

# Press Release

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## **Totem Talks Wildlife Series at Touchstones Nelson Museum of Art and History with Wildlife Technician Toni Appleby**

**Nelson, BC (June 9, 2019):** Do you love bears and want to know more about them? Did you know we share this area with wolves and cougars? And what do you know about the elusive Mountain Caribou?

Join Touchstones Museum Indigenous Educator and Wildlife Technician Toni Appleby as she shares stories from years studying, tracking, and reporting on regional wildlife and the knowledge she gained. This series is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the wildlife we share this area with from someone who has spent much of her life learning their secrets.

This five part FREE series runs on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 pm and covers four animals in depth. Starting with the bear on Thursday, June 13, followed by the wolf on June 20, the cougar on June 27 and the mountain caribou on July 4. On Thursday, July 11 the discussion continues when guest Cody DeSautel, the Director of Renewable Resources from the Coleville Confederated Tribes joins Toni.

Toni now works for our local school district with Aboriginal youth as the Cultural Coordinator of Programming and Curriculum Development. She leads classes in Caribou Hair Tufting, Métis flower beadwork, Pine needle basketry, Animal Tracking, Totems and Animal Spirits, and much more.

These presentations are not to be missed if you have a curiosity about our regional wildlife and interest in Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK).