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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is my honour to welcome you to the Métis Nation of Alberta. Our strength comes from our community which is why we strive to keep our members informed about news, events, and opportunities. As a member, you can stay connected by browsing our website (www.albertametis.com), visiting our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ABMetis), visiting our Twitter page (www.twitter.com/AlbertaMetis), or opting in to receive email newsletters by emailing communications@metis.org. Our quarterly magazine, Otipemisiwak, is available on our website and in print. Print copies of the publication can be picked up at our provincial head office in Edmonton as well as at our regional offices located in Lac La Biche, Bonnyville, Calgary, Edmonton, Slave Lake, and Peace River.

Kind Regards,

Audrey Poitras
President, Métis Nation of Alberta

News



MÉTIS NATIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF GOVERNORS SIGN HISTORIC ACCORD WITH CANADIAN GOVERNMENT

Thursday, April 13, 2017 was a historic day for Métis rights in Canada. Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) President Audrey Poitras and other Members of the Métis National Council Board of Governors joined Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and key members of his cabinet in Ottawa for the inaugural

meeting of the Crown-Métis Nation Summit. At the meeting, both parties signed a groundbreaking accord, the Canada-Métis Nation Accord, which establishes important mandates to foster the nation-to-nation, government-to-government relationship between Canada and the Métis Nation. An important mandate of the Accord is increased meetings with policy makers, including annual meetings with the Prime Minister, semi-annual meetings with the Minister of Indigenous Affairs (and key Cabinet Ministers), and quarterly meetings with various Assistant Deputy Ministers on issues of concern to the Métis Nation.

President Poitras is excited to start a new relationship with the federal government based on respect and recognition, stating: "With the unprecedented access to policy makers that the Accord ensures, I am confident my fellow Métis leaders and myself will seek positive outcomes for Métis people of Alberta in significant and lasting ways."

For more information, visit our website at albertametis.com.



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Upcoming Events

MNA 89TH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**Thursday, August 10th -
Sunday, August 13th, 2017**

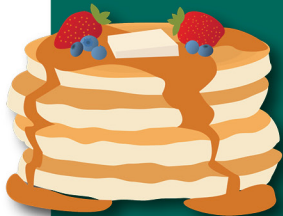
**BELLE PETROLEUM CENTRE
9403 94 ST.
PEACE RIVER, AB, T8S 1J2**

Join MNA for our 89th AGA, *Celebrating 150+ Years of Métis History*, in Peace River. This year's AGA is proudly hosted by MNA Region 6. For more information, please contact Marilyn Lizee at 780-455-2200 ext. 392, or email mlizee@metis.org.

MNA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Thursday, May 11th, 2017
8:00 am - 11:00 am**

**MNA PROVINCIAL HEAD OFFICE
#100-11738 KINGSWAY AVENUE NW
EDMONTON, AB**



MNA looks forward to hosting our 3rd Annual Complimentary Pancake Breakfast on Thursday, May 11th at our Provincial Head Office in Edmonton. For more information, please email Katie Suvanto by May 1st at ksuvanto@metis.org, or call our office line at 780-455-2200.

COMMUNITY HEALTH NIGHTS: INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH SERIES

**Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm**

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Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) will be hosting information nights on the fourth Tuesday of every second month. The first presentation in this series is "Introduction to Health Series". Topics will include Métis health, MNA governance, Métis culture, and Métis historical events. Please RSVP to Christine by Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at cdyck@metis.org, or 780-455-2200 ext. 249.

20TH ANNUAL AUDREY POITRAS GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Thursday, June 8th, 2017
Shot gun start at 11:00 am sharp!**

**LEGENDS GOLF COURSE
26029 MEADOWVIEW DRIVE
SHERWOOD PARK, ALBERTA**

MNA is proud to host our 20th Annual Audrey Poitras Golf Tournament on June 8th. Players will have the chance to win great prizes including \$25,000, a new vehicle, and a grand prize of \$1,000,000! For more information, please contact Marilyn Lizee at mlizee@metis.org, or call 780-455-2200.



MNA CLIMATE CHANGE WORKSHOPS

Dates, times, and locations available on the MNA website at: bit.ly/2o298G7

Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) invites community members to join us for a series of province-wide workshops on climate change. The gathered feedback will aim to inform policy and program development, and ensure that Métis interests and concerns are heard and addressed.

Register by emailing Katie Suvanto at ksuvanto@metis.org, or by calling 780-455-2200 ext. 235.

