

September 8, 2021

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Hadï/ Sm'álgyax/ ya'uc' / Greetings,

On behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society, we want to introduce ourselves to you, and invite you to some of our events planned in September 2021.

Since 1997, the Canadian Cancer Society has worked with law enforcement and emergency services personnel to raise over \$48 million for childhood cancer research and support services. These funds support children and their families as they navigate the challenges of cancer, and support research that has increased survival rates of children with cancer from 71% to 84% since the 1980s.

Much of our fundraising is achieved through annual cycling events with the Cops for Cancer program. In northern BC, this event is called **Tour de North**.

Between September 17 – 23 this year, 20 riders will cycle 870km from Prince George BC to Prince Rupert over a week. These riders have been raising funds in their home communities and will stop at schools along the route to raise awareness and funds for childhood cancer. We hope you can support our ride and efforts in your territory.

We fully acknowledge that our engagement with Indigenous communities has been limited. We want to change this, and we will endeavor to work more closely with the people along our route.

This year, we invite you and any community member who is interested in finding out more about our ride to please join us at one of the stops, details provided below. We will be following Covid-19 safety protocols.

We are committed to engaging more meaningfully with the nations going forward and we will be in touch regularly with you and your health offices





to provide your community with any information you may need about cancer and the services the Canadian Cancer Society provides.

Please feel free to contact myself or your local RCMP detachment if you have any other questions or would like to find out more about Tour de North.

Respectfully on behalf of the Tour de North Indigenous Engagement Working Group and 2021 Steering Committee,



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Tour will start on September 17, 2021, and will visit the following communities:

Friday, Sept 17: Prince George to Vanderhoof

Saturday, Sept 18: Vanderhoof to Fort St James and Fraser Lake

Sunday, Sept 19: Fraser Lake to Burns Lake

Monday, Sept 20: Burns Lake to Houston and Smithers

Tuesday, Sept 21: Smithers to Moricetown and New Hazelton

Wednesday, Sept 22: New Hazelton to Gitwangak and Terrace

Thursday, Sept 23: Terrace to Prince Rupert

Specific details will follow as we finalize our schedule.

