

OTIPEMISIWAK

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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



In partnership with the University of Alberta and with financial support from Alberta Health, MNA was able to produce the reports, which President Poitras upholds “is an essential step in our journey to improve the health of Métis people in Alberta.” MNA plans to present the findings at various conferences around the world, including the 10th European Public Health Conference. The reports promise to become an important authority on Métis health; our Cancer report has already been published in the International Journal of Circumpolar Health.

MNA RELEASES THREE PIONEERING HEALTH REPORTS

Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) is pleased to announce the release of our three health reports on Cancer, Injuries, and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). The reports mark MNA’s continued groundbreaking attempts to gather significant health information specific to Métis citizens of Alberta. “With our three new health reports,” said MNA President Audrey Poitras, “the MNA is continuing towards our goal of developing health promotion and prevention strategies grounded in evidence-based information.”

The release of the health reports come at an exciting time in MNA history. With the recent Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Canada and the strengthened Framework Agreement with the Government of Alberta, MNA is in a strong position to promote key priorities in government-to-government, nation-to-nation negotiations. One of MNA’s top priorities remains addressing Métis-specific health concerns. MNA’s next plan of action to address Métis health is to partner again with Alberta Health to gather information on how Type 2 Diabetes affects Alberta Métis citizens.

For more information and to access the full reports, visit our website at albertametis.com.



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 in Pease River, *Celebrating 150+ Years of Métis History*. 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.

Deadline for Resolutions

PLEASE HAVE ALL RESOLUTIONS BROUGHT TO THE MNA HEAD OFFICE BY JULY 7TH, 2017 BEFORE 4:30PM

COMMUNITY HEALTH NIGHTS: INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH SERIES

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

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

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. To reserve your seat, contact Christine at cdyck@metis.org, or 780-455-2200 ext. 249.



20TH ANNUAL AUDREY POITRAS GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Thursday, June 8th, 2017
Registration at 9:00 AM**

**LEGENDS GOLF COURSE
53541 RANGE RD 232
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 our Facebook page and on our 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.

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



NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY AT MÉTIS CROSSING

**Saturday, June 24, 2017
11:00 am - 6:00 pm**

Join MNA at our cultural centre, Métis Crossing, for our annual celebration of National Aboriginal Day. The event is free and open to the public and will include lots of entertainment, including cultural interpretation, games, and a fish fry!

For more information, contact Phoebe or Leon at (780) 656-2229.