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Press release: Our Living Languages

The Penticton Museum & Archives and the En'owkin Centre are pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibit, **Our Living Languages, First Peoples' Voices in British Columbia**. This exhibit tells the story of how the Indigenous peoples of British Columbia are striving to ensure the survival of their languages and culture. British Columbia is home to 34 unique indigenous languages, representing 60% of the total number of First Peoples languages spoken in Canada.

To complement the provincial scope of the exhibit, the Penticton Museum has worked closely with the En'owkin Centre. The exhibit will feature content specific to the Syilx (Okanagan) people and the ongoing efforts of the En'owkin Centre to promote, teach and preserve the Syilx language. Established in 1981, the centre functions as a cultural, educational, ecological and creative arts organization serving the Syilx people. The exhibit will honour four people who in the past made significant contributions to preserve and promote the nsyilxcn language.

Our Living Languages will run through to September 30th. Please join the En'owkin centre and the Penticton Museum & Archives for a fascinating and timely look at an issue that affects us all. A special opening event will be held for invited guests and press on July 21, 2021 from 3:30 PM-5:00 PM. Please RSVP with En'owkin Centre below.

**The word En'owkin is an Okanagan concept, which describes a respectful dialogue of clarification, conflict resolution and group commitment, to come to the best solution; essentially, consensus.*

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