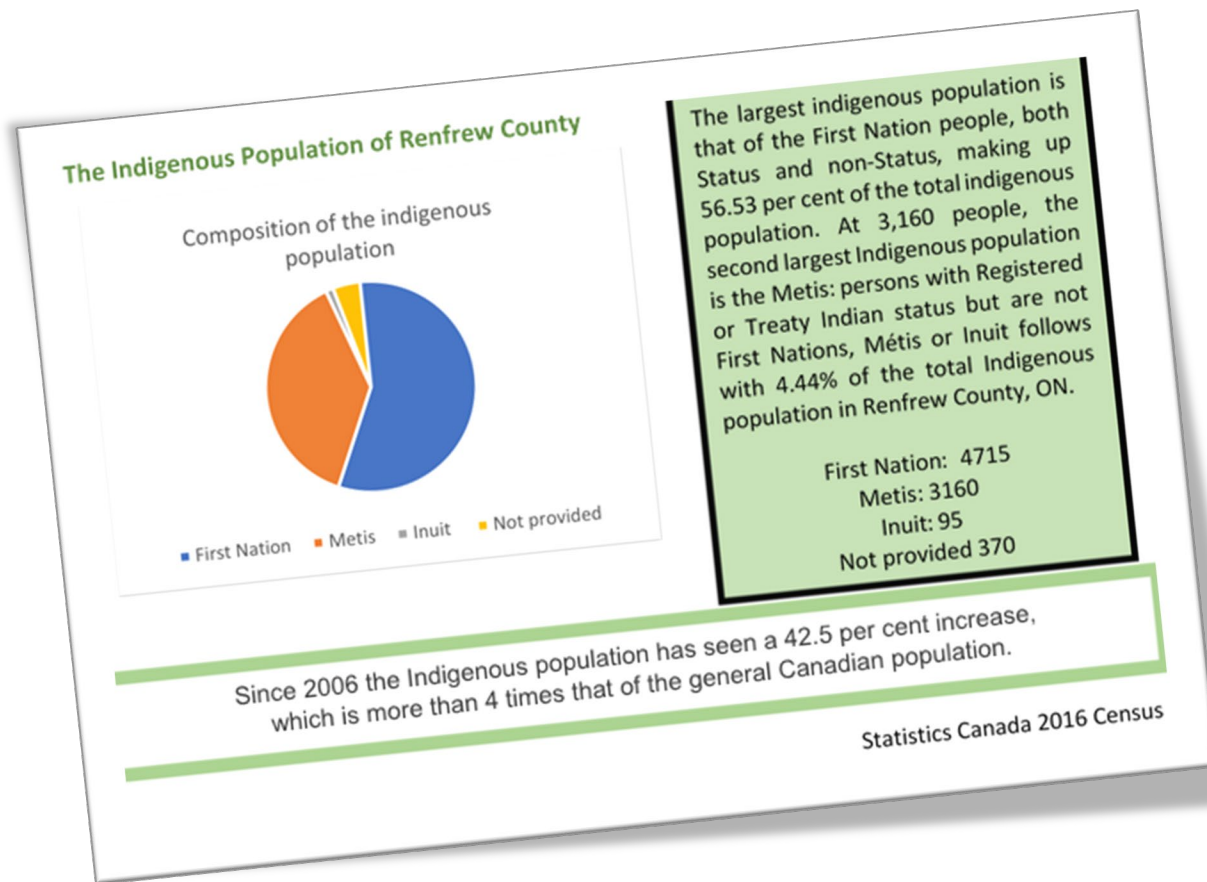
We are not asking for financial contribution, we are asking for:

1. That you invite your membership to join our virtual community needs analysis on October 21st, at either 10 a.m. or 5 p.m. (links will be provided and on social media) OR
2. Have your membership fill out a paper survey that we will provide.
3. Consider signing a support letter when grant applications are sent

The Report of the Royal Commission on Indigenous Peoples (RCAP) states that large economic, education, and social gaps characterize the current status quo for Indigenous people.

Let's change that!

The data gathered from this exercise will identify needs, help close gaps, and create new initiatives, and will be available to all partners to help in securing funds for future projects for Indigenous services in Renfrew County. We hope that you will agree that this is vital information to accumulate, and look forward to your positive response.



WHAT CANADIAN STATISTICS ARE TELLING US:

HOUSES AND HOMELESSNESS - Indigenous people, suffer some of the worst shelter in the country today.

Indigenous peoples are over-represented among all homeless people in every major Canadian city.

HEALTH and WELLNESS - Health problems continue to be drastically higher among First Nations peoples than the general Canadian population. Suicide rates are significantly higher among the Indigenous peoples.

EDUCATION - Currently 63% of the Indigenous population obtains a high school diploma compared to 89% in the mainstream Canadian population. Identified First Nation peoples achieve a post-secondary education 21% less compared to the Canadian population.



EMPLOYMENT - The unemployment rate on reserve is 30%. The unemployment rate among all Indigenous peoples is 18%. In comparison, the Canadian unemployment rate is 7%. The Indigenous poverty rate is 45% compared to 20% for all Canadians.

CHILD WELFARE - There are more First Nation children in care today than at any time in Canadian history. Even more than at the peak period of Indian Residential Schools.

JUSTICE - Indigenous people are almost 9 times more likely to be incarcerated than non-indigenous people.