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Good Morning TNRD Board Members,

I hope that you are enjoying UBCM week.

A brief update on what has been happening for Film Industry in the region over the last few months:

- **Happy 20th anniversary of the release of *An Unfinished Life***, starring Robert Redford, Jennifer Lopez, and Morgan Freeman! Check out how these landscapes have evolved since 2005—still as cinematic as ever. Celebrating this anniversary we also mourn the recent loss of film icon Robert Redford and are grateful for the legacy of *An Unfinished Life* in our region. Many local film professionals got their start on this project.
- The TNFC is a proud sponsor of [The 4th Annual Stseptékwles re Sk'elép \(Coyote Stories\) Indigenous Film Festival](#), happening from September 26 – 28.
- **The second season of F.I.N.E.** (Film Industry Networking Events) has begun. We are at a new location (The Paramount Theatre) and a new time (4-6 pm on the third Sunday of the month). Our first event was Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> and we had a good turnout for Casting Director, Angela Quinn. The full schedule can be found [here](#).
- **Capes of Kamloops** - FREE Film Screenings at the Paramount - Capes of Kamloops is a video podcast being made with the support of TELUS STORYHIVE, which aims to showcase and celebrate local everyday heroes through the exploration and analysis of film. Every other Wednesday, starting August 20, 2025, they will be hosting a free public screening at the Paramount Theatre to honour a hero profession, such as teaching or nursing. They will later host a filmed podcast interview with a local hero from that profession, reflecting on how their work is showcased in the film and learning more about their occupation and its connection to Kamloops. The next film, honouring police officers, is *Super Troopers* on October 1.
- **2 Kamloops Residents to Receive Telus Storyhive Funding** – the 2025 TELUS STORYHIVE Pan-Asian Storyteller Edition selected 35 filmmakers from across BC and Alberta, including Luke Redgrove (*Turntable*) and Neha Raj Singh (*Migratory dreams: Hopes and struggles of young immigrants from India*) from Kamloops. Each will receive \$20,000 from Telus Storyhive and an additional \$6,000 top-up from Creative BC!
- **Professional development programs available now** – Registration is open for a series of upcoming professional development programs for filmmakers and crew. Offered through [Creative Pathways](#), Fall programming includes *Inclusive Leadership for Film + TV*, *Inclusive Workplaces for Film + TV Workers*. A new mentorship program for Emerging Technicians and Craftspeople is also available.

- **Local Voices on the Mic: STORYHIVE Video Podcasts** - local creators from our region were given the opportunity to share stories rooted in their own communities.
  - **Small Town Big Screen**: Join Kyle and Manny as they take a behind-the-scenes look at productions filmed in and around Kamloops.
  - **Ignite Entrepreneurs**: Daniel Akinshola is joined by a variety of successful local entrepreneurs who tell stories about their journeys and give advice on how to be successful in Kamloops.
  - **Strong as a Mother**: Join Miranda Chrisp from Kamloops as she discusses being a mom and offers advice and support to other mothers.
  - **The Loops Scoop**: Focuses on issues and dives into creative problem-solving for complex problems affecting Kamloops and other small communities.

#### What to Watch this Month:

- Check out the [Kamloops Museum and Archives Wide Angle](#) exhibit, and step behind the lens and into the lived histories of early Kamloops film makers.
- The TELUS STORYHIVE "On Location" Series is here—featuring over 135 hours of stories from across BC & Alberta, including 17 episodes filmed in and around Kamloops. Watch now and explore the [Kamloops playlist!](#)
- [Deepwater](#), filmed in Clearwater, celebrates its 20th anniversary this month.
- A special screening of [“Phyllis Webstad’s Orange Shirt Story”](#) will take place at the Paramount Theatre on Thursday, September 25th at 7:00 pm. The one-hour documentary features an interview with Phyllis Webstad, a founding member of Orange Shirt Day and a Residential School survivor whose story has inspired a global movement. Filmed in Kamloops. This documentary will be also be made available to rent in the future if you are unable to attend the screening.



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