

# Program

## Agency Awareness and Connections Breakfast

Abbotsford ACCESS (Action-oriented Community Collaborative for Equitable Supports and Services) is a network of local partners and an initiative of the City of Abbotsford's Housing, Homelessness and Community Development team focused on addressing complex social issues with a multi-agency approach. Partners include government, community agencies, law enforcement and business.

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### Indigenous Culture and Connection

- Date:** June 19, 2024
- Time:** 9:00 – 11:00am, *Doors open at 8:00am*
- Location:** Legacy Sports Centre Banquet Room  
- 3270 Trethewey Street (enter off of Trethewey Street)
- 8:00am Doors open, breakfast and informal networking
- 9:00am Welcome – Emcee Graham McMahon, Coordinated Access Specialist, **City of Abbotsford**  
Opening – Allison and Ronald and Kaitlynn  
Circle Teachings and Introductions
- 9:30am [Ey kwas emi: The Welcome Project](#), Allison Gardner, District Principal of Indigenous Education, **Abbotsford Indigenous Education Centre**
- 10:20am Abbotsford Events and Opportunities to Connect
- Red Dress Day Canada – National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit + People: May 5 – Vanessa Fleury, Board Member, **Fraser Valley Metis Association** and Indigenous Support Worker, **Abbotsford School District**
  - Stetis Imexstowx: Walk Beside Us, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: September 30 – Laura Schneider, Executive Director, **The Reach Gallery Museum**
  - Cultural Nights – Vyper Monthly Pow Wow – Marcela Pruden, Indigenous Co-Executive Director Matsqui-Abbotsford Impact Society, **VYPER – Visionary Youth Peers for Equity and Revitalization**
  - Selxwi:chel Arts and Culture Day, annual event, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in June, Christina Reid, Executive Director, **Heritage Abbotsford Society**
- 11:00am Closing