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Our Métis
Veterans*

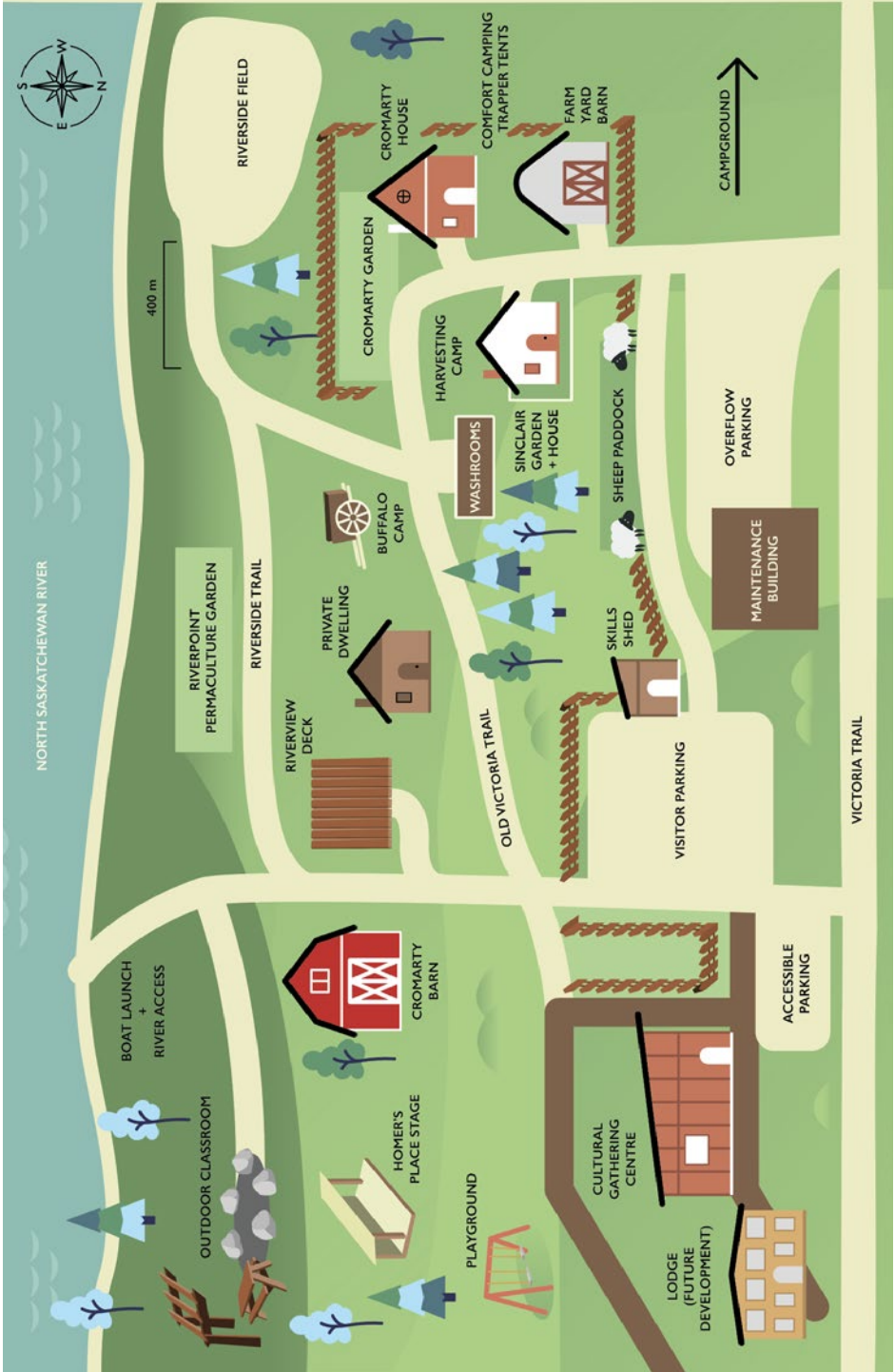


— 93RD ANNUAL —
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AUGUST 19-22, 2021



EVENT PROGRAM



Welcome!



Agenda of Events

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

5:30 pm – 11:00 pm	Meet & Greet and Barbecue Supper
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

7:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast – Cultural Gathering Centre
8:00 am	Regional registration – Cromarty Barn basement
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Youth “On The Land” activities – Various locations
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Trade/Craft Show – Tent by Cromarty Barn Elders Room – 2nd Classroom, Cultural Gathering Centre
9:00 am – 12:00 pm 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm	MNA Constitution Commission Workshop – Cultural Gathering Centre
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Children & Family Services Activities – Various locations
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch & New Dawn Métis Women’s Book Launch – Cultural Gathering Centre

Fish Fry in Honour of Herb Belcourt – Homer Poitras Stage

6:30 pm	Supper
8:00 pm	Dance with music by Alex Kusturok & East To West
10:00 pm	Bonfire & Marshmallow Roast

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

7:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast – Cultural Gathering Centre
7:30 am – 11:00 am	Voting Registration – Cultural Gathering Centre main entrance

8:00 am	Regional Registration – Cromarty Barn basement
9:00 am	Opening Ceremony & Unveiling of Veterans Monument
10:00 am – 4:30 pm	Business Meeting – Cultural Gathering Centre Trade/Craft Show – tent by Cromarty Barn Elders Lounge – 2nd Classroom, Cultural Gathering Centre
11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Children & Family Services Activities – Various locations
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch – Cultural Gathering Centre

Banquet – Cultural Gathering Centre (TICKETS REQUIRED)

5:30 pm	Cocktails
6:30 pm	Banquet
7:30 pm	Entertainment
8:00 pm	Awards Presentation
9:00 pm	Dance with music by Nicely Put Together – Homer Poitras Stage

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 – CULTURAL GATHERING CENTRE

7:30 am – 11:00 am	Breakfast
7:30 am	Voting Registration
8:00 am	Regional Registration
9:00 am	Business Meeting continued (if not concluded on Saturday)

Meet & Greet

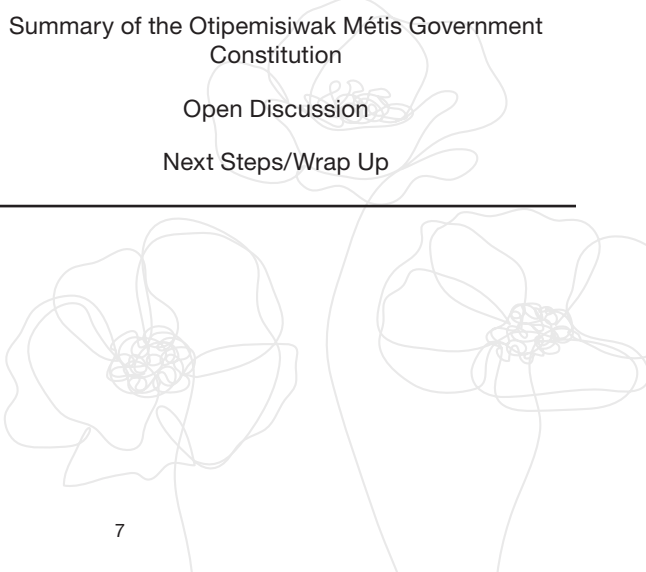
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19 – CULTURAL GATHERING CENTRE, OUTSIDE DECK

<p>5:30 pm – 11:00 pm</p>	<p>Master of Ceremonies – Opening Remarks Juanita Marois</p> <p>Dignitaries Welcome Mayor Hank Holowaychuk County Reeve Craig Lukinuk</p> <p>Cocktails – Cash Bar</p> <p>50/50's</p> <p>Door Prizes</p> <p>Welcoming Remarks President Audrey Poitras</p> <p>Blessing of the Meal Elder Francis Dumais</p> <p>Buffet Style Barbeque Dinner Assorted Desserts Coffee & Tea</p> <p>Entertainment Alex Kusturok with Donny L'Hirondelle Brianna Lizotte Colton Bear</p>
<p>10:45 pm</p>	<p>Closing remarks</p>
<p>11:00 pm</p>	<p>Close</p>

Constitutional Workshop

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20 – CULTURAL GATHERING CENTRE

<p>9:00 am – 12:00 pm</p>	<p>Opening Prayer</p> <p>Introduction of Commissioners</p> <p>Video: Charting Our Path – Métis Nation Within Alberta Constitution</p> <p>What is the Constitution?</p> <p>Summary of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Constitution</p> <p>Open Discussion</p> <p>Next Steps/Wrap Up</p>
<p>12:00 pm – 1:00 pm</p>	<p>Lunch - New Dawn Métis Women Book Launch</p>
<p>1:00 pm – 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Opening Prayer</p> <p>Introduction of Commissioners</p> <p>Video: Charting Our Path – Métis Nation Within Alberta Constitution</p> <p>What is the Constitution?</p> <p>Summary of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Constitution</p> <p>Open Discussion</p> <p>Next Steps/Wrap Up</p>



Youth On The Land Activities

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR	LOCATION
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Storytelling	Lily Rose	Fire Pit
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Archery	Métis Crossing	Archery Location
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Intro to Beading	Mitch Case	Tent
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Traditional Plant Walk	Kathryn Durksen	Trail
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	BREAK		
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Storytelling	Lily Rose	Fire Pit
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Intro to Beading	Mitch Case	Tent
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Jigging	Nicole Acuna	Tent
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Kitchen Party	Brianna & Colten	Tent
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Voyageur Games	MNA Staff	Open space beside tent
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Crafts	MNA Staff	Tent

Open Space Games:

- Voyageur Games
- Soccer
- Spike Ball
- Ladder Golf

Craft Tent:

- Beading Kits
- Finger Weaving Kits
- Colouring Pages

Children & Family Services Activities

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

10:00 am – 11:00 am	Jigging – Main Stage
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Petting Zoo – Farmyard Area
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Arts & Crafts – Youth/Children & Family Services Tent Face Painting – Small Tent Scavenger Hunt Sheet Pickup – Youth/Children & Family Services Tent
11:00 am – 4:00 pm	Relay Races – Youth/Children Activities Green Space
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Archery + Wildlife Experience* – Youth/Children & Family Services Tent
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Archery* – Youth/Children & Family Services Tent Jigging – Main Stage
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch (No activities)
2:30 pm	Health Break

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Petting Zoo – Farmyard Area
11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Busy Bag Pickup** – Youth/Children & Family Services Tent Scavenger Hunt Sheet Pickup – Youth / Children & Family Services Tent
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch (No activities)
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Wildlife Experience* – Youth/Children & Family Services Tent

*Must sign up at the Youth/Children & Family Services Tent. Maximum 10 people per block. Must be age 8+.

**Supplies of Busy Bags are limited to 1 per child. Pick up at the Youth/Children & Family Services Tent

Childcare is not available this year. Please do not leave your children unattended.

Fish Fry in Honour of Herb Belcourt

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20 – CULTURAL GATHERING CENTRE

Emcee: Vice President Dan Cardinal

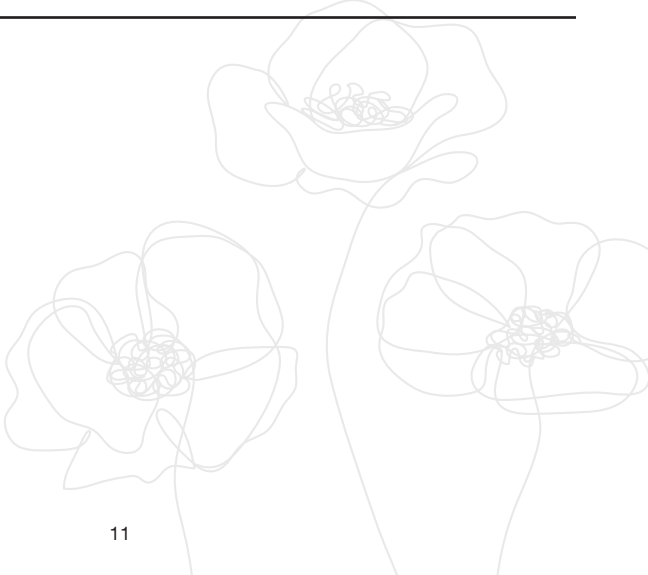
<p>5:30 pm</p>	<p>Cocktails (cash bar)</p> <p>50/50</p> <p>Door Prizes</p>
<p>6:30 pm</p>	<p>Blessing of the Meal by Elder Angie Crerar</p> <p>Buffet-style Dinner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ∞ Fish Fry Whitefish, Walleye, Northern Pike & Homemade Tartar Sauce ∞ Caesar Salad ∞ Potato Salad ∞ Corn ∞ Bannock with Butter ∞ Dessert (Chef's Choice) ∞ Coffee, Tea & Water <p>Performance by Métis Child and Family Jiggers</p>
<p>8:00 pm</p>	<p>Dance with music by Alex Kusturok & East to West Band – Homer Poitras Stage</p>
<p>10:00 pm</p>	<p>Bonfire & Marshmallow Roast</p>

Opening Ceremony

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 – RIVERFRONT & CULTURAL GATHERING CENTRE

9:00 am

- Arrival of the Red River Carts and Voyageur Boats
- Assembly of the Colour Guard & Parade
- Welcoming Remarks
- Opening Prayer (English and Michif)
- Canada & Métis Nation Anthem by Sarah Wolfe
- Laying of the Wreaths by Veterans and Dignitaries
 - ∞ In Flanders Fields
 - ∞ Last Post
- ∞ One Minute of Silence
 - ∞ Lament
 - ∞ Reveille (Rouse)
- Flags Raised
- Monument Unveiled**
- Act of Remembrance
- Pinning of Poppies on Wreaths
- Veteran Medal Presentation



Business Meeting

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 -
CULTURAL GATHERING CENTRE**

<p>9:00 am – 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Opening Prayer</p> <p>Meeting Called to Order Establish Quorum</p> <p>Election of Chair & Vice-Chair Appointment of Sergeant of Arms Adoption of Agenda Resolution Committee Appointment of Cree Translator</p> <p>Report of Officers President Audrey Poitras</p> <p>Vice President Dan Cardinal</p> <p>Secretary Carol Ridsdale ∞ 2019 Summary of Motions</p> <p>Treasurer Lawrence Gervais ∞ Auditor’s Report & Financial Statements: March 2020/March 2021</p> <p>Resolutions ∞ Ordinary</p> <p>Adjournment</p> <p>Closing Ceremony Closing Remarks by President Audrey Poitras Closing Prayer</p>
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Banquet, Awards & Dance

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 – CULTURAL GATHERING CENTRE

Emcee: Marilyn Lizee

<p>5:30 pm</p>	<p>Doors Open (Must have ticket to enter)</p> <p>Cocktails (cash bar)</p> <p>50/50</p> <p>Door Prizes</p>
<p>6:30 am</p>	<p>Blessing of the Meal by Knowledge Holder Lilyrose Meyers</p> <p>Buffet-style Dinner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ∞ Whole Roasted Bison ∞ Mashed Potatoes & Gravy ∞ Vegetables & Salads ∞ Buns & Bannock ∞ Dessert: Rice Pudding & Pies ∞ Coffee, Tea & Water
<p>7:30 pm</p>	<p>Dinner Performance by Mary Stinchcombe</p>
<p>8:00 pm</p>	<p>Métis Nation of Alberta Veteran Awards Presentation</p> <p>Presented by President Audrey Poitras</p>
<p>9:00 pm</p>	<p>Entertainment & Dance – Homer Poitras Stage</p> <p>Métis Child & Family Jiggers</p> <p>Music by Nicely Put Together</p>



Unsung Hero

They were in the trenches at the Battle of Batoche,
They were still there when all was lost
They were there when our land was taken
They never let their valor be shaken
They were our pillar in our time of need
They gave selflessly with no greed
Their name was never spoken, their identity never known
They seek not recognition, but to see our children grown
Although tired and worn, they knew we needed to begin
The journey to watch, Our Nation rise again
You have stood the test of time, and are still among us today
An unsung hero is who you are, and we finally see
That you are a legend, that has come to be
The Unsung Hero of the Métis!

Written by
President Audrey Poitras and
Marilyn Lizée





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