

Programs and Services

Sustainable Development and Industry Relations

The Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) Provincial Office has created an Industry Relations Unit to ensure that the Métis community, represented by the MNA, is informed about proposed resource development projects and is included in government and industry's consultation processes.

Children and Youth

The Children and Youth Sector of the MNA ensures that the rights and dignity of Métis children, and families involved with the children intervention system, are honoured. It also works to advocate and support the needs of the Métis children and families to ensure that cultural identity and connections are maintained. This is done through policy and planning sessions, which provide Métis-focused knowledge and support to human services in:

- Ministerial meetings;
- Conferences;
- Being an active member on the Aboriginal Cultural Competency Framework and Training Initiative Advisory Committee; and
- Chartering Métis Steering Committee meetings.

Also assisting with the Children and Youth sector is the Métis Resource Worker, who works with Child and Family Services (CFS) to provide culturally respectful services to the CFS and the Métis Child, Family and Support Network.

Health and Wellness

The Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) understands the importance of health when trying to maintain a strong and motivated community. Our report *Health Status of Métis Population in Alberta* provides high quality evidence of the disproportionate disease and injury burden that Métis Albertans experience. Our current initiatives include:

- **MNA Public Health Surveillance Program:** We have released three new health reports on Cancer, COPD and Injury. Currently, we are researching diabetes, hypertension and cardiovascular disease. Our future projects include: musculoskeletal disorders, and dementia.
- **Métis Health Clinic:** Currently the MNA is working with Alberta Health on the creation of a Métis health clinic.

Registry and Genealogy

Becoming a member of the Métis Nation of Alberta is an important part of preserving one's culture and history. Our Genealogy Research Centre has an extensive collection of resources which can help interested applicants complete their family trees by researching the individuals ancestry.

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Métis Nation of Alberta Programs & Affiliates



Affiliates

Alberta Métis Historical Society

The Métis Historical Society was formed out of a need to enhance training opportunities for Métis people and to educate and share the history of our participation in Canada's story. The society was incorporated in 1986 and renamed in 1999.

The Alberta Métis Historical Society Tourism Development Project, The Métis Millennium Voyage is committed to assisting Métis people to work toward the betterment of life through basic education, advanced education, and career development. This will lead to self-sufficiency and pride in their contribution to Canadian heritage and the preservation of Métis heritage and culture.

Website: <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/eppp-archive/100/205/301/ic/cdc/albertametis/index.htm>

Apeetogosan

Apeetogosan (Métis) Development Inc. (AMDI) is committed to providing profitable and sustainable financial services and support to clients who seek the means to attain economic self-sufficiency. The organization was created in 1984 under a Federal Government Contribution Agreement with the Native Economic Development Program, an initiative promoted by industry, science, and technology. The total committed funds for the creation of AMDI was \$8,800,000.00

AMDI has lent out over \$60M since 1988 and helped in the creation of over 1,000 Métis-owned Businesses throughout Alberta.

Website: <http://www.apeetogosan.com>

Cree Productions

Cree Productions (1992) was initiated to acquire, develop, redevelop, and publish learning resources about Métis people through the purchase of the Dr. Ann Anderson Heritage and Cultural Centre and the rights to all the Centre's materials.

Cree productions has been very active and has over 80 copyrighted resources. The most noteworthy publications are the Dr. Ann Anderson Cree/English resources.

In 1997, the Métis Nation of Alberta, in partnership with Alberta Learning, re-developed and published 15 beginner Cree/English books. These beginner Cree/English books are available through the Métis Nation of Alberta. All learning resources have received authorization from Alberta Learning, and may be implemented into curricula as approved basic resources for all Alberta schools.

Métis Crossing

Métis Crossing is the first major Métis cultural interpretive centre in Alberta. The development and operation of this facility mirrors the core values of the Métis community including self-sufficiency, respect of Elders, participation of youth, and pride in our culture.

Our 512-acre site is designed to engage and excite visitors, and is comprised of river lot titles from original Métis settlers to this region in the late 1800's.

Métis Nation Holding

In 1997, the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) took an inactive but current company (Métis Nation Productions), renamed it Métis Nation Holdings Ltd., and now holds 100% of the shares.

This entity holds title to 2 properties: the MNA Provincial Office Property on Kingsway, and 50% of the Métis Veterans Building on 111 Avenue in Edmonton. The Métis Veterans Building is held in partnership with Apeetogosan (Métis) Development Inc. The holding company allows for arms-length lease transactions and limited liability. The board of directors for Métis Nation Holdings is the same as the MNA Executive Offices.

Website: <http://www.albertametis.com> for printable applications

Métis Urban Housing/ Métis Capital Housing Corporation (MUHC/MCHC)

The Métis Urban Housing Corporation (MUHC) is a Métis-owned corporation that provides affordable, adequate, and appropriate rental housing for low and moderate income Aboriginal families within the urban centres of Alberta.

Our primary focus is on assisting Aboriginal families in need to obtain affordable, adequate, and suitable housing.

MUHC/MCHC believes that their first responsibility is to the Aboriginal families that use our services. In meeting their needs, we will strive for excellence in the delivery of services by encouraging an efficient and cooperative team approach within the corporation that is sensitive to and understanding of the cultural and social values of our clients.

Website: <http://www.metiscapital.ca>

Rupertsland Institute

The Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) has a history of turning community programs into institutional developments. In February 2010, the organization announced another historic decision to develop and establish an education, training and research institute under an umbrella organization which would be called the Rupertsland Institute— Métis Centre of Excellence.

The Rupertsland Institute has since been incorporated as a non-profit (Section 9) company under the Alberta Companies Act, and is governed by a professional Board of Governors comprised of representatives from the Métis business community, the University of Alberta, other academia, industry, and the MNA Provincial Council.

Website: <http://www.rupertsland.org>

- **Métis Education Foundation (MEF):** the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) has established the Métis Education Foundation (MEF). With this Foundation, the MNA works to address the gaps that Métis students face in regard to inadequate financial support should they wish to pursue a post-secondary education. For more information visit

http://www.rupertsland.org/education/metis_scholar_awards

- **Rupertsland Centre for Métis research (RCMR):** the Rupertsland Centre for Métis Research (RCMR) was established in May 2011 as an Academic Centre under the Faculty of Native Studies at the University of Alberta. The RCMR is a four-way partnership between the University of Alberta, Advanced Education and Technology, the MNA, and Rupertsland Institute. It operates under a 10 member Research Council, chaired by the University Of Alberta's Dean of Native Studies, and includes representation from the MNA and Rupertsland Institute. For more information visit <http://www.rupertsland.org/research/rcmr/>.