

SCIENCE NORTH BEGINS PERMANENT FREE ADMISSION FOR INDIGENOUS VISITORS IN HONOUR OF NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY.

(SUDBURY, ON) – Beginning Wednesday, June 21 and onwards, Science North and Dynamic Earth are pleased to permanently offer free general admission to Indigenous Peoples. This new admission policy is a way to show our commitment to deepening engagement, relationships, and partnerships in order to advance truth and reconciliation, honour, and reflect Indigenous Ways of Knowing to collaborate with Indigenous Peoples as partners, in order to inspire all people to be engaged with science in the world around them.

“Science North observes National Indigenous Peoples Day through celebrating and recognizing the cultures and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people including their contributions to innovations in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, past and present. We recognize this day with gratitude and celebrate Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Indigenous voices every day. Our organization is happy to be celebrating this day while continuing our learning journey, both personally and professionally.” said Ashley Larose MSc, Science North CEO.

Science North will host a variety of special programming throughout the day on June 21 in celebration of National Indigenous Peoples Day.

The day will feature an art installation by Metis artist, Tracy-Mae Chambers, Mona’s Native Designs for sale onsite, knowledge-sharing activities, a free special screening of the Planetarium Show *Under the Same Stars: Minwaadiziwin* and a guided walk of the *Giizhigoong Etegin Miikaanah (Solar System Path)* with local Ojibwe educator, artist, and storyteller Will Morin.

For full event details, visit sciencenorth.ca/NIPD

About Science North

Science North is Northern Ontario's most popular tourist attraction and an educational resource for children and adults across the province. Science North maintains the second and eighth-largest science centres in Canada. Science North's attractions include a science centre, IMAX® theatre, digital Planetarium, butterfly gallery, special exhibits hall, and Dynamic Earth: Home of the Big Nickel. Science North, in partnership with Laurentian University, offers North America's first and only comprehensive Science Communication program, a joint Master's and Graduate Diploma program. As part of its mandate, Science North provides science experiences throughout Northern Ontario including outreach to schools and festivals, summer science camps and more, and has a permanent base in Thunder Bay providing outreach to the Northwest. Science North is an agency of the Government of Ontario. For information, visit sciencenorth.ca.

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