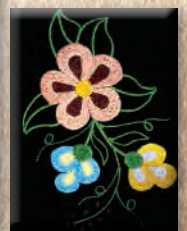




Annual Report

2013-2014

We must cherish our Heritage...



Our Vision

Together we will continue to build a strong Métis Nation.



Our Mission

To pursue the advancement of the socio-economic and cultural well-being of the Métis people of Alberta.

Our Guiding Principles

1. We believe we are continuing to build on the foundation for future generations;
2. We believe in fairness and respect for all people;
3. We believe we need to work in unity and harmony;
4. We believe in all Métis people are part of the nation;
5. We believe in Métis participation in building our nation;
6. We believe in encouraging and assisting Métis people to achieve their goals;
7. We believe in honesty and professionalism;
8. We believe we will abide by our governing structure; and
9. We believe we will achieve self-government.

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Greetings from the Provincial President

Métis Nation of Alberta



Welcome to the 86th Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA). I am excited for all of us to be gathered here in Stettler, AB and I sincerely hope that each of you takes the opportunity to learn about and connect with rich Métis history in the area.

As we gather here this weekend to discuss and debate our issues, I want you to keep in mind the struggles our ancestors endured for us to be able to come together as a distinct Nation of people. Their historic sacrifices have given us the pride that we carry and it is because of them that we continue to seek our rightful place in Canada.

As many of you are aware, the playing field is changing for Métis rights in Canada due to various court decisions. These decisions are leading to what I am calling an era of raised expectations for the Métis Nation and its Citizens. The issues and opportunities before us today are more significant now than ever before and it is very likely in our time that we will see a huge shift in our relationship with the Crown.

Government can no longer ignore the priorities of the Métis Nation; together we must remain steadfast in our journey for our rightful recognition as Métis in the Canadian state. I commit to you that I will continue to uphold our principles and remain dedicated to our values of good governance and accountability.

The MNA is well-positioned to move forward on a number of key initiatives. This weekend I will be announcing a very important initiative related to health and welfare of our citizens. This announcement will be another first in Canada for the Métis Nation and will have a significant impact on the quality of life of many of our citizens.

Just like our ancestors, we continue to place a priority on our culture. The culture of the Métis Nation must remain central to all we do. At the MNA we are very lucky to have our very own 500-acre culture and historical site, Métis Crossing. Over the next fiscal year we will be moving forward on to the next phase of development for Métis Crossing that will see \$7 million in site development. This will include an Interpretative Centre, an Elders Gathering Place, further site development and expanded accommodations. Once completed, this development will be the crown jewel of the MNA. The \$7 million development includes a \$3.5 million contribution from Infrastructure Canada which the MNA will be matching. Funding will be sought out from various other sources such as industry and the Government of Alberta.

In the pages that follow, you will find updates on the other key initiatives and successes of the MNA, its Regions, various programs and affiliated institutions.

It has been an honour to serve you as President of the MNA over the past 18 years. As you know, the MNA will be having our election this September and after consultation with my family I have chosen to run for another term. As we move forward together in an era of raised expectations I encourage you all to reflect back on the successes of the MNA and to look forward to the opportunities we have before us as a Nation.

As we gather for our Assembly this weekend I want everyone to enjoy their time together and take the time to visit and catch up with friends and family from across the Province. Also, let us acknowledge those who have passed on and cherish our memories of them.

In closing, please join me in thanking Region 3 President Marlene Lanz, Vice-President Joe Pimlott, the Regional Council and the town of Stettler for their roles in coming together to make this year's Annual General Assembly a success. Please enjoy the weekend and have a safe journey home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Audrey Poitras". The ink is dark and the signature is written on a light-colored background.

Audrey Poitras,
President of the Métis Nation of Alberta

Greetings from the Provincial Vice-President Métis Nation of Alberta



I take great pleasure in welcoming you to the 86th Annual General Assembly here in beautiful and historic Stettler Alberta. It is great to see you all here in a place that holds such significant Métis history. Our Métis people were the first non-First Nations people to venture into this region, post contact and establish a significant community. The Tail Creek Métis Settlement was located just South of here on the banks of the Red Deer River and at the time was the largest community (wintering settlement) west of Winnipeg. The settlement had a population of 2000 people and our great leader, Gabriel Dumont was the Commander-in-Chief. The settlement was destroyed by fire and all that remains today is the Tail Creek Cemetery.

During your visit to Stettler County, we encourage you to visit the Tail Creek Campground. Due to some extraordinary negotiations by our Region 3 leadership, the ownership of the site, which used to be known as the Content Bridge Campground, was transferred to the Métis Nation of Alberta during a signing ceremony on the first day of Métis Week in 2007. The Tail Creek Campground, the Tail Creek Cemetery and the Boss Hill wintering village are protected by Provincial Legislation as Métis Historic Sites.

While you are at our AGA, and if you have time, I would recommend that you take a ride on the Alberta Prairies Steam Train. Riding in an original steam train is a wonderful experience and to my knowledge, this train is one of the last steam trains offering actual passenger rides. I am told that at some point during the ride, an outlaw band known as the Reynolds Raiders may hold up the train. But fear not, our fearless Métis leader, Gabriel Dumont will be there to stop them and after a furious gun battle, will bring them to justice.

Our Annual Assembly is a very important event where we get to review the business conducted during the past year and it also give us the opportunity to discuss our future plans. As your Provincial Vice-President, I take great pride in being your representative in dealing with the various industry groups, governments and

community leaders. We have experienced great success in establishing strong relationships with industry, and although our negotiation process with the Provincial Government on the development of a Métis Consultation Policy is slow, we are moving ahead and hope to have an agreement in place in the near future. Industry wants a consultation policy in place as they understand that we are a "rights bearing" Nation and strongly support policy development.

As I have said many times before, I sincerely appreciate the support and advice given to me by the many seniors and members of the Métis Nation that I meet as I travel to their communities to speak at gatherings and graduations. I am so proud to see how our people have maintained our culture and transfer this knowledge to our youth. Our veterans are also a great source of pride for all the Métis Nation and I cherish every moment I get to spend with them.

Once more I thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to attend our Annual General Assembly; but please remember, even though the Assembly is a platform for conducting our Nation's business and your opportunity to provide input into our business, it is also a time for us to renew our friendships and participate in our many cultural events—after all, it is a well-known fact that jigging and eating bannock will not only make you happy but will also keep you living for a long, long time.

Sincerely,

Toby Racette,
Provincial Vice-President of the Métis Nation of Alberta

Letters from Dignitaries

Greetings from Honourable Bernard Valcourt



MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure that I extend greetings to all those in attendance in Stettler, Alberta for the 86th Annual Assembly of the Métis of Alberta. I sincerely wish you well as you celebrate your heritage and achievements and plan for future challenges and opportunities.

Since 1928, the Métis Nation of Alberta Association has advocated on behalf of the Métis people in Alberta. From its small membership in the early years to its current membership of over 45,000, the Association has met the needs and aspirations of the Métis in Alberta.

With over 70 locals across Alberta, the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) has provided Métis people with an opportunity to participate in the government's policy and decision making process as well as to promote and facilitate the advancement of Métis people through the pursuit of self-reliance, self-determination and self-management.

By focusing on community consultation and representation, the MNA has become an organization that is both a representative body and a program and service provider responsible for implementing specific projects and for providing ongoing programs and services to Métis in Alberta. The MNA is not simply an organization which reacts to government policy changes but is an organization that has been called upon time and again to actively participate in the policy-making process.

The MNA has accepted new responsibilities and has developed the administrative capacity to meet the expectations that are being placed upon it. The MNA has proven itself very capable of playing a role in the policy development process and its elected officials and staff sit on a wide range of committees responsible for an even wider array of issues.

The MNA continues to make significant strides as an organization and has been successful in developing and implementing a number of projects and initiatives including Apeetogosan Development Inc., Métis Urban Housing Corporation of Alberta and the Rupertsland Institute. Of great significance is the recently approved Family Health Care Clinic which will be completely run by a newly established affiliate of the MNA. This will be the first Métis owned and controlled health care clinic in Canada.

Our vision is a future in which Métis across Canada are healthy, safe, self-sufficient and prosperous — a Canada where Métis make their own decisions, manage their own affairs and make strong contributions to the country as a whole. The Government of Canada will continue to work in partnership with the Métis Nation of Alberta to support and acknowledge the many contributions the Métis have made to Alberta and to Canada. I look forward to a prosperous future together and offer my best wishes for a productive and enjoyable assembly and for another successful year.

Sincerely,

Honourable Bernard Valcourt

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ALBERTA'S NDP OPPOSITION



Dear Friends,

On behalf of Alberta's New Democrat caucus, it is my privilege to send greetings to the Métis Nation of Alberta and to all of the delegates attending the 86th Annual Assembly in Stettler.

The province of Alberta has changed considerably since 1928, when the Métis Nation of Alberta was first established. Over those years you have accomplished a great deal and have much to be proud of in the areas of education and training, employment assistance, health, social services and economic development. By working hard to recognize, preserve and protect the Métis language and culture, and in collaboration with governments and community groups, we will be assured of your energetic and vital contributions for decades to come.

The Métis people have played a valuable role in the history of Alberta and have contributed greatly to the communities in which we live. Please enjoy the weekend as you reflect on the many contributions you have made and continue to make in our communities and to the social, economic and cultural landscape of Alberta.

Please accept our congratulations and warm wishes for ongoing success.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brian Mason'.

Brian Mason, M.L.A.
Leader of the NDP Opposition
Edmonton Highlands - Norwood

Greetings from Honourable Claudette Tardif Senator for Alberta



I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 86th Annual Assembly of the Métis Nation of Alberta.

The Métis community has a strong presence and deep historical roots in our province. Long before Alberta joined the Canadian Confederation, Métis communities were established in many parts of Western Canada and were integral to the development of a vibrant fur trade. Today, as in the past, Métis people continue to shape our province. Your rich history and traditions are a vital component of our cultural fabric while your significant contributions to our economy enhance the quality of life we enjoy in Alberta.

Métis people in Alberta also continue to value their collective aspirations and strong democratic traditions. Since its inception in 1928, the Métis Nation of Alberta has had a long history of advocacy and support for its members. It has advocated on behalf of and met the needs and aspirations of Métis people in Alberta.

This Annual Assembly offers a wonderful opportunity to discuss issues of concern to your community, to celebrate your past successes and to set goals for the future. I am certain that your meeting will be both rewarding and engaging, and that through your discussions, you will gain valuable insights into the ways in which you can continue to foster positive change for your communities.

I congratulate the Métis Nation of Alberta for its continued good work in representing the interests of Alberta's Métis community and extend my best wishes for a successful Annual Assembly.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Claudette Tardif
Senator for Alberta



Premier of Alberta

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Message from the Honourable Dave Hancock, QC
Premier of Alberta
Minister, Innovation and Advanced Education



On behalf of the Government of Alberta, I congratulate the Métis Nation of Alberta on 86 years of representing the interests and championing the causes of the Métis people of Alberta.

We value the work that the Métis Nation of Alberta undertakes to ensure that priorities and issues are brought forward and understood at many tables.

Alberta is proud of its Métis heritage and is grateful for the past and present contributions of Métis people to our province.

Government commits to working with the Métis Nation of Alberta on its goal to continually improve the social and economic well-being of Métis people to ensure that Métis people thrive in all aspects of our society.

I wish the Métis Nation of Alberta and your membership an inspiring and productive meeting. As you look to the future I encourage you to also reflect on your many accomplishments.

Dave Hancock, QC

August 9, 2014

Greetings from President David Chartrand, LL.D.(hon), O.M. Manitoba Métis Federation



On behalf of the Métis Government of Manitoba, I offer our best wishes as you all gather for your Annual General Assembly. The Annual Assembly is a time to reflect on the work of your government and give guidance to your government's future.

Without the grassroots participation in our democratic institutions, we would not realize the needs and dreams of the Métis People. This is a time to reflect on the past, present and future achievements of your Government.

As a Métis Nation, our advancements to our rights as one of the Aboriginal people of Canada has set a new pathway for our people.

Our harvesting rights are expanding in Manitoba throughout the province. Our inclusion to proponents developing on our traditional lands are being held accountable. The future is quite bright for our people as we move forward.

I look forward to attending this years' Métis Nation of Alberta 86th Annual Assembly in Stettler and bringing greetings to your Métis Government in Alberta.

Believe in Yourself – Believe in Métis!

Sincerely,

David Chartrand,
President of Manitoba Métis Federation



**Greetings from Honourable Frank Oberle
Minister of Aboriginal Relations**

***Name of Event: 86th Annual Assembly of Métis Nation of Alberta
Date: Saturday, August 9, 2014***



On behalf of the Government of Alberta, I would like to congratulate the Métis Nation of Alberta Association (MNAA) on another successful year marking their 86th anniversary. This meeting provides a wonderful opportunity for you to come together and reflect upon the year's accomplishments, while setting new goals for the new year.

I want to commend the MNAA for being such a strong champion of Métis issues and interests. The Alberta government, through the Framework Agreement, shares with the MNAA the mutual goal of improved social and economic well-being. Alberta remains committed to working with the MNAA to promote joint planning and action in building strong, vibrant Métis communities.

For 86 years, the MNAA has provided leadership for its members, and I am certain this will continue for many years to come.

Congratulations on your successes, and I wish all members an enjoyable and productive 86th annual assembly.

Sincerely,

Frank Oberle
Minister of Aboriginal Relations



Métis Nation of Ontario
Office of the President



A message from Gary Lipinski,
President of
the Métis Nation of Ontario,
to the delegates of the
2014 Métis Nation of Alberta
86th Annual General Assembly

I am pleased to bring greetings from the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) to the delegates of the 86th Annual General Assembly (AGA) of the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA). I would like to thank President Audrey Poitras for inviting me to attend this wonderful event.

President Poitras and I have been able to foster a very positive and productive relationship between our two governments, and in 2010, I was very pleased to sign with President Poitras, a Memorandum of Understanding between the MNO and MNA. I have always found President Poitras to be a very valuable colleague. Her experience and integrity makes her an outstanding leader both in Alberta and across the entire Métis Homeland.

The MNO greatly admires the work being done by the MNA, particularly in the areas of Métis rights, Métis culture, healing and wellness, governance, registry, economic development and prosperity. Combining this critical work with celebrations of Métis culture and heritage will make your Assembly a very special event.

I am very pleased that I will be able to join you during your Annual General Assembly. I look forward to the enjoying the celebrations and learning from your deliberations.

Sincerely,

Gary Lipinski,
President
Métis Nation of Ontario

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*Hon. Thomas Mulcair, Député/M.P.
Outremont*



O T T A W A
August 8, 2014

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Canada's New Democrats it is my pleasure to extend best wishes to everyone gathered for the 86th Annual Assembly of the Métis Nation of Alberta.

Since 1932 the Métis Nation of Alberta has worked to protect the rights of Métis people as Aboriginal peoples in Canada and ensure that your rich history and cultural heritage are preserved for this country's future generations.

New Democrats are proud to stand with you as we work in partnership to build the Canada of our dreams, where all our descendants can flourish. We remain committed to forging nation-to-nation relationships with Aboriginal peoples built on mutual respect and grounded in the NDP's core value that what we want for ourselves we wish for all.

I once again extend best wishes to the Métis Nation of Alberta for a productive and inspirational assembly.

Sincerely,

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Lesser Slave Lake Constituency




Metis Nation of Alberta Association
86th Annual General Meeting – August 2014

On behalf of myself and my colleagues at the Alberta Legislature, I am pleased to congratulate and acknowledge another successful Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association. For the 86th year we are invited to come together to share and experience the Métis culture which has had a profound and lasting positive impact on the province of Alberta.

Today, we recognize and celebrate this organization's outstanding contributions to their communities, and their commitment to investing in the cultural heritage that has embedded roots throughout Alberta.

The initiatives of the MNA exemplify strong cultural ideals and inspiring advocacy for the Métis communities. I am very proud to be of Aboriginal background and would like to sincerely thank all of the people that were able to make this year's annual assembly such a successful event.

Sincerely,



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Madame President Audrey Poitras
Métis Nation of Alberta

Taanshi Kiyawow, Ta'wow Petigwe, Bonjour, Bienvenue

Greetings Madame President, delegates, leadership, and staff of the Métis Nation of Alberta:

It is my honour to extend greetings on behalf of the Métis Nation British Columbia Board of Directors, citizens and staff and congratulate you and the Métis Nation of Alberta on your 86th year of success and longevity.

It is inspiring to see how the Métis Nation of Alberta has reached yet another milestone and with every year see how much further it grows and succeeds in its sustainability and strong governance.

Métis Nation of Alberta can be seen as a model of achievement of the challenges and successes that Métis organizations struggle with. For 86 years, the leadership of the MNA, with the assistance of dedicated skilled professional staff work endlessly to reach the objectives and goals of the Métis Nation of Alberta and with the growing success you have all achieved is to be commended.

As you gather today for your Annual General Assembly and review the progress of our great nation and you review past challenges and deliberate on improvements to your governance and new opportunities ahead know that we here at MNBC wish you great success.

The Métis Nation British Columbia sincerely values the relationship it has with the Métis Nation of Alberta and continues to look forward to future collaborative opportunities to achieve mutual goals for the Métis.

On behalf of the Métis Nation British Columbia Board and Staff and our more than 9,500 registered Métis citizens I wish you and your board and your nation all the greatest success for your AGA and all the best.

Ekoushi maaka!
Ki'nass koumitinowow!

Bruce Dumont, President
Métis Nation British Columbia

Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) is recognized by the provincial and federal governments and the Métis National Council as the official governing organization in the province of British Columbia, representing over 9,500 provincially registered Métis citizens and a population of nearly 70,000 self-identified Métis people.





LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
ALBERTA
Dr. Raj Sherman, M.D.
Leader, Alberta Liberal Caucus
MLA, Edmonton -- Meadowlark



August 8, 2014

Best wishes to the Métis Nation of Alberta

On behalf of the Alberta Liberal Opposition, I extend best wishes to the Métis Nation of Alberta as the 86th Annual Assembly gets under way.

The Métis have a rich history and have played a significant role in the history of Alberta and the rest of Western Canada.

Alberta holds the distinction of being home to the country's largest Métis population – more than 85,000 strong. I am proud that ours is the only province which has recognized Métis lands, the Métis Settlements, in law as well.

From Alberta's beginnings, the Métis have made valuable contributions. This continues today, and it is my wish that in the years ahead, the Métis Nation of Alberta will see the full realization of its dreams and aspirations.

Sincerely,

Raj Sherman

Leader of Alberta's Liberal Opposition

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PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE



I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 86th Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Alberta.

The Métis played an important role in developing and shaping Alberta. For over eight decades, these assemblies have offered an ideal opportunity to advance issues of importance to the Métis of Alberta and to ensure that Métis culture and traditions are passed down to succeeding generations. I know that you will make the most of this chance to network with your peers and to plan for the upcoming year.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I offer my best wishes for a memorable and productive assembly.

The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.

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Ministry Reports

Ministry of Children and Youth



I am pleased to say we have made progress in our efforts toward improving the economic and social conditions of our communities and families by partnering with other community support services and agencies, and offering our own connections and support. We continue to engage our children and youth in educational, cultural and healthy lifestyle choices in hopes of empowering their unique skills and talents towards reaching their goals. Collectively, we are working toward a common objective to better serve children and youth in creating happy, healthy families. The following report will provide an update on strategies, activities and accomplishments that our Ministry has performed over the last year.

Children Services, Provincial Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), and Métis Resource

The objectives of this Ministry are to equip Métis children and families with the necessary tools to achieve a successful future, thus resulting in strong families and communities overall. To this end, the Ministry has made significant accomplishments over the past year.

In regard to Children Services, the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) has worked to support Métis children and families involved in the child intervention system through one-on-one support, peer counseling, and advocacy. Over the year, our Children Services Manager and two Métis Resource workers have supported over one hundred Métis families and children involved in the child intervention system. This year, we have assisted in the identification of twenty Métis children through the registration system process and they are now citizens of the MNA.



The MNA continues to advocate for kinship placements for Métis children in care. In 2013-2014, five (5) caregiver recruitment sessions were hosted throughout Alberta. The MNA has renewed its membership with the Alberta Foster Care Association, and has met with CFSA Permanency managers to discuss intervention and planning to ensure connections are maintained with families and community.

The MNA continues to work to refine service delivery to our citizens through the development of the Intervention Services administrative electronic data system. The system replaces the paper file system and provides the infrastructure to ensure case management is accurately recorded, member information is secure, and the reporting of activities are facilitated accurately.



Throughout the year, the MNA also worked to inform policy and programs for Métis children in care. We were invited to lead the Métis component for the Ministry of Human Services' *Aboriginal Cultural Competency Training Framework*. The purpose of this work is to develop an Aboriginal Cultural Competency Framework and Aboriginal Competency Training Program for the Ministry of Human

Services. The MNA has been consulted to provide information related to this process. The MNA was also invited to participate in Minister Buhler's Children Intervention Roundtable in January 2014.

Over the past year, the MNA has worked to provide information to support awareness and prevention of FASD through information sessions, involvement on Government of Alberta- Ministry of Human Services committees (FASD Education and Training Council, Awareness and Prevention Council), and service support to individuals and families affected by FASD. In November, the MNA's FASD Tool Kit package was launched. The information package includes an FASD information and service directory as well as a brochure. In total, approximately five-hundred packages have been disseminated provincially (including MNA Regional offices, Alberta Health, Alberta Health Services, Child and Family Service Authorities, twelve FASD Networks, Millwoods Interagency working group, and University of Alberta).

Alberta Children's Charter Information Gathering Sessions

Over the past year, a number of information gathering sessions were conducted in order to capture information on issues and concerns relative to Métis children in care to inform the Ministry of Human Services *Children's Charter*. Through this process, a number of principles were identified by our Métis community including:

- The importance of the vitalization of Métis culture, language and heritage;
- The need for access to safe, affordable housing; and,
- The necessity of increased opportunity for education, training and subsequent or correlating employment opportunities.

The overall conclusion drawn from the sessions was with appropriate services and programs based upon communities' needs, and driven and operated through the community, poverty would be reduced. With increased cultural, heritage, sports, recreation and other relevant opportunities, children will benefit from increased self-worth, cultural connection and belonging, and community members would benefit from increased opportunities for employment and investment in the success of young people and the community as a whole.

Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth (CCAY)

2013-2014 saw the projects really putting in a lot of hard work to focus on the current requirements from AANDC. The requirements are as follows:

- Engage Aboriginal youth and other stakeholders in planning and delivering programs and services to reduce barriers to urban Aboriginal youth participation in the economy.
- Projects and programs that support urban Aboriginal youth in reducing barriers to their participation in the economy.
- Cultural and language development, preservation, and revitalization in relation to the above mentioned initiatives and projects.
- Projects that assist urban Aboriginal youth in realizing their leadership potential through volunteer and social enterprise activities.
- A new requirement for this time period was a target of ninety percent Métis participation.



Eight projects ran for the fiscal year of 2013-2014 in:

- Zone II
- Region 5
- Region 6
- Aboriginal Arts Council
- Shining Mountain
- Métis Crossing
- Miyawsin
- Sturgeon Victim Services

All projects were selected with input from the MNA's Youth Committee. Overall, each recipient reported successful results in engaging youth in their programs. Some of the 'good news' stories reported by recipients are as follows:

- This project proved to be one of our most successful youth projects to date. One factor that we believe contributed to our success was the 'hands on approach' to our programming. Our youth participants were physically engaged morning to evening with little time to rest. This approach proved to be very useful as the youth were vocal in expressing that they liked to be able to try several activities for themselves and by evening the participants, although in 'good spirits', were ready for some quiet/down time to themselves after a long active day.
- Our ratio of youth to staff seems to help youth connect with Mentors as each staff person was tasked with supervising the same 4-5 youth for the duration of the project. Our staff told us that with this ratio/number of youth, they had the opportunity to get to know the youth on a personal level.



Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our membership and leadership for their continued support and confidence in my abilities to advance our Ministry's overall strategy in bridging our community partnerships and building stronger, brighter futures for our children and youth. As Minister of Children and Youth I am humbled to retain this position and believe it is a great honor to incorporate this responsibility in all of my commitments and activities as a member, not only of the Ministry, but of our Métis Nation. I

believe we have remained dedicated in our commitment to give our children and youth growing opportunities to succeed, and feel privileged to assist in our government strategy and objectives with ensuring that every child and youth has an opportunity to reach his or her full potential.

In closing I would like to thank my colleagues and staff for their continued support and encouragement in our activities as well as acknowledge them for a job well done.

Carol Ridsdale,
Minister of Children and Youth

Ministry of Culture and Recreation



It has been a very busy year for the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) Ministry of Culture and Recreation. Over the past year, the MNA Cultural Team has supported the priorities of the Ministry through research, knowledge exchange and culture event planning. The MNA Cultural Team came together in 2010 out of shared interest and belief in the importance of promoting the uniqueness of our history and culture. To this end, the Team has continued to gather research, including photos, newspaper articles, and books

relative to key historical events, governance and settlements, traditions, lifestyle, and culture of our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. Over the past year, the Team has extracted research material such as Hudson Bay Co. records, journals of fur traders and travelers from the Provincial Archives of Alberta, the Glenbow Museum, and various libraries throughout Alberta. A highlight of the past year was a trip to Winnipeg to extract historical documents from the Hudson Bay Archives and Provincial Archives. The Genealogy Research Centre (GRC) now has a wide array of birth documents, HBC Service Contracts, Servants Lists, employee journals and photos dated back to the mid-1700s. We also retrieved a copy of the Métis petition against the Pemmican Proclamation.



The Team continues to build upon its repository of historical information. Over the period we have developed a series of fact sheets, which we share with our friends, family, government partners and academia. Over the past year, approximately 1500 cultural information packages have been shared throughout Alberta and Canada. All of the research and artifacts are stored in the Genealogy Research Centre (GRC) in the provincial office in Edmonton, and as always, we welcome and encourage visitors to stop by to tour the Centre.

The Team continually works to develop unique and practical ways to share our history. For instance, one way in which we have chosen to highlight our culture is through our annual calendar. Each year, we come together to develop a theme for the calendar. In 2013, we highlighted historic Métis communities. Each calendar month boasts a picture of the historic community and a brief synopsis of events happening in the area, as well as known family connections to the location. One of our proudest achievements is the traditional Métis family home display in the provincial office in Edmonton. The Team transformed a vacant office space into a traditional Métis family home reminiscent of the late 19th century. The cabin is outfitted with a traditional cooking and sleeping space, authentic furs, clothing, and beadwork.





Métis Week takes place in November of every year, and is a time to celebrate our accomplishments, remember and recognize our heroes, and showcase our culture. Highlights of events hosted by the provincial office in 2013 include the 3rd Annual Louis Riel Commemorative Walk, which is a six kilometer trek through the beautiful roads near East Hastings Lake in memory of the journey of Riel's family, friends and soldiers to his funeral. The walk was followed by a mass at St. Margaret's

Church and a light lunch with children's crafts at Deville North Cooking Lake Hall. Another key highlight of the week was the Louis Riel Commemoration in the Legislature Building Rotunda. The commemorative event included representatives from the RCMP, veterans and members of the Canadian Armed Forces, City of Edmonton and Edmonton Police Service. This was followed by the MNA Open House at the provincial office where Métis artist displayed their work. This year, the band Forever Young provided entertainment for us. A great time was had by all.

Our commitment to promoting the uniqueness of Métis culture has not gone unnoticed. The MNA was once again invited to be part of the Aboriginal Cultural Framework Advisory Committee under the Ministry of Human Services. Our role on the Committee is to inform the Métis cultural component for cultural training for child and family employees within the Ministry. We have also displayed our work at conferences such as the Alberta Genealogical Society, Back to Batoche, Alberta Foster Parent Conference, Alberta Health Services, City of Edmonton Tawaw Connections Network, the International FASD Learning Series, and the MNA Business Mixer and Seniors' luncheon events.



James Atkinson,
Minister of Culture and Recreation

Ministry of Economic and Resource Development



Greetings delegates and friends of the Métis! On behalf of the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) Provincial Council and in my capacity as Minister of Economic and Resource Development, I am pleased to provide you this update on various activities that have occurred under my portfolio for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

This past fiscal year, Alberta continued with its robust economic growth. Proudly, the Métis, just as they have done for the past 300 years, continue to play a pivotal role in both resource and economic development.

As I mentioned in my report last year, the MNA and the Métis Nation of British Columbia (MNBC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU officially binds our two organizations with a focus on working together to advance the economic positions of our organizations and our citizens.

This past march, as a result of the cooperative efforts of the MNA and MNBC, we hosted a summit in Vancouver where our issues of mutual concern related to energy development in Western Canada were brought forward to the heads of industry as well as senior representatives from the Provincial and Federal Government. Moving forward, I will be meeting with our partners at MNBC to carve out specific initiatives and business opportunities that we will be working on in the 2014-2015 fiscal year that are related to economic and resource development.

Industry relations is an extremely important part of my portfolio and I am excited to report, just as I have in the past, that we have excellent results provincially, regionally and locally under our MOU with TransCanada Pipeline. Initially, our MOU with TransCanada was a three-year pilot project, but due to the resounding success of this program, I am now in the final stages of negotiation to bring this deal into perpetuity. The overarching principles of this relationship are what has made it a success and are what we are using as a template for the development of similar agreements that we are currently negotiating with other industry partners. I am happy to report that the MNA has a pending agreement that is waiting to be ratified by Provincial Council with Enbridge for the Northern Gateway Pipeline project. I am also pursuing other similar agreements with four other companies and hope to have at least two more similar agreements signed by the end of the next fiscal year.

In the coming months in cooperation with our leadership at the Regional level as well as Enbridge, I will be outlining a process whereby our Métis owned businesses from across the province can become preapproved to participate on the Northern Gateway Pipeline project once it is approved and construction begins. Please watch our website and consult your Regional leadership for more information on how to become involved.

The MNA now has two full-time staff members that are working under my portfolio. One is a Community Liaison Officer that is working in accordance with our MOU with TransCanada. The



focus of the Community Liaison role is to ensure that our Locals and Regions are provided with the capacity to respond and participate in all of TransCanada projects in the province.

We have also hired a Business Development Officer to work on developing Joint Venture opportunities as well as focus on fundraising for our \$7 million Métis Crossing project. The MNA, through a matching grant of \$3.5 million, has the opportunity to develop a state-of-the-art tourist destination at our 500-acre historical and cultural site on the banks of the North Saskatchewan River near Smoky Lake, Alberta.

In order to help raise our \$3.5 million contribution to the Métis Crossing Project, I am working with our BDO on proposals to approach some of the off-shore companies that are currently involved in the Oil Sands projects and the SAGD plays in North Eastern Alberta. Several Chinese-owned companies have bought their way into the Alberta Oil Industry and they are looking to develop relationships with Canadian Aboriginal organizations. Examples of these companies are Chinese National Offshore Oil Corporation, Petro China, and Sinopec.

During the past year, I have been invited to speak at various activities in most of the Regions and due to my being totally accessible to our members, I have been able to assist many members in their business idea development and economic ventures.

While the above mentioned is not an exhaustive list of activities or initiatives, it serves to reflect the overall vision and direction of past and future activities under my Ministerial portfolio.

I am extremely proud of the role that Métis play in this province's economy and am excited to see continued growth and opportunities for all the Métis-owned businesses of this province.

In closing, I would like to thank President Poitras for her support and trust in my ability to oversee this important file. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Provincial Council colleagues for their wisdom and support as well as acknowledge the efforts of all the staff of the MNA and our affiliates.

Toby Racette,
Vice-President of the MNA,
Minister of Economic and Resource Development

Ministry of Education, Training and Research

Rupertsland Institute – Métis Centre of Excellence



To our valued clients and students:

I would like to thank all of our clients and students over the past year and I congratulate all those who succeeded in their training and programs of study and wish each and every one of you success as you move ahead into the future.

Introduction

As always, the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) Assembly brings the opportunity to enhance our cultural understanding and historical connections to the former Rupert's Land territory known as Western Canada. It also strengthens our resolve to the Métis Nation Agenda and helps us build our community relations while we celebrate our successes.

Most of you already know that the Rupertsland Institute (RLI) was built for the Métis people, by the Métis people, and we should all be proud of where we are at today with our education, training and research mandates. Like most organizations, RLI has met its challenges and setbacks along the way, but with dedicated and tenured staff, we continue to open doors for Métis citizens. On behalf of the RLI Board, I would like to thank each of you for attending our Annual Assembly and for bringing your knowledge and experience to our gathering. You have the vision and the wisdom to help us pave the way toward the future. As we strive to open doors for the Métis citizens of Alberta, it is my hope that this Assembly will continue to reinforce RLI's commitment and to enhance our vision of "a skilled and self-reliant" Métis Nation.

RLI Governance

Since our last annual report to the community, the RLI Board has spent considerable time developing the foundations of RLI governance and the Métis Education Foundation. It is important that we build a solid foundation for RLI to ensure a lasting legacy. To do this, the RLI Board of Governors (the Board) formed three in-house standing committees under which all governance activities have taken place. The three standing committees are:

1. RLI Governance Committee;
2. RLI Human Resources Committee; and
3. RLI Finance and Audit Committee.



While some of the work produced by the Governance Committee remains outstanding or needs Board approval, the Committee has managed to complete its work on a new (revised) set of Articles of Association, initially incorporated in July 2010. The Articles of Association are the bylaws of RLI. The Governance Committee worked closely with staff and legal counsel at Miller Thomson to complete the revised Articles, and is waiting to present the Articles to the MNA Provincial Council for review and approval on July 25, 2014. If approved, RLI will register the revised Articles with Alberta Corporate Registry and they will be in effect at that time.

In addition to the Articles, the Governance Committee completed the *RLI Board Policies and Procedures* manual which outlines Board operational policies, Board-CEO relationship policies and CEO limitations policies. The manual is based on policy governance for RLI, as opposed to administrative governance, which is the general policy application in most Aboriginal communities. Policy governance separates and truly sets the Board apart from administrative duty, and in this case allows the Board to do its work through one staff—the CEO. To our knowledge, RLI is the first in the Métis Nation to implement policy governance, and I must say I am proud of that accomplishment.

The final piece of work completed by RLI is not necessarily under RLI governance but rather, Métis Education Foundation (MEF) governance where RLI is the facilitator of logistics and actions taken by the MEF Board. The MEF Board (which is the MNA Executive) and its legal counsel reviewed the outdated bylaws of the MEF and revised them to bring a more contemporary language and 2014 circumstance to the bylaws in light of recent activities regarding Métis endowments. At the time of writing, the revised bylaws are close to completion and will be presented to the MNA Provincial Council on July 25th as well.

RLI Operations

Most of you will know that the MNA, through the former LMD and now RLI, has been conducting its work on employment and training for the past eighteen years. As such, you are quite familiar with the program offerings that are available at Métis Training to Employment (MTE). I urge each of you to read the *RLI Annual Report* to the community which is available at the information booths of this Assembly. I want to say, however, that RLI has received a ‘flying colors’ report once again from Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) formerly known as HRSDC. The government report is known as the Mid-Year Dialogue (MYD) and is conducted by department officials through year-end financial and activity monitors, and ESDC on-site to examine RLI records over the past year. By and large, the officials review the client applications process and the financial recording of client supports, as well as administrative details and expenditures, right down to a five dollar transaction.

The MYD also reviews the results achieved and reported by RLI in our annual report to the community and compares them to activities and targets set in our Annual Operational Plan for the

fiscal year. ESDC officials also conduct an assessment of how they feel RLI has met the goals and objectives stated in the planning documents and how well RLI is responding to the community. These perspectives then become the Mid-Year Dialogue report. Some of the comments in ESDC's conclusions this past year are that "RLI is a high functioning ASET Agreement Holder that actively pursues an open communication policy with ESDC" and that RLI has been "very diligent in adhering to the spirit as well as the letter of the ASETS agreement."

Métis Training to Employment Results 2013-14

MTE – Program Results

April 1 2013 – March 31 2014	Northwest	Northeast	Central	South	RLI Totals
Clients Served under Action Plans	128	141	290	159	718
<i>*some Action Plans have more than one intervention below:</i>					
Clients with Funded Interventions	92	130	266	135	623
Clients without Funded Interventions	40	12	25	31	108
Total Funded and Non-funded Clients	132	142	291	166	731
Clients Employed who were EI eligible (EI)	39	50	99	71	259
Clients Employed who were not EI eligible (CRF)	74	78	149	98	399
Total Clients Employed	113	128	248	169	658
Clients who Returned to School	29	15	38	14	96
Total Employed and Returned to School					754

Online Application for RLI Clients

RLI is currently developing an online application system for Métis students who are in post-secondary programs and are requesting financial support for their final year of college or university.

At least thirty percent of annual MTE clients fit this category and we are potentially in a position where this new system will streamline the application process for RLI funding.

The clients will be able to complete their funding request by home computer. They simply photograph the required back-up documentation and converse with an employment counselor by e-mail at their convenience without ever having to approach a Métis employment center.

A focus group of RLI staff is working directly with a Métis software programmer (Big River Consulting) to develop the online application system which will be tested with clients in May 2014, and is expected to be available for province-wide access later this summer. RLI will work out the 'kinks' and will move to patent this system once it is successfully underway. There is potential for this initiative to become another social enterprise for RLI much like the KETO Data System.

Métis Education Foundation

Most of you are aware that the MEF has eleven post-secondary endowment partners totalling 14.5 million dollars in value and that RLI has contributed fifty percent or \$7.5 million dollars of this money. Since the MEF does not have the independent funding to manage its own affairs, it is currently being administered by RLI through various Memoranda of Understanding with post-secondary institutions where the endowments are registered.

From this, Métis Scholar Awards are disbursed between September and April of the academic school year at eleven institutions across the province. The Scholar Awards are crucial as they promote the attendance of Métis students pursuing full-time study and they place students in a financial position to stay in school and to complete college/university designations. By doing this, we bridge the education gap until Métis students reach their final year of schooling. At this point, students can approach RLI's MTE program for a final year of funding. Between the MEF Métis Scholar Awards and RLI Métis Training to Employment, the two sources of funding significantly reduce the cost of education and relieve the financial burden on Métis students. Students do not have to pay back these awards.

Below is an overview of the endowments showing the total dollar value and the number of awards given to students in the 2013-2014 school year:

Overview of 2013/14

Post-Secondary Institution	Awards Given	Total Value
Athabasca University	4	10,000
Grande Prairie Regional College	3	4,500
Lethbridge College	3	3,000
MacEwan University	32	84,000
Mount Royal University	5	21,500

NAIT	24	64,300
Norquest College	4	12,000
Portage College	5	7,500
University of Alberta	10	85,000
University of Calgary*	4	37,500
University of Lethbridge	10	37,000
Total	104	366,300

**At the time of writing, the University of Calgary was still in the process of selecting its Métis Scholar Award recipients for this academic year and so we took the liberty of averaging the past three years to arrive at the number in the table above.*

RLI continues to looking at expanding MEF's vision of establishing endowments across the province, and at the same time, is addressing the need for a financial and administrative review of the endowments before it moves forward with either supplementing or creating new endowments. The reviews are being conducted through the services of Fundraising Solutions Ltd. and so far, all eleven endowment partners have been approached for their participation. A final report is due on July 31, 2014.

The financial and operational reviews are looking at the following objectives:

1. To receive, compile and analyze financial data to determine true financial performance.
2. Develop a standard financial template for all our endowment partners;
3. To receive, compile and analyze operational data to determine true operational performance;
4. To create a comparative framework template for the Métis Education Foundation; and
5. To provide key financial and operational recommendations for continuous improvement for all eleven endowment partners.

Research and Alberta Government Engagement

Under the Research, Policy and Strategic Partnerships division of RLI, we are working closely with the Research Director at the Rupertsland Centre for Métis Research (RCMR) to conduct MTE related program research and/or study the impact of events affecting the labour market and ultimately the Métis client. Three major research projects were requested by RLI for completion at the RCMR in the past fiscal as well as other activities as outlined below:

1. Social Sciences & Human Resource Council of Canada(SSHRCC) Grant

Early in the reporting period, the RCMR and RLI were approved as co-applicants to write a synthesis research paper on Métis education, employment and training. The paper, *Painting a Picture of the Métis Homeland: Synthesizing Knowledge about Métis Education, Employment and Training – A Snapshot*, was selected by SSHRSS to be presented at a workshop in Ottawa. The presentation by Dr. Chris Anderson and Dr. Yvonne Poitras Pratt is on the SSHRCC website.

2. Labour Market Self-Sufficiency

Client self-sufficiency has been a goal of RLI for many years now. Although RLI asks clients for their employment results following an intervention, we have not determined whether clients achieve self-sufficiency in the labour market over the long term. The contract for this research has been signed with the RCMR and the research is underway.

3. Sudden Labour Market Displacement

This study seeks advice on the best program response to unanticipated labour market changes, such as the fire in Slave Lake and the recent flood in Calgary. The contract for this study was signed with the RCMR and is underway.

4. Bridging the Aboriginal Education Gap in Alberta

This document has gone to print and the RCMR has conducted a press release. It is expected that the document will be distributed widely.

5. Labour Market Information

A report compiling the latest LMI was prepared to facilitate MTES planning activities. A copy of the final document produced in collaboration with regional MTES managers is available.

6. Academy for Métis Learning

At present, the Research, Policy and Strategic Partnerships division is developing a RLI paper on K-12 education. The paper will include a number of initiatives and policy drives that the RLI BOG may wish to consider as part of the RLI education mandate.

Engagement with Alberta Government

1. Aboriginal Workforce Strategy (AWS) – work on the AWS continues and remains unabated, although progress is measured on a glacial scale. The Government of Alberta (GOA) has been working on developing the AWS since 1999 when it first mentioned the need to strengthen links with the Aboriginal community and announced its ground-breaking and largely forgotten policy document *Strengthening Relations*. Following a number of policy failures and in response to the MLA Committee's *Connecting the Dots*, the GOA agreed in 2010 that the AWS was a priority and that it expected a renewed AWS would be launched in April 2014. To date, we have learned in the latest GOA highlights report that the launch date is now set for April 2015. Albeit, the GOA has not conducted a meeting with the Steering Committee since January of this year.
2. Given that there is no progress on the development of the AWS, and that RLI and other Aboriginal representatives questioned the ownership of the strategy, the GOA officials

invited Aboriginal representation to participate in a meeting to clarify this issue in February 2014. The meeting concluded with an agreed two-day summit to set a new approach and direction for the AWS. However, the two-day summit never took place because the GOA cancelled the meeting.

3. *Connecting the Dots* Highlights Report – in early November 2013, the GOA released its progress report on the nine priorities that it committed to work on as part of its response to *Connecting the Dots*. The document is not only notable for what it contains, but for what it leaves unstated, or implied—that the GOA priority is to work with First Nations and, to a much smaller degree, with the Métis Settlement Métis. The off-Settlement Métis (94% of the Métis population) do not appear to be a priority at all.
4. GOA Policy Concerns to RLI – the GOA through Alberta Aboriginal Relations has developed a number of initiatives that individually can be seen as a concern to RLI, but as a whole, can be detrimental to the RLI mandate. Below are three examples of provincial government initiatives of concern:
 - A GOA funded initiative to create two ***Aboriginal Construction Career Centres*** in Edmonton and Calgary. Led by Norquest College, this initiative represents a duplication of the Aboriginal labour market development mandate of ASETS agreements and represents a contradiction of the second GOA Strategic Priority goal “to reduce duplication.” Some aboriginal groups, such as Oteenow in Edmonton (Treaty 6 and 8) and Community Futures (Treaty 7) in Calgary have refused to participate in the program or to provide letters of support.
 - The ***Northeast Alberta Apprenticeship Initiative*** designed to improve Aboriginal access to apprenticeship is a collaborative GOA effort with the Tribal Chiefs Employment and Training Services Association (TCETSA) in St Paul. While this is a First Nations initiative, the GOA and the tribal association agreed that it will serve Métis people largely in Region 2 area of the MNA.
 - ***Aboriginal Workforce Strategy***. The GOA carried forward \$10 million in unspent federal (LMA) funding from the preceding fiscal year under its Labour Market agreement with the federal government (scheduled to sunset in March 2014). It is surprising that rather than investing this money in Aboriginal programming like the AWS, the GOA chose instead to spend the \$10 million on hiring a significant number of temporary workers.

Going Forward 2015 Onward

This will be my last report to the Assembly under the ASETS framework which will end on March 31, 2015, unless it is extended by ESDC. At this point, there is no firm commitment from the federal government on the next round of Aboriginal labour market programming. Our team under



the Métis National Council (where RLI is represented) remains at the forefront of the renewal exercises from today onward. RLI anticipates that ESDC will begin a much wider engagement with the Aboriginal community in the next few months and that funding distribution will form a huge part of that exercise. At this point in time, we have no reason to believe that the program will not continue.

This concludes my report to the Assembly for the period ending March 31, 2014. If you have any questions please feel free to approach me during our gathering or call me at your convenience to discuss any concerns that you may have.

Best Wishes.

Karen Collins (KC)
Minister of Education, Training and Research

Ministry of Environment and Water



Tansi Members of the Métis Nation!

I would like to thank you all for coming to this year's assembly; it is always a pleasure to see old friends and meet new people! Thank you to the hosts, our members of Region 3 for all your hard work and efforts in preparing such a wonderful event this year!

Region 2 has been involved in a succession of projects at various stages over the past year where there continues to be a need for commercial developers to engage with us so that we may properly represent the concerns and perspectives of the Métis. We have made a continuous commitment and effort to capture investors in our joint venture with Major Projects Group, and anticipate its growth and success in the near future. We have been actively involved with some major companies where we continue our work on ensuring that traditional land use studies align with the Region's long-term goals. I hope to see more of our members becoming engaged with the Region in the coming months ahead; we need to hear your voice and welcome your participation in all our endeavours.

I have participated as a Métis representative on multiple stakeholder groups through the environmental portfolio and regional level while assisting the MNA and Region 2 to move forward on its own priorities simultaneously. Basically, I have been increasing our network for engagement and consultation opportunities to get our interests and concerns to the various tables. The Government of Canada and industry partners need to commit to meaningful and sustained engagement across the province, with training for long term employment and business opportunities from the planning to completion of commercial and industrial project developments.

A big part of dialogue has been on a Métis Consultation Policy that is both federally and provincially recognized. We need to engage with all levels of government to ensure that Métis engagement, accommodation and consultation processes are accountable, respectful and appropriate prior to the implementation of any legislation, policies, and regulations that may impact Aboriginal rights. Traditional land use and research studies are prioritized and recognized as part of the western science environmental assessment process.

The absence of human and financial resources to build capacity certainly disables the ability to address regional community issues on the local front and on a broader scale when industrial activities result in environmental impacts. I think other like-minded people would agree that we need to see a higher level of safety and operational integrity across industry in integrity management, third-party damage avoidance and detection, leak detection, incident response capacity, worker and contractor occupational safety, public safety and environmental protection. We want to be informed of internal investigations and the results – new practices, mechanisms and processes to improve the safety and reliability of existing operational deficiencies.

Regions across the province are negotiating with the private sector regarding resource development projects, and have been quite successful in attaining agreements that are beneficial to the Métis workforce and communities. While pursuing economic opportunities and plans for long term sustainability, environmental protection and conservation of natural resources remain as high priorities.



Much of my work over this past year has been meeting with government officials and their teams to include a Métis perspective on matters relating to policy regimes in sustainable resource development, while also stressing that the Métis Regions, including their community Locals, want a role in assessing and managing environmental safety of projects. Subsequent policy and regulations resulting from the massive overhaul of the province's regulatory and sustainable resource development departments will affect

All in all, the governments have been making an effort to organize meetings in centralized areas within the province. When they wanted to announce the upcoming regulatory changes, we did our best to accommodate and attend those sessions even though most of the sessions took place before decisions were completed. When the federal-provincial consultations teams determined the most directly affected by the Athabasca oil sands development, for example, there was a need to speak about the rapid developments in the Cold Lake and Peace River regions and their Métis members that are expecting timely engagement.

The MNA is not always represented through municipalities even though this is the avenue for Albertans in general. A countless number of Métis are a part of other rural communities or cities, so it has been imperative that we pronounce our presence to include those members outside the defined boundaries.

If government expects to capture true input based upon interests and ideas of grassroots people when they organize community sessions/open houses/workshops, then the presentation of their cause and corresponding material should be translated to reflect intelligible every day common language so it is readily understood. The likelihood that some of these provincial undertakings is really clear to the people most affected by, are questionable, as is our influence when we engage at a political level.

The following list encompasses organizations, sessions and initiatives which I have been involved with over the past three years. My role varies from a community representative, Board, or a Committee member. Rather than laying out a complete description of what each role entails or what has evolved in this report, please visit my Environment and Water booth at the AGA assembly meeting room at your leisure for updates and relevant material.

Alberta Energy & Sustainable Resource Development Initiatives:

- Water Conversations
- Draft Water Conservation Policy for Upstream Oil and Gas Operations
- REDA (Responsible Energy Development Act)
- Environmental World Class Monitoring System
- Joint Canada-Alberta Implementation Plan for Oil Sand Monitoring
- LS-ALP Caribou Advisory Group

National Involvement:

- Land Matters Group – National Energy Board, Métis Nation Council Environment Portfolio

Regional Participation:

- Lakeland Industry & Community Association:

- Airshed Monitoring Committee
- Beaver River Watershed Alliance
- North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance
- Community Advisory Board – Enbridge Northern Gateway Project
- North Saskatchewan Regional Plan

Please feel free to send me an email with your inquiries or your information requests, I will gladly accommodate!

Shirley Benson,
Minister of Environment and Water



Ministry of Health and Wellness



It is with great pleasure that I present to you the report on the Ministry of Health and Wellness for 2013-2014.

Predicated on the principles of fairness, equality and inclusiveness, the mission of the Ministry of Health and Wellness is to provide culturally appropriate, self-directed health and wellness opportunities to address the mental, physical, emotional and social requirements of Métis

individuals, families and communities. To this end, we have worked diligently over the past year on three strategic priorities- namely, programs and services; health research, data-collection and analysis; and community and stakeholder engagement.

Programs and Service Delivery for Métis Albertans

The Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) is recognized nationally for its pioneering spirit, ingenuity and creativity in the design and delivery of services for Métis people. I am delighted to report that we are continuing to embrace this spirit in the development of viable options to meaningfully participate in the design and delivery of healthcare programs, policies and services specific to Métis needs. Last year I reported that the MNA had solicited engagement in the Government of Alberta's Family Care Clinic priority. Our proposal included the vision of a 'medical home' as a place where our citizens are supported by an integrated team of physicians, nurses, and social support personnel to ensure all health and social needs are addressed in a unified approach. Our unique approach to well-being was successful, and we were advised by Alberta Health in November that we were selected formally to move forward with the business planning phase. We will continue to work through this process and anticipate the opening of the first Métis Family Health Clinic in Canada in 2015.

Health Research, Data Collection and Analysis

The MNA continues to work with Alberta Health to develop Métis-specific health research relative to chronic diseases. On November 15, 2013, the MNA released the report *Health Status of the Métis Population of Alberta*. Our report provided new data in the Province of Alberta relative to the information on health status and health service use. In terms of overall health, our records indicate:

- Métis are 1.6 times more likely to visit an emergency department than the non-Aboriginal population;
- Injury was the most common reason, accounting for one in five visits;
- Better overall health in Métis compared to First Nations, but slightly worse than non-Aboriginal Albertans;

- Compared to non-Aboriginals, thirteen of eighteen disease categories examined were more commonly diagnosed in the Métis population;
- Compared to First Nations, the disease burden for Métis was lower for almost all of the eighteen disease categories, with the exception of cancer, circulatory diseases and endocrine diseases;
- Métis exhibit a higher prevalence of diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, respiratory disease and stroke compared to non-Aboriginal Albertans, and higher prevalence of hypertension, heart disease and cancer compared to First Nations; and
- There are higher rates of morbidity related to alcohol and drug abuse, mood disorders and neurotic disorders when compared to non-Aboriginals.

The generation of the report is a milestone for health research in Alberta as it is the first report relying solely on objectively verifiable Métis health data. The report was circulated nationally, and since its release an influx of requests for subsequent work with various academic institutions have been received. The MNA is currently developing and refining a process to ensure the prioritization of research opportunities as they pertain to health.

In addition to the aforementioned report, it was anticipated that the MNA would release reports relative to the incidence and prevalence of Cancer and COPD in the Métis population of Alberta. The MNA is pleased to report that data collection regarding the prevalence and incidence of cancer has progressed as planned and data detailing the incidence and prevalence of COPD has been complete. It is anticipated the reports will be circulated for input in early 2014.

The MNA has also expanded human resource capacity in this area with the staffing of a Health and Wellness Manager in December 2013. The Health and Wellness Manager will be supporting the tenants of the program by assisting in the review of current funding agreements within the department, reviewing both provincial and federal policies relative to health and well-being, and identifying and actively pursuing other areas of funding and partnerships.

Partnerships

The MNA's desire to learn more about the health of our citizens and develop relevant programs to address disparities served as the catalyst for the formal relationship between the MNA and Alberta Health in 2010. The Information Sharing Agreement signed in 2010 between the MNA and Alberta Health has been the governing document that has supported the development of new data and information relative to health—particularly the incidence and prevalence of chronic disease. The MNA was able to utilize this data to inform evidenced-based solutions through the vision and development of a Métis governed and operated Family Care Clinic. I am very pleased to report the Information Sharing Agreement was renewed in 2013. Along this path, the MNA has worked to further inform policies relative to the needs of Métis Albertans. In September 2013, the MNA worked to refine its strategy relative to health and wellness and wrote to Minister Fred Horne of



Alberta Health to request a meeting to discuss the development of a Métis Health Accord. This continues to be a priority for the MNA and we commit continue to work to this goal in 2014-2015.

Community Engagement

We remain committed to ensure health and wellness programs incorporate the social and cultural realities of our citizens. As such, the Health and Wellness Advisory Committee was called to come together as an essential component of improving Métis health outcomes throughout Alberta. With membership of representatives from each Region, the committee will provide valuable advice on how to meet the unique health needs of each Region and share what is working well in their communities and where opportunities exist.

Going Forward

This is an important and exciting time for the Ministry. Over the next year, we will continue to work to produce quality services and programs to support the on-going needs of Métis throughout Alberta. We will work to facilitate Métis citizen participation in the development of Health and Wellness programs and work to improve access to Métis health services for the Métis and refine the MNA Métis health research agenda to include opportunities and processes in order to actively participate in the health promotion policy and program environment.

Marlene Lanz,
Minister of Health and Wellness

Ministry of Housing



As the Minister of Housing for the past three years, I have seen many wonderful things come to be that I am very proud of. I'd like to thank and congratulate the staff working under Darlene Lennie's leadership for all of the work that went into the BRAC building, Stan Daniels Centre, Habitat for Housing, etc., as well as taking care of all the properties we have throughout Alberta. As a small property manager, I see the magnitude of these endeavors and understand how much work, time and effort is invested. I'd like to extend a 'thank you' to our Board of Directors and Chair, Wendy Goulet, all of which had to make a great commitment to making

themselves available for meetings and signatories on cheques, as our board has not been filled for the past three years.

It was great to see Mike Holmes and his team again this year. Mike has a great passion for what he does and it shines through his work. His commitment to the residents of the BRAC building, as well as the meaningful friendships he created with them has not gone unnoticed.

I was privileged to attend a housing conference in Edmonton addressing the issue of housing the homeless. During the conference, I was very impressed by the tour on innovative work completed by organizations throughout Edmonton, and was able to learn about new ideas from facilitators across Canada.

Throughout my ministry term I have looked for affordable housing programs in Alberta both included/not included under CMHC. I am interested in co-op housing alternatives and redesigning existing commercial buildings into affordable housing units. Region 5 of the Métis Nation has purchased four lots to build a housing complex; however, a partnership in this initiative would be preferred. Unfortunately, for the rural areas of the province, CMHC is more interested in building housing in urban centers even though there is a great shortage of rental properties in small communities. I continue to look at lending institutions to see what initiatives they might offer. I also keep up with current information on the local rental authorities and what the average rent market is.

CMHC has made a commitment to partner with Aboriginal groups to increase capacity and meet housing needs; therefore, I am always looking for new programs and financial assistance.

As Minister of Housing, I receive many requests concerning housing repair. I have given them information on senior housing initiatives, owning a first home, Homes for Humanity Habitat Initiatives, and more. The downside to these programs is that the amount of money designated to them benefits only a few before the program has depleted their funds. This is very disappointing to people who have hope of getting assistance.

Overall, the position of “Minister of Housing” is equivalent to that of a board of director. I was very disappointed that the opportunities to act in the capacity of Minister of Housing is severely diminished by the fact that I was not recognized as the Minister. In fact, I had a name tag at the grand opening of the BRAC building as ‘Sylvia Johnson, Staff’. Not being recognized as Minister of Housing or privy to government meetings with other Ministers, CMHC meetings or on any other projects was disappointing to say the least. Completing important duties as Minister of Housing on behalf of the people was not possible to achieve. The decision on the future of this portfolio has to be made by the Métis Nation of Alberta Provincial Council.

I would like to thank you for allowing me to submit my report. I wish everyone well at the Assembly, and hope you enjoy yourself while participating in all the workshops and events. Congratulations to Region 3 for putting on the assembly in Stettler. I look forward to seeing you all.

Sylvia Johnson,
Minister of Housing

Ministry of Justice



2014 has been a year with both highs and lows for our Métis Nation. I feel it is important to express that while we would like to see so many things get accomplished much quicker than they actually do, we need to take a breath and a step back and look at all the good that has been done up to this point in our journey.

This year was the 7th and final National Truth and Reconciliation event that was held on March 27-30 in Edmonton at the Shaw Conference Center. This final event was attended by many survivors, Elders, youth, families, and dignitaries. The Métis Nation of Alberta had the honor of being asked to hold a Métis information session with more than 450 youth, teachers and visitors. I had the honor to co-emcee this very important event with RCMP Officer Kim Mueller, explaining the Métis culture and what affect the residential schools has on our people. I was inspired by the words of Angie Crerar, who spoke wisdom to the youth regarding her life journey in residential school.

This year, Remembering the Children Society has been working hard to get the residential school outdoor exhibit done in time for its opening on June 11, 2014 at Fort Normandeau. The Society has been working on many things including “The Blanket Exercise”, which raised awareness between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples. The Society is in full force and I cannot wait to see how far it expands in the coming years.

The Calgary Legal Guidance Clinic that began its pilot in the Métis Nation Region 3 Office has been quite successful. They have had a large number of Métis members contacting their lawyers and participating in the free advice clinics that are held. We have had a minimum of eleven people seek the services of the lawyers in all areas in the short inception of the program. We are also continuing to utilize the Law Program students at the University of Calgary when it comes to letter writing etc. This program is still in its infancy stage and I am hoping that it blossoms into something that helps many more of our Métis people where they need the assistance.

The Métis Judiciary Council has been working to give the best service possible to all of the case files that are put in front of them. This is not always an easy task to do since many issues are sensitive to all parties. The Métis Judiciary Council (MJC) will continue to provide fair services to the Métis Nation of Alberta.

Overall, this was a promising year for the Métis Nation of Alberta, both in court and in the communities. We need to remember that even though the TRC events are over according to the Federal Government, we need to step up what we do and continue help with the healing process any way we can. We need to continue to look at other avenues and programs that we can offer, as well as fighting for our rights as a united Métis Nation, which means never giving up on what we know is ours. We still have a long road ahead of us, and working together we will succeed and persevere in all we hope to accomplish. It's up to all of us to make this Métis Nation a success by finding the justice together.

Joe Pimlott,
Minister of Justice

Ministry of Métis Rights and Registry



As the minister responsible for Métis Rights and the Métis Nation of Alberta Registry, I continue to provide direction and guidance to the Registrar and the staff, who provide exceptional service to all Métis in Alberta. Our Registry is recognized at a federal level as the premier Registry among our counterparts.

A special resolution passed at the MNA Annual Assembly in 2013 redefined members to only those meeting our registry process (*Bylaws of the Métis*

Nation of Alberta Association, Article 4.5), thereby eliminating the old “red and white” membership cards. The bylaws have been updated and filed accordingly.

Last year, I reported on the ten recommendations that came as a result of the evaluation of our Registry. Six of the ten recommendations were addressed by 2013. Of the four remaining recommendations, two more have been addressed. The following two recommendations are still outstanding:

1. That the MNA leadership establishes the roles and responsibilities of the registrar in its bylaws; and
2. That the MNA registry, in cooperation with its leadership, makes the existing membership appeals mechanism more accessible to unsuccessful applicants.

In the upcoming months, I will be working with the Registry and with the Provincial Council to look at ways of ensuring these two outstanding items from the evaluation are addressed and options are identified.

One major ongoing case, *Daniels v. Canada*, will create the potential to impact Métis in federal jurisdictions. The result of the Daniels decision was all Aboriginal peoples in Canada, including Métis and non-status Indians, are included in federal jurisdiction under s. 91(24). It is important to understand that ‘jurisdiction’ does not mean the federal government has control over Métis; it means the federal government has the authority to legislate on Métis issues. The publicity of the Daniel’s case impacted the number of inquiries and applications coming into Registry.

YTD statistical results to March 31	2013	2014
Total number of applications received	30,063	33,400
New applications received	18,276	20,793
Update applications received	11,787	12,607
Number of applications completed	23,429	25,760
Number of applications in progress	633	584
Number of applications incomplete	0	0
Number of applications denied*	6001	6226
Number of Métis ID cards issued	20,249	22,205
* Non-Alberta residents	283	122
Incomplete mailed applications	81	949
No historical link	1,674	1,845
Failed to respond to request for more information	3,539	3,693
On Indian registry	26	27
Returned mail	380	326
Voluntary termination	12	9
Deceased	6	7

Métis Right and Registry – Looking Back on Ten Years

September 2013 marked the ten year anniversary of the historic *R. v. Powley* court ruling. The Supreme Court of Canada confirmed that Métis are a rights-bearing Aboriginal people. Together with this ruling and the national definition of Métis, the MNA moved ahead with improving the already established central registry. In January 2004, the Métis Nation of Alberta Registry became the first stand-alone registry in Canada.

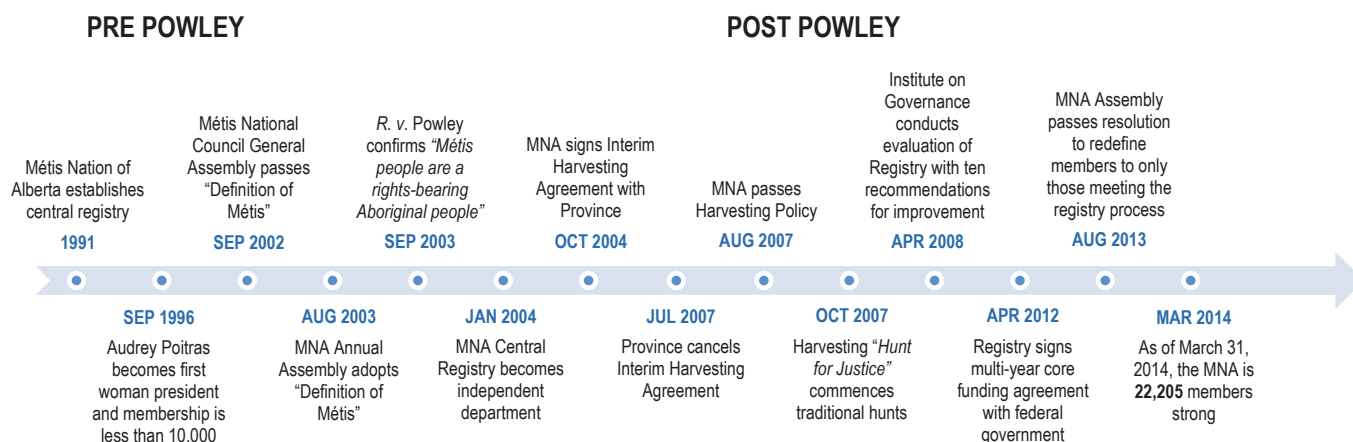
Delegates at the Annual General Assembly held in Edmonton in August 2004 passed the following definition:

“MÉTIS” means a person who self-identifies as a Métis, is distinct from other aboriginal peoples, is of historic Métis Nation ancestry, and is accepted by the Métis Nation.

*Bylaws of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association
Article 3.1*

The work of the Métis Identification Registry was, and continues to be, based upon this definition and the Powley test elements.

In October of 2004, the Métis Nation of Alberta signed an Interim Harvesting Agreement with the Province of Alberta, again, a first in Canada. This agreement stated that members of the Métis Nation of Alberta could hunt, trap or fish on Harvesting Lands for subsistence purposes. However, in July 2007, the Interim Harvesting Agreement was cancelled without consultation with the Métis Nation of Alberta.



Through our comprehensive processes, the Métis Nation of Alberta Registry continues to emphasize an “objectively verifiable” system that has become a best practice for Métis Nation registries throughout Canada.

Cecil Bellrose
Minister of Métis Rights and Registry
President, Region 4

Ministry of Seniors



The Ministry of Seniors has been challenging in the past year, with several events and workshops taking place. Throughout Region 1 and the province, I would like to stress it has been a hard year for many families, as many seniors have passed away.

As in previous years, Region 1, along with our Locals have been hosting workshops through the Alberta Seniors Assistance Program, making our seniors aware of the programs available throughout Alberta. Currently over 434,000 seniors reside in Alberta. (July 2012 stats). There is a net increase of about 1,000 new seniors each month. The following are the programs currently offered:

1. **The Alberta Seniors Benefit Program**, which provides monthly cash benefits to more than 150,000 eligible seniors across the province.
2. **The Special Needs Assistance for Seniors Program**, which provides lump-sum cash payments to eligible seniors to assist with allowable one-time appliances or furniture, and home repairs up to a maximum of \$15,000 in a lifetime.
3. **The Dental and Optical Programs**, which provide dental coverage and assistance with prescription eyeglasses for approximately 210,000 seniors.
4. **Seniors Property Tax Deferral** was introduced in the spring of 2013. It provides eligible senior homeowners with the opportunity to defer all or part of their annual property taxes through a low interest equity loan with the province.

The Seniors Assistant Program and its counterpart with the Federal Government have been extremely helpful in making information available to the seniors in our province, as well as providing support for administration staff with any forms, claims or situations that are voiced from seniors. The Region 1 office has become a hub for seniors to come for information and support with everything from financial help, available programs and daily tasks.

Elder abuse is still one of the most distressing and growing issues that is facing today's seniors. Elder abuse has devastating consequences. It jeopardizes the health and well-being of seniors and has significant implications for the health, social support and justice systems. The first step in addressing elder abuse is prevention. Educating Albertans about how to recognize elder abuse and what to do about it are important first steps to stopping its occurrence. The Government of Alberta, in collaboration with community partners and all Albertans, need to work together to accomplish this.

What's New

Myself, the Minister of Seniors and Tracy Smith, Area Seniors Manager with Alberta Health Services are collaborating a service to assist the Elders in the Lac La Biche Extended Care Facilities with daily feeding. This is a pilot project and we are looking at hiring two suitable candidates by the end of June 2014. We have many seniors in this facility that are Metis and feel that it is our duty as Metis people to take care of our Elders and show them the respect they deserve.

Meg Energy will be providing ten computers to help assist us in training Elders or anyone interested in the basic day to day use and knowledge of computers.

In closing, I cannot stress enough the importance of spending time with our Elders and youth of our communities. The Elders are our knowledge holders and the youth are our future.

Diane Scoville,
Minister of Seniors

Ministry of Veterans



As a Nation, some of our most precious resources are our veterans and seniors. They are the keepers of our stories and history, as well as acting as a bridge between our past and our future. Our veterans put their lives on the line during the biggest conflicts across the world to help make this earth a better place for all.

The Ministry of Veterans' purpose is to provide meaningful and responsive advocacy on behalf of our

veterans.

The Ministry of Veterans will continue to recognize and honour our heroes of the past, present and future. In the past, the Métis veterans have not always been shown the respect and gratitude they so well deserve, and while we can't turn back the clock, the Métis Nation of Alberta will forever strive to give these heroes and heroines in uniform their due recognition for all they have sacrificed. This is why in December 2012, the Métis National Council declared the Decade of the Veterans.

For the upcoming Annual General Assembly for 2014, Access Pipelines, Devon, Clean Harbours and Trans Canada graciously sponsored the Elder's Lounge. This will make the Assembly a meaningful and comfortable time for the veterans. We would like to take this time to thank Access Pipelines, Devon, Clean Harbours and Trans Canada for their generous contributions, as well as for their ongoing relationships with the Ministry of Veterans.

I would also like to take this time to recognize the veteran that we lost this past year, Robert Gouly.

We have also been working with John McDonald to research and recognize other veterans who did not receive the Diamond Jubilee Medal. We feel that this important recognition should be awarded to all Métis veterans, as they all have taken part in the conflicts that have shaped the world as we know it today.

The Métis Veterans Memorial Monument will be unveiled Saturday July 19, 2014 in Batoche, Saskatchewan.

I would to thank each and every partner, company and person who recognize the important roles that veterans have in today's world, as well as appreciation for the sacrifices and selflessness that these individuals have shown. If everyone could take a moment out of their weekend, find a veteran and simply tell them 'thank you', I believe the world would realize the gravity of conflicts and war, and hopefully we will not repeat history and learn from our mistakes.

William Landstrom,
Minister of Veterans



Region Reports

Region 1

The year 2013 was a very busy and challenging year for the Métis Nation of Alberta Region I. With all the new industry moving in there has been a lot of work and development going on.

We held a lot of events this year, including our annual Mooshum and Kookum Appreciation Dinner, as well as our weekly elders' lunches, which were always well received.

During the month of May, I was busy attending graduations in Kikino, Lac La Biche and Fort McMurray.

The year 2013 had a lot of new people dropping in with requests for their Métis card.

Unfortunately, this year our CCAY funding from provincial office was delayed. We had several programs in the office and camp outs in Kikino with which we had a fantastic turn out. We had a summer student working with the Region thanks to Rupertsland partnering with us.

In 2012, we purchased the Regional building back from the Government. We are working with Sodexo again and have many new agreements with different industries. Last year we had a joint venture with Al's Contracting from Lac La Biche. Al is a Métis contractor in Region I. We cleared 16 km of pipeline for Access Pipelines.

August 16-20 of 2012 was very hectic. Our Region hosted the 84th Annual General Assembly (AGA) in Athabasca. We had one the biggest turnouts in years. The AGA takes a lot of time and volunteering, and without the volunteers I don't think we would be able to pull it together. I would like to take this time to thank everyone who volunteered to make our AGA a very memorable one. Your time was much appreciated.

The Region also had the chance to participate in the Shell intervention. I have learned a great deal about the regulatory process with industry. I learned that we have greater power by numbers when we work together to oppose the oil industries.

Throughout the year 2013 we have been engaging and building relationships with our industry partners. Although this process is complicated, we are working towards having open and strong relationships with all industry that operate within Region I. This strategic plan will ensure that each Local and its Region will have clear direction and process to follow. We have been pursuing funding opportunities for this.

The Strategic Planning Session and Region I need all of the Locals to participate in order for the Session to be successful. This is one of the most important goals we had set for early 2013.

Last year as Minister of Veterans I received funding for the veterans, which allowed me to arrange rooms in the veterans and elders lounge. This year I obtained sponsors for the veterans. I would like to take this time to thank and acknowledge all sponsors for their generous donations:

Access Pipeline
Devon
Trans Canada
Clean Harbours

We always make sure our veterans are treated with the respect that they truly deserve.

William Landstrom,
Region I President

Zone 2

Greetings!

It does not seem like a full year has passed since Zone II hosted you all for the 2013 Annual General Meeting! The Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) and all Regional operations continue to advance forward with initiatives growing, developing and coming to fruition. There remains a great amount of work to be done on an ongoing basis.



The court decisions and cases before the courts require planning and pursuing in order for the rights-based agenda for the Métis to be advanced. This recognition for Métis will require our approach to be strategic to ensure the collective rights are protected and enhanced for future generations. Therefore, it becomes crucial for our citizenship and identification

of Métis in Alberta to become a priority area for the next while. We must encourage and do what we can to bring in the Métis to renew and apply for identification numbers.

Going forward, the MNA must ensure that a Métis Consultation Policy is developed with the Government of Alberta as there continues to be development initiatives in all areas of this province. We must participate and have input in the process. This will enable Métis to be at the table with a recognized rights-based approach and have meaningful input to the oil and gas development, power transmission initiatives and economic participation and benefits. These discussions with the Alberta government are in the near future. We have an opportunity to help the process understand how we as Métis would want to be consulted.

Indeed, the Zone II areas, as well as other Regions, have embarked on the North Saskatchewan Regional Plan (NSRP). This land use planning process is looking decades into the future. These are the processes that we must be involved in as they are what our future generations will be living with. Where we can, we should make an effort to have our youth involved so they too can help shape their future with respect to the land use planning in our province. I encourage active participation of all Métis affected by the





NSRP. We must be mindful that the NSRP is the third plan and we know that the balance of the plans for the remainder of the province will be worked on in the next few years.

In Zone II we continue to interact and build relationships with industry proponents, service providers and governments. Where applicable, we ensure that traditional use studies are completed, site visits occur and ongoing updates with the project's development take place. In many instances, community work plans/good neighbour agreements are put in place to ensure the capabilities for ongoing dialogue. These agreements allow for some capacity funding, community initiatives, ongoing engagement and, at times, some funding for scholarship/bursary contributions for youth and students. The approach varies with each proponent; however, over the years of nurturing relationships, the understanding and negotiations become easier.

Zone II accepts invitations to make cultural and historic presentations at schools and we attempt to ensure that the information provided is consistent with the grade's curriculum and current studies. In other instances, the updates and press releases on the court decisions are helpful tools for our membership and other interested parties. With technology, social media and word of mouth, the information is circulated widely. We encourage our membership to contact the Regional office to ensure we have up-to-date contact information as we do send emails, make phone calls to advise and update about upcoming events and activities. Mass mail-outs are not always the best method as many mailing addresses are not current and mail gets returned.



We did apply for and hosted a very short CCAY project. As many are aware, the timing for approval and funding flow do not allow for successful projects. A youth program for three months mid-winter does not work for planning and implementing activities for youth. The last few years of CCAY projects have been of inconsistent timing, do not operate during summer months when youth are out of school and can participate, and leave very little time to find the "right" person to fill the positions. In a Region where the pay rates are very competitive with oil and gas industry it is difficult to retain staff, especially if you can only offer a three-month position. It is

key to have youth involvement in our operations. When we can offer programming for our Métis youth at a younger age they tend to be more involved as they grow older. We have the responsibility to pass on all knowledge to the next generations for



the future of our Métis Nation. We should develop a strategy for engaging our youth as the demographics reflect a young population, so they must be involved.

Our business mixers continue to be successful and bring Métis entrepreneurs, contractors and individuals together to mingle, exchange contact information and even hand out resumes.

The Zone II MNA-MPG Joint Venture is proceeding at a rapid pace. The consortium of businesses continues to grow with numerous partners at various levels of our stage gate process. We are transcending borders, as business does, and are in discussions with a number of proponents with their many development projects. The prequalification process varies with proponents and we are navigating the paths for each. We have learned that you don't just sign up and you receive a Request for Quote. A very successful mixer was held which focused on the JV bringing an update and presentation to the community. We invited our partners, at that time, to set up information booths so the partners could meet each other and more importantly, the community could meet the partners. Our intention is to periodically provide this forum for updating the community and show our progress. We encourage and invite Métis entrepreneurs to contact our Regional office in order for your participation in this exciting venture. We want to promote your company, your capabilities and your expertise. There is also opportunity for individuals to promote your skills and abilities. Do get in touch!

Last year there were three recipients for the Andy Collins Bursary! This is offered through the Zone II Regional Council which is currently accepting applications. The funds raised for this bursary are from the Andy Collins Golf Tournament hosted annually. This year the tournament will be held on Thursday, August 14 at the Grand Centre Golf and Country Club. For those who have attended in the past, it is at the same golf course as the last few years. It is a fun-filled day of laughter, great golf, good food and visits with friends. Should you be interested in joining us this year, please contact our Regional office and we will forward the necessary information.





Notice of Polling Places - Advance Polls

AUGUST 23, 2014 (9:00am - 8:00pm)

REGION 1

1-1A	Lac La Biche	McArthur Place
1-3A	Fort McMurray	Nistawoyou Friendship Centre 8310 Manning Ave

REGION 2

2-1A	Bonnyville	St. Louis Parish Hall
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REGION 3

3-1A	Calgary	Executive Royal Hotel 2828 - 23 Street NE
3.3A	Red Deer	Sheraton Hotel 3310 - 50 Avenue
3.5A	Medicine Hat	Miywasin Centre 517 - 3rd Street SE

REGION 4

4-1A	Edmonton North	Chateau Nova 159 Airport Road
4-2A	Edmonton West	Continental Inn 16625 Stony Plain Road

REGION 5

5-1A	Slave Lake	Travelodge Northwest Inn 801 Main Street
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REGION 6

6-1A	Grande Prairie	Métis Local 1990 #320 9804-100 Ave
6-2A	Peace River	Peace Valley Inns 9609 - 101 Street





Notice of Polling Places - General Election Election Day

SEPTEMBER 2, 2014 (8:00am - 8:00pm)

REGION 1

1-1	Lac La Biche	McArthur Place
1-2	Lac La Biche	McArthur Place
1-3	Fort McMurray	Nistawayou Friendship Centre
1-4	Fort Chipewyan	Municipality of Wood Buffalo (Boardroom)
1-5	Conklin	Community Hall
1-6	Athabasca	Friendship Centre
1-7	Buffalo Lake	Seniors Centre

REGION 2

2-1	Bonnyville	St. Louis Parish Hall
2-2	Cold Lake	Friendship Centre 5015 - 55 Street
2-3	Lloydminster	Friendship Centre 4602 - 49 Avenue
2-4	St. Paul	Mannawanis Native Friendship Centre 4901 - 50 Street
2-5	Elk Point	Senior Rec Centre

REGION 3

3-1	Calgary	Executive Royal Hotel 2828 - 23 Street NE Glenmore Inn 2720 Glenmore Trail SE
3-2	Calgary	
3-3	Red Deer	Sheraton Hotel 3310 - 50 Avenue
3-4	Lethbridge	Holiday Inn 2375 Mayor Magrath Drive S
3-5	Medicine Hat	Miywasin Centre
3-6	Rocky Mountain House	Friendship Centre
3-7	Stettler	Recreation Centre
3-8	Pincher Creek	Lions Den

REGION 4

4-1	Edmonton North	Chateau Nova
4-2	Edmonton West	Continental Inn
4-3	Edmonton South	Sawridge Inn
4-4	Sherwood Park	St. Thomas Anglican Church Community Centre
4-5	Hinton	Friendship Centre
4-6	Edson	Westwood Inn
4-7	Drayton Valley	Lakeview Inn
4-8	Whitecourt	Recreation Centre
4-9	Gunn	St. Albert Inn
4-10	St. Albert	Super 8
4-11	Wetaskiwin	Best Western
4-12	Stony Plain	Spruce Grove Legion 215 McLeod Avenue
4-13	Spruce Grove	

REGION 5

5-1	Slave Lake	Travelodge (Northwest Inn)
5-2	High Prairie	Friendship Centre
5-3	Faust	Royal Purple Hall
5-4	Wabasca	M.D. Community Hall

REGION 6

6-1	Grande Prairie	Métis Local 1990
6-2	Peace River	Peace Valley Inns
6-3	Fort Vermilion	Community Complex
6-4	Valleyview	Métis Local 1929
6-5	Fairview	Fine Arts Centre
6-6	Grimshaw	Pomeroy Inn
6-7	High Level	Quality Inn



National Aboriginal Day was celebrated with the activities at Métis Crossing. After the rain subsided on Saturday there was awesome entertainment with an exhibition of good ol' square dancing and Red River jigging. There were plenty of individual entertainers with Party Crowd as the house band! Delicious food was readily available with a dry spot to sit and eat. Sunday's weather allowed the rodeo events to proceed, but they did not on Saturday for safety reasons. Thank you to the Buffalo Lake Local for their time and energy in hosting this event.



Regional Council has set the date of Saturday, October 18, 2014 for the Zone II Regional Council Annual General Meeting and will be held in Bonnyville, Alberta (venue yet to be confirmed). The audits are near completion and will be presented. This meeting will also be the time for renewing membership for all Boards and Committees, and such for selecting Zone II representatives. I encourage membership in our Region to attend, participate and receive reports on activities and finances. At this time, I take the opportunity to thank all of the members who have graciously, professionally and with integrity represented Zone II Regional Council in their respective positions. Your participation is appreciated. Hiy Hiy.

The responsibilities of the leadership at the provincial level regarding our respective portfolios are reported on in other portions of the Métis Nation of Alberta Annual Report. You will read that there is much work at various levels that the elected officials perform through our portfolios. In many instances, there is minimal funding to support capacity required to ensure that the Métis Nation has the ability in ensuring full engagement and participation. It has been a struggle to ensure that the spirit and intent of the Framework Agreement with the province is utilized to the fullest. There is still work to be done with the Government of Alberta with respect to the Métis population in this great province. Leadership races in both governments will be in place by fall and it will be time to roll up the sleeves and work on both the harvesting issue and a Consultation Policy to start.



We recognize that there are always ways to improve. Regional Council anxiously awaits the process in place at the provincial level for review and approval of an updated policy and procedures manual. This document will provide a tool for Regional councils to adopt policy pertinent to their operations

and have a more consistent operations manual for each. This will be a welcomed tool and ensure there are guidelines in place. Growth at the Regional Council table is also invited. We encourage communities to begin the process of registering a Métis Local. A Local in your area can be advantageous for being at the Métis regional governance decision table and will allow for proponents and governments to engage with your community. There is a manual with information available that will guide the process for registering and getting the acceptance by the Métis Nation of Alberta to recognize the registered Local. The mechanisms are in place for active participation and valuable input toward the future and growth of the Métis Nation.

Should anyone have any specific questions, please feel free to approach any of us and we will attempt to answer your query.

On behalf of the Zone II Regional Council; Melvin Ward, Bonnyville Local; Shelly Wieringa, Lloydminster Local; Shirley Benson, Vice President; and myself, we wish you a very safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to working for a larger membership in our exciting future!

God Bless.

Karen (KC) Collins,
Zone II President



Region 3

Developing Partnerships and Economic Growth

Entrepreneurial Leadership Award 15th Annual Entrepreneurial Awards April 17, 2013 Recipients List:

Entrepreneurial Leadership Award

- Métis Nation of AB Region III
 - Rob Joseph – Wandering Buffalo Tours Inc.
 - Debra Fleck - Epiphany Chocolate

In Recognition of Your Success in the Corporate World

- Lori Pritchard

In Recognition of Your Success and Contribution to the Métis Business Community

- Dorothy Hourie – Custom Clothing and Alterations
- Dorothy Walker – Recording Artist

In Recognition of your Contribution and Support to the Métis Community

- Four Directions Foster Parent Association

In Recognition of your Support and Service to the Métis Community

- Trades Winds to Success

Humanitarian Award

- Mathew Kinderwater- ICUBE DEVELOPMENT

Updates

Mixers

The monthly business and professional mixers are going well with thirty to sixty people attending each one. They are also helpful to our starting entrepreneurs as they get to talk to the more experienced business people. We also picked up some new sponsors this year.

Youth - Empowering our Youth Through Mentoring and Culture

This program changed this year under the CCAY funding. As a result, the two youth programs have been combined.

- The youth group has anywhere from eight to eighteen youth who attend group mentoring meetings once a week. They have role models and resource people come to speak to them about career choices, what it takes to get into certain careers, and life skill type workshops.
- We had some of our seniors and entrepreneurs come to the youth group to share the culture and knowledge.
- Many field trips were taken in the summer months, such as the zoo and Heritage Days. The youth also volunteered at many events: they went to Big Valley for the Métis Rendezvous, learned to make capotes, took part in making breakfast, and ran the concession.

Dancers

- Region III supported the Calgary Métis Cultural Dancers who performed at open houses, Métis Week flag raising, social functions and have also traveled throughout the Region to perform at Big Valley, Lethbridge, Rocky Mountain House, the Stampede and other parades. The youth attended and competed in the Back to Batoche Celebration, with some of the jiggers placing first, second and third.

Marketing Métis Region III People, Business and Culture to the General Public

- We continue to send out our 'Who Are The Métis' brochures to all municipalities, town and city offices, friendship centres and career centres, agencies and public businesses.
- The Métis Local put on the Hills Are Alive Culture Celebration #8 and the Miywasin Society, which is a teaching celebration where you can learn to play fiddle, guitar, bagpipes, banjo, keyboard, learn beading and moccasin making, hand weaving, and drum making. They offer youth programs, jigging, and seniors' events and activities, among others. Strong advocacy for Métis cultural retention continues to be offered in Medicine Hat.
- Pincher Creek annual Red River Cart Picnic was a success. We were also able to go out and view the Red River Cart trails that are still very much in existence, plus participate in their Métis cultural camp.
- Lethbridge Local 2003 held jigging lessons and delivered community cultural awareness and has partnership with Family Ties.

Tourism Development

- Region III now has a 5-year contract for the Buffalo Lake Recreation Area. We hired an excellent manager who continues to exceed all expectations, and we have had many meetings with government and others for improving this recreation area.
- We continue to operate Tail Creek Campground near Stettler for the Métis Nation of Alberta. Many tourists and visitors continue to return for their annual vacations. We were fortunate to receive a grant to do a business plan for Tail Creek.
- The Métis Interpretive Program that started in 2004 at the National Historical Site in Rocky Mountain House was handed over from the Region to Local 845 in 2008. Included in the offer was TP camping at the Riverside campground. There are traditional Métis tents available for groups and families. Proceeds from the campground benefit the Local. Contact Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site for information.
- We refer Elders to speak at schools, etc. Presentations continue to be done by Marlene and Joe as well as Elders Faye Beazley and Doreen Bergum at Local presentations at colleges and Local events throughout the Region.

Housing

- We also participate in the Aboriginal Standing Committee on Housing and Homelessness in Calgary. Joe Pimlott sits on the Committee.

Veterans and Seniors

- We have bi-weekly seniors' lunches where we have from twenty-five to fifty seniors come out to the Regional office to enjoy a home cooked meal, friendship and fellowship.
- Métis Veteran Bob Gray is a dedicated and strong advocate for the Métis Veterans and can be seen delivering food and other essentials to the veterans.
- Bi-weekly seniors' cribbage tournament in partnership with MCFS. They are held at the Native Network (Ephram Bouvier) building

Transfer and Preserve Métis Elder Knowledge and Wisdom to Current and Future Generations

- The Youth Mentoring Program utilizes Elders and other people of knowledge.
- We had the Elders come to our youth group to share their knowledge and cultural teaching.
- We had taped some Elders' stories which we now have the CDs of in our office for sale for those who want them.
- We have Michif language tapes and materials for all to use in our library.
- We have sashes and other Métis resources for sale in our office.

Yearly Activities

- We have many volunteers including Elders, seniors and business people who support our events and activities and we appreciate everyone's dedication within the Region.
- We receive and respond to numerous phone calls throughout the day, especially on harvesting rights and membership issues.



- We also assisted with the Hivernant Cultural Society's Métis Celebration in Big Valley on August long weekend. The Society is in negotiations with the Village of Big Valley to develop a permanent Métis Village, they now have the Red River Cart mounted on display at the Métis Village Site and the Métis flag flies proudly.
- We had our 11th Annual Region III Golf Tournament continuing with our presenting sponsor EnCana. As usual it was a great success.
- We had our Second Stampede Pancake Breakfast on July 13, 2013. It was a huge success.
- We attend functions to promote the Métis at the Calgary Stampede.
- Make referrals to other agencies.
- Provide advice on programs within MNA as well as within Region III.
- On December 13, 2013, Calgary had their Annual Share the Spirit Homeless Dinner at the Albert Park Community Centre and we fed approximately 420 people with the assistance of our amazing volunteers.
- On December 21, 2013, Calgary had a Youth and Elders Christmas Lunch in which our seniors and the youth came together and enjoyed a good meal with gifts and singing. The youth performed a skit for the seniors.
- On January 8, 2014, Region III had their AGM. The Locals gave their reports along with delegates from Rupertsland and Apeetogosan, as well as our auditor and Sara Parker from MNA. Marlene Lanz gave a report on the activities thus far throughout the Region. We also gave out Volunteer awards to Denis Briere, Garland Bruce and Richard Piche for all their hard work throughout the year.
- On January 8, 2014, following the AGM, there was a Toonie Dance held in Calgary with great music and prizes. We had a full house.

Métis Week

- During Métis Week we had various cities in the Region celebrate the beginning with flag raisings; Calgary, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Red Deer and Pincher Creek. Marlene and Joe alternated locations to attend.

- There were open houses in locations such as Métis Nation of Alberta, Miywasin Centre, Red Deer Local 492 and the Lethbridge Local 2003, and Aboriginal Friendship Centre in Calgary.
- Two major seniors' dinners in Calgary and Medicine Hat took place, the Calgary event was at maximum capacity and the Medicine Hat one was well received.
- There was a Family Fun Day in Calgary with contests and prizes for the whole family at the Albert Park Community Centre, followed by a Traditional Métis Supper and Dance that was filled to capacity.

Marlene Lanz,
Region III President



Region 4

Strategic Planning

Region IV has a Strategic Plan that was developed over several years as a multi-year work plan which should evolve and change as the priorities and issues of the Regional Council change.

At this time, resources have not been available for us review and amend the plan in the last couple of years. We strive to attempt to garner resources to engage community, but at this point it has become one of our challenges.

The development of a strategic plan has become the role of the Provincial Office due to centralized financing and does not involve the Region. We always welcome input into the Business Plan and would look forward to hearing from the community in relationship to gaps or new priorities or suggestions on means to achieve existing goals.

Governance

Actions in Relation to our Governance Role:

1. Continued involvement in Métis Nation of Alberta and its governing structures:
 - a. The elected President and Vice-President of Region IV participated in all Provincial Council meetings and were involved in their provincial portfolios. In addition, President Bellrose is actively involved in the areas of Métis rights, and Métis membership/citizenship. Vice-President Atkinson has been involved in the Ministry of Culture and Recreation and representing the interests of the Provincial Council when necessary.
 - b. The Métis Regional Council hosted one Regional Council meeting and one Annual meeting throughout this fiscal year.
2. Métis Community:
 - a. Métis Regional Council through Métis Opportunity Inc. attempted to work with several industrial developments to represent the interests of the Métis community throughout our Region. We have submitted mail outs and attempted to solicit resources to acquire Traditional Land Use Studies in some of the areas so that there is an understanding of how the various proposed projects may benefit or impact our communities and lifestyle.
 - b. We worked with the St. Margaret's Church by Cooking Lake this past year.
 - c. We hosted Métis activities throughout Métis Week in November that highlighted a flag raising ceremony at City Hall to start the week. Thanks to the staff of the Métis

Genealogy Department who had a very special event that had a procession walking to St. Margaret's Church with a horse drawn Red River Cart.

3. Communication:

Communication seems to be one of the greatest challenges that we face in keeping members informed and current with information. We have had to let our website go because we were unable to keep it current and there were no resources to assist us in developing a better user-friendly site. In addition, when it comes to giving notice or acknowledging projects' updates we have no mechanisms that assist us with addressing issues to a large group. We would encourage ideas and recommendations on new communication strategies.

Communities and Other Regional Commitments

Other committees and initiatives that representatives from Region IV participated on were as follows:

- Métis Rights Panel - Métis National Council;
- Provincial Executive Committee ;
- Judiciary Council;
- Provincial Elders Group;
- Métis Urban Housing; and
- Others that may be required from time to time.

Cecil Bellrose,
Region IV President

Region 5



Here we are again. We are happy to share the progress in Region V. Since the last Assembly the staff here has been working diligently to ensure our members are provided the assistance needed.

We are dedicated in moving forward, and with hard work we have proven that good things will come.

The Regional office has been met with several oil and gas companies such as TransCanada Pipelines, Koch Oil Sands

and Osum Oil Sands who have new or potential projects in the area. We like to call them our Regional partners—they are respectful and business-like to our Métis people. The Region V office has made its best efforts to work with other existing oil and gas companies in the area only to be left out on having meaningful communications and real consultation with our Métis people. In the future, this office will continue to pound on the door of those who don't show respect for our people—the traditional users of the land. However, we've done some good work with our existing partners and that will continue in the future. This is where most of our efforts with continue.

There are over two dozen operating plants and in-application Oil Sands Projects located within Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) Region V that have a potential to supply numerous employment opportunities and economic.

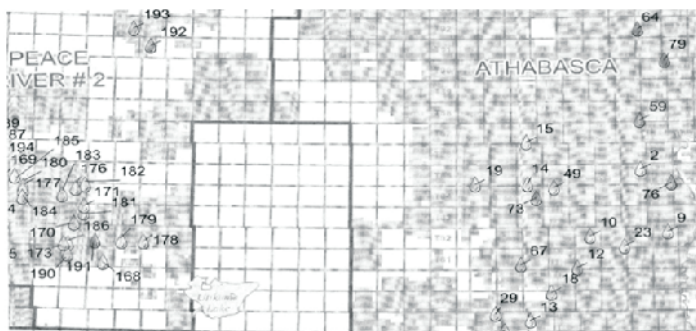
During 2013-2014, we have made some development through contracting opportunities. The projects are located in the northeast section of the Region, west of the Athabasca River and northwest of Utikima Lake in the Peace Oil Sands development area. Overall, there is over a billion dollars of projects.



Economic Development

The last couple years have been focused on economic development, with one of the major successes including two traditional land use studies completed. We have a multi-year work plan still in progress which does not expire before 2018. We have met with several oil and gas companies and our main focuses are employment and other opportunities for the members. During the year, the Region incorporated the Northern Métis Business Corporation under the Regional office and the Region has several economic opportunity agreements with our partners. We have met with several companies such as TransCanada, Koch, Ledcor and Red Rock Camps to discuss contracting as well as employment opportunities. Our most recent agreement was signed with Red Rock Camps and they are active within Region V. We invite all Region V Métis businesses to visit our website to register their service and safety information with us. Potential work is coming for the fall and winter of 2014-2015, so register with us on our website soon so we can pass it on to the right people.

Our industry partners have provided opportunities for Métis people in Region V to learn more about Pipeline and Oil Sands projects, providing support for setting up open houses in our area on their projects as well as related Métis Traditional Land Use (TLU) assessments. It has allowed for



members from Wabasca Local 90 and those from other Region V locations to be interviewed to tell a story about their family's history, their hunting and harvesting on the land, and their concerns regarding potential Oil and Gas development impacts to the environment. It has allowed people to be more informed about economic development through jobs and

contracting on the land. One example is the recent work with the Grand Rapids Pipeline group through our MNA agreement with TransCanada Pipelines. On a community-led TLU study, our Region elders and knowledge holders had a total of over two weeks of field work on the ground and using a helicopter last year.

The work was led by a consultant (KSD and Associates) hired by Region V and the company presented a report on the entire work over fifty pages in length complete with maps and a written historical section on the Métis community. The project was managed by our office through our Region 5 staff: Emma, Jenna New and Patsy Campiou, as well as our local consultant ACME Economic and Environmental Inc. Over eight people from Region 5 were involved in the work.

Many of our knowledge holders had identified several concerns in the TLU report including questions on Economic development and business, environmental impacts during construction, emergency response of TransCanada during a spill, moose lick avoidances and potential training opportunities. The pipeline group visited with us and responded to concerns raised in the report at a meeting in June in which they brought several of their technical experts to respond to our questions.



Region V members travelled to Hinton in the spring of 2014 for a tour of the nearby Obed Coal Mine Facility. People may remember that in late fall of 2013 (Oct 31) a mine tailings pond collapsed and spilled over six million cubic meters of water and 800,000 cubic meters of sediment into the Athabasca River. It was said to be one of the largest spills in North America. A large plume of dirty water travelled downstream from Hinton to where the river spills into Lake Athabasca.

The Regional office was able to set up a tour of the facility to meet with plant personnel and contractors to discuss the spill and see the remediation efforts underway. It was good trip with good meetings and discussion. Present at the meeting was several members of Region V and Wabasca Métis Local along with Regional leader Bev New. Sherriitt appears to be spending every effort to clean up the mess and restore the environment over the short and long term.

TLU-Osum

The final report has been completed and we are proud of the hard work done with the members and staff of Region V.



Red Rock, S-11 Logging

This company has been revived and President Bev New worked for several months to have S-11 back up and running. An agreement was also signed for a third party to log. This will allow our members to work and be a part of this company.

Seniors/Elders

We have been assisting our elders with applications for the seniors benefit program, tax preparation, and seniors programs. We also have stew and bannock every second Wednesday of the month. Here our elders are able to visit, share stories and get the help they need. We have assisted several seniors this past year and we have added one staff member who cooks, helps the seniors and does membership.

Culture and Heritage

We had our 10th Annual Northern Métis Celebration in partnership with Northern Lakes College located in Grouard. In the month of November we come together to celebrate with good food, music, jigging and great people.

Region V Aboriginal Day is always a special event in Alberta—it allows us to celebrate our culture and heritage with all.

We provided ten free fiddle lessons which were held in our office. We purchased the fiddles and we are happy to keep our culture alive.

CCAY has funded Region V for some time. Some of the projects are as follows:

- **Fiddle Lessons:** Region V was able to hire a fiddle instructor to teach ten youth how to maintain and clean their fiddles, as well as the basic notes.
- **Housing:** we continue to seek affordable housing for our seniors. We have approached the Government asking for some of the units that have been located in Slave Lake since the fire.

MNA Region V Updates

Métis Nation of Alberta Region V has been busy over the 2013-2014 year. Our office is very appreciative of the support from many of our Métis people throughout this large Region that come and talk to us on a regular basis as well as those who have worked with us this past year. We appreciate your good thoughts and wishes and we look forward to seeing you in our newly renovated office. We have tea and coffee at the office regularly and hold many different events throughout the year. Check out our webpage at www.mnaregion5.com for what's happening in Region V at any time.



Bev New,
Region V President

Region 6



At Region VI Metis Nation we are dedicated to our Members and therefore proudly implement the motto *“Putting People and Families First!”* We stand on the principle of fair and equitable treatment for the Metis people of Region VI. Our aim is to ensure that our people have the opportunity to obtain education and training here at home right where we live and raise our families. Our goal is to provide the necessary skills to obtain good paying jobs and careers. We are proud of our Metis people, culture, economic and social history. We do our best to support all our members through inclusion, fair and equal treatment for all.

Priority donations are given to our children and youth ensuring they have the ability to participate and be included in activities and sports ensuring they have a bright and strong future.

Our Elders, have done their part and made their contributions to our people, therefore we continue to include them in all our programs and activities and see to it that they receive the help, assistance and respect that they rightfully deserve.

We do our best to help all our brothers and sisters in their times of need. We stand together as a proud people. All people are welcome at our office, and we will visit

and have coffee, introduce them to the community and encourage them to join us at our events and programs.

We have been very busy and diligent in our Region to the many initiatives and partnerships we have formed that strengthen our commitment to our people and the Region. We have six Metis locals within the Region, which include: Cadotte Lake Local #1994, Fort Vermillion Local #74, Grande Prairie Local #1990, Peace River Local #74, Valleyview Local #1929 and Fairview Local #207. Some of these locals have been active for many years and are dedicated to advancing their locals and work to strengthen the region. Throughout our travels, new locals are encouraged to start up and become part of our Regional Council. We give donations to the Locals and their members, such as bereavement, sports and school events, include them at the table with industry, make sure they receive compensation and capacity dollars. We make sure that they have the ability to travel to meetings and workshops and throughout Alberta and participate with the MNA and MNC initiatives.



Strategic Planning 2013-2014

The plan to increase the capacity of Region VI is an ongoing daily commitment.

This last year we purchased four lots with a commercial building on it. We have rented out the building and one day will build a housing complex on it for our members.

A partnership with industry in the Carmon Creek area resulted in a proposal written to the federal government to assist with employment training and work placement of sixty aboriginal people in the oil and gas industry, specifically the Carmon Creek Project.

Industry - Establish partnerships, sponsorships & joint initiatives including: Consultation & Industrial Relations / Economic Development Initiatives.

- TransCanada: Actively participating in TEK studies with Trans Canada Pipelines with ongoing communication. Region VI members

attend various meeting with TC; Cadotte Lake Local #1994, Grande Prairie Local #1990, Valleyview Local #1929

- TransCanada Caribou Workshop, Sawridge in Peace River, AB
- Northern Gateway Community Advisory Meeting in Vancouver, B.C.
- Phase 4 of Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline, Meeting in Grande Prairie, AB
- ATK studies for ENGP Project
- Water Conversation Meeting
- Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency for Northern Gateway Pipeline
- Bison Contracting/Clear Stream
- Site C – Community Engagement Meetings
- Canfor Meetings in Grande Prairie attended by Region VI Representative
- Shell Canada Meetings- Carmon Creek Project

Consultation is important for our members, youth and Elders. Throughout industry, Region VI is noted for the large turnout of people that attend meetings and workshops. We are very proud to have our elders, youth and members involved in traditional land use studies, monitoring on pipelines and oil sites to look at the natural habitat, identify medicines, berries and harvesting areas. A new initiative in the Northwest Region is the Wildlife Pollution Project.



On-going meetings, with Shell Canada, Trans Canada, Northern Gateway Pipeline,, Site C, BC Hydro, Cutbank fieldwork, North West Wildlife Pollution Project, Land Use Secretariat, North Saskatchewan Regional Plan, Amisk Hydroelectric Project and we will be announcing more companies engaging with us in the near future. Besides the meetings we also have TLU studies, monitoring, field work engagement, and training and employment opportunities.

Nesokmahtan Enterprises Inc., Bison Contracting and Clear Stream- Twenty-five people work at DMI through Bison Contracting/Clear Stream in maintenance and another 12 people work in the janitorial department. All Region VI expenses are paid out of Neso, including our buildings, office expense, donations, etc. The only expense paid out of Region VI MNA dollars from Aboriginal Affairs is salary.

Other engagements and commitments

- Provincial Council Board Meetings In Edmonton, AB are attended by the President and the Vice President
- The Regional Council Board Meetings are held at Region VI office in Peace River, AB.
- Annual General Meetings: Grande Prairie Metis Local 1990 & Cadotte Lake Local
- Rupertsland Shareholders Meetings in Edmonton are attended by the President and the Vice President
- Apeetogosan Shareholders Meetings in Edmonton are attended by the President and the Vice President
- MUH Shareholders Meetings in Edmonton attended by Minister Sylvia Johnson
- Homeless Inner City Housing Conference and Canadian Paraplegic Assoc banquet was attended by Sylvia Johnson, Minister of Housing
- Ministers Meetings are attended by Carol Ridsdale, Minister of Children and Youth
- Annual General Assembly of the Metis Nation of Alberta was held in Cold Lake, AB
- Metis National Council – Assembly was held in Winnipeg Manitoba

Advancement of Metis People- Region VI promotes the Metis Culture, language and traditions throughout North West Region of the Province. As such, Region VI has always had an open door policy, in which all people are always welcome to come to our office for coffee and refreshments. Many visit daily. We



host many social gatherings that are well attended by members of the region, guests and persons interested in our culture. These gatherings allow people to meet others, renew old acquaintances, showcase and promote our rich heritage and celebrate our past. School tours, graduation ceremonies are also part of our culture and language program which include our history, stories, traditional regalia, crafts, fur trade and

music and dance. This strengthens us as a people and ensures our future as proud Metis connected to our land. We are very proud that the oldest community in all of

Alberta is the 225 year old Fort Vermilion, home of the late Kenton Randle, World Champion bareback bronc rider.

Congratulations to Angie Crerar on being chosen as one of the recipients of the MNC Metis Sash Award. This is the highest award you can receive from the Metis National Council and was awarded at our national assembly banquet in Winnipeg.

Community Events HOSTED BY REGION VI

- Annual General Meeting Sept 2013, Talent Show & Fashion Show
- Halloween Party at Sure Start Building, Peace River, AB
- **Metis Week**
- Open House was held at Region VI office;
- There was a Metis Awareness presentation at various schools and organizations, including the Good Shepherd School where the Late Second World War Veteran Elder Leo Goulet, told his life story, and answered youth's questions about his experiences in the war.
- Some other events were: Cadotte Lake Metis Local, Black Cardinal Memorial, Talent Show; Manning Resource Center, Metis Awareness; T.A Norris Remembrance Day Celebration President Sylvia presented Region VI wreath on behalf of Metis War Vets. Ground Level Youth Center taught youth to make fried bannock and Metis awareness activities (Jigging, Sash, and Red River Cart).
- Region VI Christmas Party & Craft Nights made beautiful Metis Angel decorations to hang on Christmas Trees and gave them out to Metis Members and Elders.
- Sagitawa Friendship Center Christmas Party
- Christmas Newsletter sent out to Metis Members of Region VI
- Elders Shelter Christmas Party attended by President
- Very heartfelt Valentine's Day Party and Bingo
- Donation and attendance at the Elders Shelter 10th Anniversary celebrations with Clem Chartier and Audrey Poitras.
- Rupertsland Tour of Metis Locals, Schools presentations about programs and funding, and Metis Awareness.

Region VI supports all Aboriginal projects such as annual Sisters in Spirit Walk, Annual Fashion Show and Gala, Aboriginal Art Show, Aboriginal Gathering and Pow Wow, Aboriginal Grad ceremonies, our Veterans, Aboriginal Interagency

- Fashion Show Gala – Traditional Aboriginal Clothing by Sylvia Johnson & Urban Aboriginal Clothing by Lara Felsing
- Sisters In Spirit Walk, Region VI made Posters for Missing and Murdered Women, Carol made the fried bannock.
- Annual Aboriginal Gathering – Metis Jigging and Fiddling Contest Region VI MNA
- AIDS Walk 2013
- Annual Esquao Awards, Edmonton, AB
- Annual Audrey Poitras Golf Tournament, Edmonton, AB
- Aboriginal Gathering at Camp Tamarack, Grande Prairie, AB
- Charity Barbeque, Peace River Chamber of Commerce
- Dino Ball, Grande Prairie, AB
- Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement AGM
- Community Engagement Meetings Phase II – Poverty, Children’s Charter,
- National Aboriginal Day Celebration, Grande Prairie, AB
- Peace Fest Volunteer (fundraiser) Pow Wow, Peace River, AB
- Lac Ste Anne Pilgrimage, gifts to the Elders
- Metis Awareness Presentation “Little Bears Program” Sagitawa Friendship Center- Wasakechak stories while sitting on Buffalo Robe
- Family Day Celebration, Nampa, AB Region VI donated Basket for door prize
- Glenmary Grad Ceremony, President will present Grade 12 Metis graduates with Metis Sash and address
- 50th Wedding Anniversary for Elders Clara and Merrill Boman
- Child and Family Services Annual Celebration
- Community Conversation Meetings in Grande Prairie & Peace River
- Meeting with President & Minister Frank Oberle, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs
- Region VI hosted Community Conversations on Poverty, Children’s Charter, Early Childhood Development: Nampa, Peace River, Grimshaw, Cadotte Lake, Brownvale, Fairview

- Rupertsland Open House, Peace River
- Aboriginal Youth Career Workshop, Peace River
- Soup Kitchen, Region VI volunteers
- Community Supper, Region VI volunteers
- Our Story Presentations on Metis for 1000 students

Region VI would like to thank our membership and Local Presidents for placing their confidence in our Region VI governing board. As we continues to build partnerships and relationships, we meet more Metis people and bring them in to our circle. Continually working on and building lasting relations for the advancement of our people is a full time job in itself and we are pleased to have the following partnerships.:

“Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth”, a Partnership with Metis Nation of Alberta & AANDC & Region VI.

In January Region VI hired CCAY Coordinator

Region VI hosted six two- day workshops, “Our Youth Our Future” throughout the Region. These were through the CCAY program. We engaged youth in Peace River, Grande Prairie, Cadotte Lake, Fairview, Manning and High Level. Youth ages 12 – 24 were introduced to workforce awareness; training/education requirements by industry, employment opportunities in various fields, employability skills and knowledge of safety in workplace, various industry trade & career options including dressing for success. Youth were also provided with funding and scholarship information, how to get their membership card. We also provided youth with a cultural piece in each workshop to connect them to their history and roots. They learned to make Metis crafts, learned to jig and basics of the fiddle recognizing old Metis tunes. Elders told stories about survival and living off the land. The main objective of the workshops was “Breaking Down Barriers to Employment” for aboriginal youth as they prepare to enter the workforce. These workshops were so successful that a video was made as a promotional teaching tool and a brochure showcasing and celebrating our children and youth.



Sewing Nights for youth were held. They made fleece blankets and patch work quilts, learned how to use a sewing machine as well as sewing on buttons and hand sewing.

Region VI would like to thank Joan Bamlett for her continued devotion to this project and making sure that we had the opportunity to provide the youth in Region VI with life-long learning teachings for the past four years.

Peace Metis Jiggers This group was started by Wendy Goulet two years ago with Region VI and Shell Canada support. We found a dedicated instructor Dusty Gauthier. They have performed at many events and we are very proud of their accomplishments.

Canada Day, Paddle Prairie Annual Gathering, Annual General Meeting Region VI, Trade Show, Science Fair, Annual Fashion Show Gala, Various Schools, Metis Awareness Open House, Heritage Towers & Senior Center, Black Cardinal Memorial, Northern Sunrise County. It is so great for us to have a jigging group going, thank you Wendy.

Youth in group: Led by Dusty Gauthier, Matthew, Jessica, Celine Leprete; Shaylene, Lucky and Izaiah Cardinal; Ashlyn and Trenton Maltais; Shalyn Fountain, Gracy Ressler, Colton Bellrose, Jayden Laboucan. They have performed individually in talent shows and other jigging competitions.

Wendy received recognition for her volunteerism and all her numerous projects she undertakes with our children and youth. On behalf of all our children Region VI honored her at the 3rd Annual Fashion Show Gala with a Pendleton Blanket.

Donations by Region VI Metis Nation

Nesokmahtan Enterprises Inc. and Northwest Development Society are the two sources of funding that Region VI has for donations and all other expenses incurred by our office. Our partnership with Clear Stream at the DMI mill is in its 23rd year. We are very proud of our accomplishments and have now pursued contracts with Trans Canada, Northern Gateway Pipelines and Shell Canada.

\$30,000 in donations

- Little People's Conference
- Peace River Pow Wow and Jigging Competition



- Make A Wish Foundation
- Students travelling for Band and Competitions
- Peace Regional Outreach Campus
- National Aboriginal Day Celebrations
- HIV North Society
- MS Trail Ride
- Aboriginal Youth Career Workshop
- Royal Canadian Legion
- Cadotte Lake Christmas Party and Talent Show
- Elders Caring Shelter Christmas Party and tenth anniversary celebrations
- Shamrock Boxing Club
- Job Corp Christmas turkey dinner
- Metis Community Fundraiser – Cancer
- Grande Prairie College
- Travel and rooms at MNA Assembly
- Native Hockey Provincials
- Marina Brothers Excellence in Education Bursary
- North Peace MS Chapter
- Grande Prairie Local – Metis Week Celebration
- Rotary House
- Peace Valley Inns
- Health Needs (Travel)
- Elders Caring Shelter Van
- Compassion House Foundation
- Dream catchers for Graduates
- Relay for Life
- Bereavement
- Donation to Fashion Show Gala

Region VI has made a commitment to communication in our Region through with our open door policy, newsletters, brochures and Facebook. Region VI has continuously helped our members to complete their Metis Memberships. With the new card only validation, every effort is made to assist members get their new card. With this we are honored to say that we are truly an extended family within our Region and look forward to many positive and progressive years to come! We stand by our motto “Putting People First”

While we continue to celebrate our children and youth, we have been saddened by the loss of two of our WWII Veterans our war heroes. The loss of our beloved Elders Leo Goulet and Charlie St. Germain has been very difficult and hard to bear. To not see them in uniform participating at our events is truly a great loss to all of us especially our young people. Rest in Peace and know that we will never forget. You live on in our hearts forever.

In closing, we want to thank everyone who helped us move forward as a Nation of people. We could not have done it without all our members, communities and most of all, Metis that believe in our future. Thank you to the MNA, MNC, industry, affiliates, government and again our people. We acknowledge your support and commitment and are grateful for your friendship and support.

UPDATE BREAKING NEWS FOR REGION VI METIS NATION

On June 29, 2014 Region VI Metis Nation received notification of approval of a joint industry/fed government agreement for 3 million dollars. Sylvia Johnson says this is wonderful news for Region VI and a huge opportunity. By persevering with government and industry, a contribution agreement was signed by proponent/manager Sylvia Johnson to provide job opportunity services to the Carmon Creek project. A lot of time and hard work went into this proposal but it has truly paid off for all Aboriginal people who will receive the benefit of training and job placements resulting in long term careers.

Sylvia Johnson and Carol Ridsdale

Affiliate Reports

Alberta Métis Historical Society



As we have in the past, the Alberta Métis Historical Society continues to work closely with the Métis Crossing Foundation to deliver youth programming at our Métis Crossing site near Smoky Lake, Alberta. The objective of the youth programming is to create awareness and to promote retention of our Métis

culture and history in a fun and stimulating learning environment.

One initiative to promote our programming was attending the 85th Métis Nation Annual General Assembly in Bonnyville, Alberta to provide information on Alberta Métis Historical Society activities.

Work was completed on the Aboriginal Youth Mentoring Program in Region 3 that researched and manufactured replica Métis clothing for future use as a lending resource for the Métis Nation and its affiliates. This collection was donated to Métis Crossing and has enhanced the ability of the Métis Nation to portray its history at various cultural events held throughout Alberta. One such event was the Historic Fashion Show at the MNA Annual General Assembly in Grande Prairie, Alberta.

The Métis Nation of Alberta Cultural Exhibit, which was developed in 2000-2001, continues to be located at Métis Crossing and will continue to form part of the showcased cultural exhibit for the next few years until a permanent museum is built. The trailer unit originally used to house the exhibit was donated to Métis Crossing in 2009 for use in programming at the Crossing.

During 2013-2014, Alberta Métis Historical Society participated in various fundraising events associated with culture, history and youth. Registration was provided for Métis youth to attend the Dreamspeakers Festival Society Youth Day.

We at the Alberta Métis Historical Society are excited for the many more initiatives and events that will be taking place throughout the coming year.

James Atkinson,
President of the Alberta Métis Historical Society

Apeetogosan (Métis) Development Inc.



History

Apeetogosan (Métis) Development Inc. (AMDI) was created in 1984 under a Federal Government contribution agreement with 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.

In 1988 AMDI commenced operations by providing commercial financial services and business management advisory services to Métis entrepreneurs throughout Alberta. Under the original Federal Government Contribution Agreement, \$800,000 was expensed on the initial start-up costs while the capital pool of \$8 million was disbursed in stages.

AMDI has lent out over \$50 million since 1988 and helped in the creation of over 800 Métis owned businesses throughout Alberta, while maintaining our capital base of \$8 million. Our success is largely due to our clients who have successfully capitalized on their opportunities. We know that we have succeeded when many of our clients transfer their loans to banks or credit unions. The purpose of AMDI is to help Métis entrepreneurs start or expand their business ideas and it is our hope that our clients, past and present, pass on their experience with us to other Metis entrepreneurs who may be considering the first steps to becoming owners of their own businesses.

Report on Operations

During the period of April 2013 to March 2014, AMDI approved and disbursed \$3.8 million in funding assistance to new and existing businesses, constituting a 9 percent increase year over year. A total of forty-six loans were granted at an average loan amount of \$81,512 that comprised \$979,240 to Regions I, II, and III, and \$2.77 million to Regions IV, V, and VI. Many of the new loan applicants this year took advantage of the Métis Entrepreneurs Assistance Program (MEAP) as the contribution serves to substantially reduce debt servicing costs associated with acquiring assets required for the business's operations. Loans to businesses included but were not limited to:

oil and gas, construction, engineering, transportation, steel fabrication, and ancillary service sector spin-offs.

Our current work in progress stands at \$2.7 million as of April 1, 2014, and we expect many of these opportunities to translate into new projects for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Other Investments

Métis Entrepreneurship Fund Inc.

In conjunction with the Métis National Council, the three Métis Capital Corporations in Western Canada and the Federal Government have established a loan pool that is shared between Louis Riel Capital Corporation (Manitoba), Sask Métis Economic Development Corporation (Saskatchewan), and Apeetogosan (Métis) Development Corporation (Alberta) on a project-by-project basis. The purpose of the loan pool is to enhance each of the three Métis Capital Corporations lending capacity to be able to consider loan sizes in excess of current loan limits. We have established and incorporated the entity, its Board, and its bylaws. For the 2013-2014 fiscal year, three loans were conducted out of the MEF Fund comprising \$1,024,450, leveraging \$1,225,000 in AMDI commercial financing. That MEF take-up was slow to start; however, the Fund is doing exactly what it was designed to do, which was to allow the three ACCs to participate in larger projects. For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, MEF has the potential to leverage an additional \$400,000 to \$700,000 in commercial financing from AMDI. As in the past, we are excited about taking advantage of the available loan capital that MEF provides so that we can participate with the more established Métis entrepreneurs who are taking on larger opportunities.

Alternative Service Delivery (Program Delivery Partnership)

For over 20 years, Apeetogosan has provided external delivery services to the business development program run by Aboriginal Business Canada (ABC). As part of Indian and Northern Affairs' (INAC) new Aboriginal Economic Development Framework, one initiative is to increase the delivery capacity of its external partners. AMDI has served as a key delivery arm to ABC INAC with demonstrated success. As a consequence of this relationship, AMDI continues to serve as Program Delivery Partner to AANDC's small business development program. For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, AMDI will be responsible for direct delivery of \$1.2 million in equity and we are currently working on the business case to enhance this envelope to meet the increasing

demand. To reiterate from 2013, under AMDI delivery, we have renamed the program ‘Métis Entrepreneurs Assistance Program’, or, ‘MEAP’, which works to provide a window of access for equity capital to all Alberta Métis entrepreneurs. As you might imagine, this means a lot to AMDI as it ensures better service to our clients and solidifies expectations on timing and capital availability. We often speak of AMDI’s single window delivery model. Direct delivery of the small business equity program for Métis entrepreneurs serves to enhance our single window model even further.

Pinnacle Business Services Ltd.

Pinnacle staff provide applicants an opportunity to access government programs available through AANDC as well as loan financing from AMDI by assisting the client in developing their business opportunity into a plan of action. The primary role of the Pinnacle business consultant is to assist clients in assessing their opportunities, including identifying areas of weakness and exposure to risk and what may be required of clients to mitigate such risk. To this end, Pinnacle Business Services assists clients in evaluating whether their business opportunities have a reasonable chance of becoming successful small business ventures—the last thing we want is to see anybody fail.

The follow-up work for assessing an opportunity is developing a plan of execution that demonstrates the opportunity and its implementation. Pinnacle assists clients in formalizing their opportunity and implementation plans by helping the client develop a well-prepared business plan. The business plan becomes the presentation document directed toward financiers. The document demonstrates the integrity of the client’s proposal by including an assessment on commercial viability, capital cost and financing requirements, and the client’s ability to competitively deliver the product or service under consideration.

During the 2013-2014 fiscal year, Pinnacle Business Services Ltd. assisted in the development of thirty-three business plans for clients, of which twenty-two attracted commercial financing from AMDI while the remaining eleven leveraged commercial financing from other banks or financial institutions.

Aftercare is another component of services that Pinnacle provides, ensuring that clients have the appropriate accounting and bookkeeping systems in place, adequate training, and appropriate internal controls. During the year under review, Pinnacle Business Services Ltd. provided aftercare services to forty-seven clients. It should be noted that our consulting arm’s commitment to aftercare in the projects that we do is integral to the success of both our clients and our own organization.

Métis Entrepreneurs Assistance Program

The Métis Entrepreneurs Assistance Program (MEAP) is a Program Delivery Partnership Arrangement we have had with the Federal government for over 15 years. Since inception, our office has delivered over \$11 million in contributions to Métis clients comprising equity assistance for business planning, aftercare, and equity towards the capital costs associated with starting or expanding their businesses. For the 2013-2014 fiscal year, our MEAP administrator completed thirteen commercial/business plans/aftercare project authorizations with a total committed dollar amount of \$1.44 million averaging approximately \$41,142 in non-repayable contributions to Métis entrepreneurs. AMDI participates as much as possible with Aboriginal Business Canada's Contribution Program, as program criteria has become more inclusive in terms of eligibility. Looking toward 2014-2015, however, our MEAP administrator has identified work-in-progress of \$1.2 million. Accordingly, we look forward to continuing this relationship and expanding our activities by aggressively marketing the opportunities that the new Program Delivery Partnership provides. If you would like to learn more about what products and services the Métis Entrepreneurs Assistance Program offers, I encourage you to contact our office.

Alberta Entrepreneurship Workshops

In partnership with the Province of Alberta, Settlement Investment Corporation, and the Ballard Consulting Group, we delivered six two-day entrepreneurship workshops. We designed the workshop around the idea of demystifying entrepreneurship through a highly interactive approach, while focusing on basic fundamental attributes of entrepreneurship such as defining what an opportunity constitutes, demonstrating commercial viability through the market's willingness-to-pay and recognizing that accommodating incentives are key factors to successful entrepreneurs. We also provided attendees with a break-even tool that they can readily use to evaluate any opportunity they might consider—a skill that they could understand and forever have with them beyond the workshop classroom.

The workshop was conducted at 6 locations: High Prairie, Lethbridge (2), Fishing Lake Métis Settlement, High Level, and Grande Prairie. A total of eighty-seven participated, constituting an average class size of just over fourteen people per workshop. Course reviews and comments found the workshop “engaging”, “useful”, “inspiring”, “unintimidating”, and “really helped to equip [students] with tools that [they] could easily use and

understand.” Under the same partnership we will be conducting another four workshops in the Fall of 2014.

Closing Remarks

Overall, it was a fantastic year for AMDI with continued loan growth and positive net earnings. Our portfolio is now worth over \$5.7 million. AMDI, along with its clients, appears to be capitalizing on renewed growth in both the oil and gas and construction industries as AMDI continues to position itself as the preferred lender of choice among increasingly repeat business. While the economy continues its recovery, we continue to take advantage as well as contribute to the development of new Program initiatives with other Métis capital corporations and the Federal government, such as the Métis Entrepreneurship Fund and additional developmental lending support spearheaded by the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association (NACCA). These initiatives will serve to enhance and compliment AMDI’s long-term growth initiative, providing further support to Métis entrepreneurs seeking to capitalize their commercial endeavors.

The staff of AMDI continues to work very well together and have established a very efficient office driven by a commitment to client service. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their hard work this past year, for Mr. Ivy’s leadership and management of the corporation, and the Board of Directors for their commitment and numerous contributions to ensuring AMDI continues to play an integral role in the growth of the Métis Nation of Alberta.

Tom Ghostkeeper,
Chair

Cree Productions (1992) Ltd.



Cree Productions (1992) Ltd. was initiated to acquire, develop, redevelop and publish learning resources about Métis people intended for all students in Alberta schools. This was made possible through the purchase of the Dr. Anne Anderson Heritage and Cultural Centre and the rights to all the centre's materials.

Cree Productions has been very active, with over 80 copyrighted resources to its name. The most noteworthy publications are the Dr. Anne Anderson Cree/English resources, which include a Cree dictionary.

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

In 2008-2009, Cree Productions added a display case at the MNA Head Office to showcase Cree Productions' wares. In the current 2013-2014 fiscal year, the MNA staff continues to manage the business and have attended a number of events to market items.

The following is a list of Dr. Anne Anderson titles:

Pet Beaver and Other Stories
Cree Symbols
Understanding Syllabic Symbols
Beginner's Dictionary
Let's Learn Cree
Our Home
WAPI
Numbers 1 to 20 in Cree
Numbers 1 to 1,000 in Cree
Wild Animals in Cree
Animals in Cree
Insects and Spiders in Cree
Plants in Cree
Birds in Cree
Opposites in Cree
Little Hunter

Additional titles include:

A New Nation (The First Métis)
Métis Land Rights in Alberta
Dr. Anne on Patience, Wisdom and Love

The following is a list of products that Cree Productions/MNA currently have for purchase:

Sashes (men's, women's and children's)
Large infinity flags (red and blue)
Car flags
Small hand-held flags
Infinity pins
A New Nation by Anne Anderson
Birds in Cree by Anne Anderson
Nikinan – Our Home by Anne Anderson
Animals in Cree by Anne Anderson
Insects and Spiders in Cree by Anne Anderson
Cheki, Wahiyaw, Misikitwi, Apisesiw – Opposites in Cree by Anne Anderson

For more information about Cree Productions products, please contact us at:

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Edmonton, AB T5G 0X5

Phone: 780-455-2200
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Ron Harrison

Métis Urban Housing / Métis Capital Housing Corporation



**From the Minister of Housing and
Board Member, Sylvia Johnson**

As the Minister of Housing for the past three years, I have seen many wonderful things come to be that I am very proud of.

I'd like to thank and congratulate the staff working under Darlene Lennie's leadership for all of the work that went into the BRAC building, Stan Daniels Centre, Habitat for Housing, etc., as well as taking care of all the properties we have throughout Alberta. As a small property manager, I see the magnitude of these endeavors and understand how much work, time and effort is invested. I'd like to extend a 'thank you' to our Board of Directors and Chair, Wendy Goulet, all of which had to make a great commitment to making themselves available for meetings and signatories on cheques, as our board has not been filled for the past three years.

It was great to see Mike Holmes and his team again this year. Mike has a great passion for what he does and it shines through his work. His commitment to the residents of the BRAC building, as well as the meaningful friendships he created with them has not gone unnoticed.

I was privileged to attend a housing conference in Edmonton addressing the issue of housing the homeless. During the conference, I was very impressed by the tour on innovative work completed by organizations throughout Edmonton, and was able to learn about new ideas from facilitators across Canada.

Throughout my ministry term I have looked for affordable housing programs in Alberta both included/not included under CMHC. I am interested in co-op housing alternatives and redesigning existing commercial buildings into affordable housing units. Region 5 of the Métis Nation has purchased four lots to build a housing complex; however, a partnership in this initiative would be preferred. Unfortunately, for the rural areas of the province, CMHC is more interested in building housing in urban centers even though there is a great shortage of rental properties in small communities. I continue to look at lending institutions to see what initiatives they might offer. I also keep up with current information on the local rental authorities and what the average rent market is.

CMHC has made a commitment to partner with Aboriginal groups to increase capacity and meet housing needs; therefore, I am always looking for new programs and financial assistance.

As Minister of Housing, I receive many requests concerning housing repair. I have given them information on senior housing initiatives, owning a first home, Homes for Humanity Habitat Initiatives, and more. The downside to these programs is that the amount of money designated to them benefits only a few before the program has depleted their funds. This is very disappointing to people who have hope of getting assistance.

Overall, the position of “Minister of Housing” is equivalent to that of a board of director. I was very disappointed that the opportunities to act in the capacity of Minister of Housing are severely diminished by the fact that I was not recognized as the Minister. In fact, I had a name tag at the grand opening of the BRAC building as ‘Sylvia Johnson, Staff’. Not being recognized as Minister of Housing or privy to government meetings with other Ministers, CMHC meetings or on any other projects was disappointing to say the least. Completing important duties as Minister of Housing on behalf of the people was not possible to achieve. The decision on the future of this portfolio has to be made by the Métis Nation of Alberta Provincial Council.

I would like to thank you for allowing me to submit my report. I wish everyone well at the Assembly, and hope you enjoy yourself while participating in all the workshops and events. Congratulations to Region 3 for putting on the assembly in Stettler. I look forward to seeing you all.

Sylvia Johnson,
Minister of Housing

From the President of Métis Urban Housing/Métis Capital Housing Corporation, Wendy Goulet

In 2008, Métis Urban Housing Corporation (MUHC) expanded into a second company, Métis Capital Housing Corporation (MCHC), which works to deliver affordable housing. For the past eight years, MCHC has seen the growth of ten

original units that matured out of the MUHC portfolio when mortgages were paid off and subsidy stopped, into the 366 units we have today. With a remaining 546 units under the MUHC portfolio, the two companies manage a total of 912 units in fourteen areas of the province. The expansion also saw increased employment from fifty staff to eighty-five. Management has achieved the respect and support of the Provincial and Federal Governments (through CMHC) and the City of Edmonton. We have also secured a strong business relationship with Mike Holmes star of the hit TV program ‘Holmes on Homes’.

All of these accomplishments were achieved by the dedication of a strong management team and the hard work of present and past board members like the late Ephram Bouvier who, along with the CEO, Darlene Lennie, attended over 100 meetings to see the construction of the BRAC realized. MUHC/MCHC wants to acknowledge the years of volunteer services from Freezien Norris and Zane Collins, and welcomes our new board members: Fred Fraser, Region I; Doreen Hayes, Region IV; Jeanette Hanson, Region III; and our current members Kim Courtoreille, Region V; and Sylvia Johnson representing the MNA. MUHC/MCHC thanks you for your devotion and time spent building the vision. These efforts have made MCHC a leader—a company to follow in the complex business of housing services.

Affordable housing continues to be in high demand. MUHC/MCHC is receiving approximately 100 new applications per month during this time of low vacancy and high rents. MUHC/MCHC management and the board are confident that through the continued support of all stakeholders and partners more success will be forthcoming for improving and providing affordable, adequate and sustainable housing to our community.

Wendy Goulet,
President of MUHC/MCHC

Métis Crossing



Background

Métis Crossing shares the Métis story with all people. It 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.

Métis crossing began as a major initiative of the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA). Our mission is to be a premiere centre for Alberta Métis cultural interpretation, education, gatherings, and business development. Our 512-acre site is designed to engage and excite visitors, and is comprised of river lot titles from the original Métis settlers to this region in the late 1800's. Our programming encourages active participation of visitors in activities that promote an appreciation of our people, customs, and celebrations.

Featured Activities

Métis Crossing shares the story of our evolving culture. Costumed Interpreters tell the story of life in this community during the latter part of the 1800's. You will enjoy tours of our:

- Métis Museum;
- Historic village;
- Restored homesteads with farm machinery display and garden;
- Nature trail along the North Saskatchewan River; and
- Gift shop.

You can also enjoy a nice cup of tea while you cook bannock over a camp fire.

Campground

The Métis Crossing campground contains twenty-one RV sites with power, and tenting sites which include showers and fire pits.

Location

Métis Crossing is located in the Victoria District National Historic Site in Smoky Lake County (approximately 100 km northeast of Edmonton), 13km south of Smoky Lake, Alberta on Highway 855. Turn east on Victoria Trail on to reach the site.

Moving Forward

In May of 2014, the MNA will be making the decision to dedicate an internal resource to take the lead role in developing Métis Crossing, which is expected to be a multi-year, multi-million dollar project. We will be developing an internal team of three personnel to actively pursue funding from industry and government.

The steps in our funding efforts will start with a meeting with the Infrastructure Department of the federal government, and from there a second meeting with Lands & Economic Development department of AANDC. Going forward, a meeting with both departments will take place in Ottawa every 5-6 weeks thereafter to enhance our relationship and to provide regular updates.

The site's dimensions are large with a total of 512 acres of land. The team will be focused on developing the riverside site as a prime tourist and event attraction. Further site development will be considered as there are many options available. We hope to provide more updates to the community as the project comes underway next fiscal year.

Coming Events

Métis Crossing and the Métis Nation of Alberta will be holding a Métis-Scottish Family Reunion at the Métis Crossing site. Members of the MNA, as well as individuals from all over the province are welcome to attend the event. The event will be taking place over the weekend of July 5-6, 2014. Saturday will feature a barbecue, concession, potluck and fiddling contest. Sunday will start off with a complimentary pancake breakfast followed by a youth and adult jigging contest.

Ron Harrison



Métis Nation Holdings LTD.



History

In 1997, the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) took an inactive but current company called Métis Nation Productions and renamed it Métis Nation Holdings Ltd. The MNA holds one-hundred percent of the shares. This entity holds title to two properties: the MNA Provincial Office on Kingsway Avenue and the Métis Urban Housing property. It also has fifty percent of the Inglewood Centre property on 111 Ave in Edmonton. The Inglewood property 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 Ltd. is the same as the MNA Head Office.

11738 Kingsway Avenue – MNA Provincial Office, Delia Gray Building

In January 1997, the building that the Métis Nation of Alberta leased on St. Albert Trail was sold. Shortly after taking possession, the new owner proposed doubling the rent, which drew serious concern from the MNA.

In response, the MNA Provincial Council issued direction to explore the purchase of our own building. It was reasoned that purchasing our own building would create program stability and potential for gain, and would meet the office needs of the MNA. The parameters of the purchase were that ownership should cost no more than the proposed lease and no MNA program funds could be used in the purchase.

After several months of research, a deal was concluded on the purchase of the building on Kingsway Avenue, now occupied by the Provincial Office. The MNA acquired the building by assuming the existing mortgage without having to make a down payment. The MNA now holds clear title to the Delia Gray Building after paying off the mortgage in September of 2004. Renovations undertaken in February and March of 2005 have increased the amount of office space usable for program delivery and created more hospitable and welcoming spaces for our members and guests. Modest renovations continued during 2006-2007 designed to provide more efficient

file storage and additional office space. During 2007-2008, building modifications began with a vision of energy efficiency. 2008-2009 saw the completion of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning repair & replacement as well as the beginning of the final phase of office modifications designed to maximize the available office space within the building. During 2010-2011 renovations were completed. The 2011-2012 fiscal year saw modest upgrades to the building's exterior as well as the ongoing operation and maintenance. 2012-2013 continued with the exterior upgrades program, paint and finish within the interior, some modifications to the air conditioning for the server room as well as ongoing operation and maintenance.

11922 –121 A Street – Larry Desmeules Building

On May 1, 1999, Métis Nation Holdings Ltd. completed the purchase of the building occupied by Métis Urban Housing Corporation. This purchase was prompted by the proposed sale of the building by the previous owners. Due to the foresight of the MUHC Board, the MNA was provided the right of first refusal. The building was financed through the assumption of a mortgage and a loan to Métis Nation Holdings Ltd. from the Royal Bank. Once again, no MNA program funding was used in the purchase. Lease payments cover all costs associated with the building, as this was a requirement put down by the MNA Board. The building has a clear title as of May 2009. Future plans called for additional renovations to help with increased growth of MUHC and MCHC, and during 2008-2009, conceptual drawings for the addition of an administrative wing were developed and a development permit was obtained. During the fall of 2010-2011, zoning issues were negotiated, a building permit was granted and construction began in October of 2010 on a 10,000 sq. ft. addition, which was completed in April 2012. The 2012-2013 year saw the interior of the old warehouse and the majority of the old office space demolished. An upgraded, insulated warehouse with a sprinkler system is now in place, and the remainder of the old office space has been converted to file storage. The roofing on the warehouse was also replaced, and landscaping and final building inspections were completed and passed.

12304 –111 Avenue – Métis Veterans Building

On November 1, 1999, Métis Nation Holdings completed the purchase of the Inglewood Centre.

Tenants in the building include: Apeetogosan (Métis) Development Inc., Pinnacle Business Services, Edmonton Métis Employment Services Centre, Alberta Family and Social Services, City Police, the Métis Nation of Alberta

Judiciary Council, Métis Veterans Society, and Starbucks. The building mortgage was paid out and a clear title was obtained in September 2010. Property management of the building, previously contracted out, has now been assumed by Métis Nation Holdings Ltd. and Apeetogosan (Métis) Development Inc., which holds fifty percent of the shares in the building. The 2011-2012 major repairs to the building included a vinyl roof membrane, and in 2012-2013, several leases were renegotiated at increased rates, a major replacement of the entire heating, cooling and ventilation system was undertaken and several tenant space upgrades were completed

Other Activity

While not owned by the Métis Nation Holdings Ltd., the company has invested considerable time and effort assisting in the purchase of the Region 1 building, the purchase and renovation of the Region 2 building, the purchase of a Local building in Region 3, purchase of the Region 4 building, the purchase and complete renovation of the Region 5 building. Métis Nation Holdings was involved in the purchase and initial development of Métis Crossing as well as involvement with certain aspects of the MCHC projects. Renovations connected with Rupertsland and some of its MES Centres have also been undertaken.

Ron Harrison

Métis Judiciary Council



The Provincial Métis Judiciary Council (MJC) is made up of six members; one selected by the Regional Council from each Region. The MJC can carry out adjudication of complaint submissions or request for opinion with a quorum of 50 percent plus 1 Council member in attendance.

The role and powers of the Métis Judiciary Council are outlined in Article Thirty (30) of the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) Bylaws. They may be summarized briefly as:

- The Judiciary Council reviews and decides all matters pertaining to the following:
 - Membership where there is a dispute;
 - Election Bylaws where there is a dispute;
 - Suspension and reinstatement of rights of Métis members;
 - Matters concerning conflict of interest;
 - Matters regarding whether a member of Provincial, Regional or Local Council shall remain in office due to a criminal conviction or indictable offence;
 - Providing Provincial, Regional and Local Councils or any Métis Nation of Alberta member in good standing a written opinion; and
 - Reviewing any matter directed from Provincial, Regional and Local Councils (to obtain a full listing of the MJC mandate please see the MNAA Bylaws).

The Métis Judiciary Council may call hearings to resolve disputes within the Métis Nation that fall under the mandate of the Judiciary Council. There is an established process for submitting complaints to the Council and accepted procedures that determine the complaint submissions and/or govern hearings. All decisions of the Judiciary Council are final without appeal.

The MJC operates through budget support identified in the Métis Nation of Alberta Bylaws.

It should be noted that a complaint submission can be handled very quickly and efficiently if the complaint is deemed to be without merit or if the offer of mediation is accepted by the affected parties, but can also be very extensive and costly if the complaint must go to a hearing. There is no way of determining how much time or money any one particular complaint submission might necessitate; however, the MJC makes every effort to deal with their duties in a cost effective manner.

This term, the MJC sat from June 30th of 2013 to June 1st of 2014. There was one (1) complaint submission and one (1) membership appeal concerning the MNA Bylaws. This developed into two (2) dockets which the MJC has reviewed. These dockets sometimes require parties to provide further information. All of this was done to assist the MJC in coming to final decisions. Currently, the MJC

does not have any active dockets before them.

The two (2) dockets included two (2) hearing sessions of the MJC and one (1) teleconference session since June 2013 to work on all of the business of the Council. There were a supplementary twenty-eight (28) volunteer days during the 2013-2014 year given by the MJC Chair to meet with MJC support personnel to assist with ensuring the integrity of the Judiciary Council and the Métis Nation of Alberta were upheld. The complex nature of the two (2) dockets made it necessary for the Chairman to put in the extra time to ensure all matters before the Judiciary Council were handled fairly, without prejudice and to make certain that natural justice was followed.

Judiciary Council members must take an Official Oath, as is indicated within the MNA Bylaws. The Oath says that as an MJC member “I will not disclose or make known any matter or thing, which comes to my knowledge, regarding my appointment to the Métis Judiciary Council.” Therefore, it is unlawful for any Judiciary member to discuss with people, who are not current Judiciary members, any matter that currently sits before them. This is a very important point, as confidentiality leads to an unbiased, impartial and fair response to this very important and unique institute of the Métis Nation.

Due to changes in the Métis Nation of Alberta Bylaws 29.3 regarding selection or re-selection of MJC members, “[t]he Métis Judiciary Council members will serve a four (4) year term effective September 2014.” Therefore, selection or re-selection of MJC members will need to take place.

Current Métis Judiciary Council Members:

Region I MJC Member – Evelyn Webb
Region II MJC Member – Robert Cowden
Region III MJC Vice-Chair – Larry Doupe
Region IV MJC Chair – Dale Friedel
Region V MJC Member – Ken Shaw
Region VI MJC Member – Marge Mueller

Dale Friedel,
MJC Chair

*Summary of Motions from
the 85th AGA*



MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA
85th ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
August 10 - 11th, 2013
Cold Lake, Alberta

Summary of Motions

Motion #1: Bev New moves to cease nominations for Chair & Co Chair, seconded by Walter Andreeff.
Motion Carried.

Motion #2: Cecil Bellrose moves to add 'Constitution' to today's agenda following the Treasurer's report, seconded by Muriel Stanley-Venne.
Motion Carried.

Motion #3: Cecil Bellrose moves to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Joseph Pimlott.
Motion Carried.

Motion #4: Cecil Bellrose moves to accept the President's Report, seconded by Wally Garrioch.
Motion Carried.

Motion #5: Walter Andreeff moves to accept the Vice President's Report, seconded by Cecil Bellrose.
Motion Carried.

Motion #6: Brian Hamelin moves to accept the Summary of Motions from the 2012 Annual Assembly held in Athabasca, Alberta as presented in the 2013 Annual Report, seconded by Melanie Omeniho.
Motion Carried.

Motion #7: Toby Racette moves to accept the Audited Financial Statements to March 31, 2013, seconded by Maryann Stepien.
Motion Carried.

Motion #8: Melanie Omeniho moves to accept the Audited Financial Statements for the March 31, 2012 fiscal year end as presented at this Assembly, seconded by Bev New.
Motion Carried.

Motion #9: Toby Racette moves that the Metis Nation of Alberta supports the development of a Constitution with the Metis National Council going forward, seconded by Angie Crerar.
Motion Carried.



SPECIAL RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS Article 3.1 of the Metis Nation of Alberta Bylaws states: “Metis” means a person who self-identifies as a Metis, is distinct from other Aboriginal peoples, is of historic Metis Nation ancestry, and is accepted by the Metis Nation; and

WHEREAS Article 3.2 states a Metis must provide historical proof of his or her status as Metis;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Metis Nation of Alberta Association Bylaws Article 6.2 be amended by adding “*by meeting all the requirements of Article 3.1 and Article 3.2*”

HEREINAFTER Article 6.2 shall read as follows:

6.2 A Lifetime Member is:

- (a) A Metis who has received membership in the Metis Nation by meeting all the requirements of Article 3.2 and Article; 3.2 or
- (b) A Metis child who has received membership by meeting all the requirements of Article 3.2 and Article 3.2.

Moved by Cecil Bellrose

Seconded by Beatrice Demetrius

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

This Special Resolution was withdrawn by the Mover and Seconder.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #2

Whereas: The Metis Nation of Alberta has for many years moved the issue forward for our members of developing databases that are consistent with the National Definition of Metis; and

Whereas: The Metis Nation of Alberta has brought forward resolutions to address the issue of the old red and white cards and how there is no justifiable means to verify the red and white card holders as Metis or even individuals of Aboriginal heritage; and

Whereas: The Metis Nation of Alberta’s inactive cards now sits at 23,495 of old red and white cards; and

Whereas: The Metis Nation of Alberta active security enhanced cards are now in excess of 23,826 verifiable Metis card carrying members; and

Whereas: The people of the Metis Nation of Alberta have asked that a transition period would allow for individuals to access their new cards and a decade has almost past to assist them in having time to transition to the new cards;

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So Therefore Be It Resolved that:

Article 4.5 be repealed and replaced with:

Member means a member of the Metis Nation of Alberta Association who has met all the requirements of 3.1 and 3.2.

Further Be It Resolved that:

Article 6.2 be repealed and replaced with:

6.2 A Lifetime Member is:

- a) A Metis who has met all the requirements of the Métis National Definition through the Metis Nation of Alberta Registry and is issued a Metis ID number; or
- b) A Metis child who has met all the requirements of the Metis National Definition through the Metis Nation of Alberta Registry and is issued a Metis ID number.

Moved by Wally Garrioch Seconded by Melanie Omeniho **RESOLUTION CARRIED**

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #3

WHEREAS, the current term of office for the Metis Nation of Alberta Association (MNA) President, Vice-President and Regional Representatives of the Provincial Council is for three (3) years and set to terminate in September of 2014; and

WHEREAS, all other Metis Governing bodies in Canada are elected to four (4) year terms, this includes the Metis Nation of Ontario, Manitoba Metis Federation, Metis Nation-Saskatchewan and the Metis Nation of British Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the Metis Settlements General Council's elected terms of office are for terms of four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, the cost of holding an election is quite high and increasing the terms of office to four (4) years for the current MNA President, Vice-President and Regional Representatives of the Provincial Council will create a cost savings, an extra year to plan and save and an overall better use of funds; and

WHEREAS, voter turnout at the last MNA election was low and increasing the terms of office to four (4) years for the current MNA President, Vice-President and Regional Representatives of the Provincial Council will allow for more time to plan and find the resources to develop a strategy to increase voter turnout.

BE IT RESOLVED that Article 16.2 of the Metis Nation of Alberta Association Bylaws be deleted and replaced as follows:

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- 16.2 (a) The President, Vice-President and Regional Representatives of the Provincial Council shall be elected for a term of four (4) years.
- (b) The term of the present President, Vice-President and the Regional representatives of the Provincial Council shall be a period of four (4) years until the next election of the Metis Nation of Alberta Association which shall take place in September, 2015.

Moved by: Bev New

Seconded by: Sylvia Johnson

RESOLUTION DEFEATED

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #4

WHEREAS, the current term of office for the Metis Nation of Alberta Association (MNA) President, Vice-President and Regional Representatives of the Provincial Council is for three (3) years and set to terminate in September of 2014; and

WHEREAS, all other Metis Governing bodies in Canada are elected to four (4) year terms, this includes the Metis Nation of Ontario, Manitoba Metis Federation, Metis Nation-Saskatchewan and the Metis Nation of British Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the Metis Settlements General Council's elected terms of office are for terms of four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, the cost of holding an election is quite high and increasing the terms of office to four (4) years for the current MNA President, Vice-President and Regional Representatives of the Provincial Council will create a cost savings, an extra year to plan and save and an overall better use of funds; and

WHEREAS, voter turnout at the last MNA election was low and increasing the terms of office to four (4) years for the current MNA President, Vice-President and Regional Representatives of the Provincial Council will allow for more time to plan and find the resources to develop a strategy to increase voter turnout.

BE IT RESOLVED that Article 17.4 of the Metis Nation of Alberta Association Bylaws be deleted and replaced as follows:

- 16.2 (a) The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for a term of four (4) years.
- (b) The term of the present Secretary and Treasurer shall be a period of four (4) years until the next election of the Metis Nation of Alberta Association which shall take place in September, 2015.

Moved by: Bev New

Seconded by: Sylvia Johnson

RESOLUTION BYPASSED

Karen Collins, President of Region 2 Regional Council requested it be recorded that she abstains from voting on this resolution as an elected official.

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This resolution is tied to Special Resolution #4 which has been defeated therefore it was not voted on.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #5

Whereas: the Metis Nation of Alberta bylaws need to be consistent; and

Whereas: The Metis Nation of Alberta passed a resolution at the 2012th Annual Assembly changing 16.2 to identify that the term of office for the President, Vice-President and Regional Representatives should be elected to a term of office of four (4) years;

So Therefore Be It Resolved that:

Article 17.4 be repealed and replaced with:

17.4 The Secretary and Treasurer should be elected to a term of four (4) years effective September 2014.

Moved by: Cecil Bellrose Seconded by: Melanie Omeniho **RESOLUTION CARRIED**

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #6

Whereas: the Metis Nation of Alberta bylaws need to be consistent; and

Whereas: The Metis Nation of Alberta passed a resolution at the 2012th Annual Assembly changing 16.2 to identify that the term of office for the President, Vice-President and Regional Representatives should be elected to a term of office of four (4) years;

So Therefore Be It Resolved that:

Article 29.3 be repealed and replaced with:

29.3 The Metis Judiciary Council Members will serve a four (4) year term effective September 2014.

Moved by: Cecil Bellrose Seconded by: Melanie Omeniho **RESOLUTION CARRIED**

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #7

Whereas: the Metis Nation of Alberta bylaws need to be consistent; and





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Whereas: The Metis Nation of Alberta passed a resolution at the 2012th Annual Assembly changing 16.2 to identify that the term of office for the President, Vice-President and Regional Representatives should be elected to a term of office of four (4) years;

So Therefore Be It Resolved that:

Article 33.2 be repealed and replaced with:

33.2 Each Elder should be appointed for a four (4) year term and shall be eligible for re-appointment upon expiry of the term effective September 2014.

Moved by: Cecil Bellrose Seconded by: Melanie Omeniho **RESOLUTION CARRIED**

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #8

Whereas: the Metis Nation of Alberta bylaws need to be consistent; and

Whereas: The Metis Nation of Alberta passed a resolution at the 2012th Annual Assembly changing 16.2 to identify that the term of office for the President, Vice-President and Regional Representatives should be elected to a term of office of four (4) years;

So Therefore Be It Resolved that:

Article 43.5 be repealed and replaced with:

43.5 The Secretary and Treasurer should be elected to a term of four (4) years effective September 2014.

Moved by: Cecil Bellrose Seconded by: Melanie Omeniho **RESOLUTION CARRIED**

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #9

Whereas: the Metis Nation of Alberta bylaws need to be consistent; and

Whereas: The Metis Nation of Alberta passed a resolution at the 2012th Annual Assembly changing 16.2 to identify that the term of office for the President, Vice-President and Regional Representatives should be elected to a term of office of four (4) years;

So Therefore Be It Resolved that:

Article 61.2 be repealed and replaced with:

61.2 The Local Council should be elected to a term of four (4) years effective September 2014.

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Moved by: Cecil Bellrose

Seconded by: Melanie Omeniho

RESOLUTION CARRIED

ORDINARY RESOLUTION#1

(1) Murdered and Missing Metis Women

Whereas, there have been over five hundred and sixty-two murdered and missing Aboriginal women documented in Canada and

Whereas, the number continues to rise as noted since the Native Women's Association published their statistics and

Whereas, the actual number could be higher than the documented cases because of inadequate police work, and cold cases,

Therefore be it resolved that the Metis Nation of Alberta Assembly support all efforts to stop the killings and violence in each region of the Metis Nation and

Therefore be it resolved that there be a study on the needs of Metis women in this province in regard to increasing the safety of all women and girls

Therefore be it resolved that the Metis Nation of Alberta endorse the International Day of the Girl and as proclaimed by the United Nations and introduced by Rona Ambrose then the Federal Minister Responsible for the Status of Women in Canada.

Moved by Muriel Stanley-Venne

Seconded by Toby Racette

RESOLUTION CARRIED

ORDINARY RESOLUTION #2

(2) "Remembering the Children" Society

Whereas the Metis Nation of Alberta has been involved with the working group consisting of Treaty Six, Treaty Seven, the Metis Nation of Alberta and the United Church of Canada; and

Whereas the Metis Nation of Alberta has been represented by Muriel Stanley-Venne, assisted by Joseph Pimlott Vice President Region 3 and Metis Nation of Alberta has hosted the last of the four ceremonies in Red Deer Alberta, to commemorate the First Nation and Metis (Half Breed) children who died in the Red Deer Industrial School and

Whereas there is important information within our own records that would be helpful in identifying the Metis Children in this Residential School and possibly other Residential Schools,

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Therefore be it Resolved that the Metis Nation of Alberta assist where possible in the work of the “Remembering the Children Society” in identifying the Metis children.

Moved by Melanie Omeniho

Seconded by Wally Garrioch

RESOLUTION CARRIED

ORDINARY RESOLUTION #3

(3) Metis Cemeteries in Alberta

Whereas the Metis Cemeteries have not all been documented and

Whereas the rich history of the Metis People has yet to be completed and

Whereas there is a need to preserve and protect these important historical places

Therefore be it Resolved that these places be recorded and documented and added to the historical documentation of the Metis People.

Moved by Joseph Pimlott

Seconded by Alice Berger

RESOLUTION CARRIED

ORDINARY RESOLUTION #4

(4) Constitutional Workshop

Whereas the Supreme Court of Canada has found in favour of the Metis people of Canada in regard to the following:

That the Metis lands belong to the Metis People and should be held by Metis people; that Metis people should receive the same rights as Registered Indians; that the agreement between Louis Riel to grant land to the children of the Metis people by Prime Minister John A. MacDonald was never fulfilled and the Metis people should be compensated.

Therefore be it resolved that every effort be made to inform the Metis people of Alberta on the Supreme Court decisions and the implications to Metis citizens in the Province of Alberta.

Moved by Joseph Pimlott

Seconded by Melanie Omeniho

RESOLUTION CARRIED

ORDINARY RESOLUTION #5

Whereas, the Metis Nation of Alberta (MNA) Bylaws are intended to govern the affairs and give direction to MNA at the Provincial Council, Local Council and Regional Council levels; and

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Whereas, the general process for the MNA Bylaws to be changed is by way of a Special Resolution that has received a majority vote of at least 75% of Members eligible to vote at an Annual Assembly or Special Meeting; and

Whereas, often changing one article of the MNA Bylaws require that changes to other articles of the Bylaws be made in order to maintain consistency throughout the entire document.

Therefore be it resolved, that the MNA Provincial Secretary be responsible to review all changes to the MNA Bylaws and bring any necessary Special Resolutions forward to each Annual Assembly that are required to ensure that consistency is maintained throughout the MNA Bylaws.

Moved by Melanie Omeniho

Seconded by Brian Fayant

RESOLUTION CARRIED

ORDINARY RESOLUTION #6

WHEREAS: The Metis Local 1990 of Grande Prairie has secured funding from the New Horizon for Seniors Program to create a Metis Elder Awareness Program.

WHEREAS: The Metis Elder Abuse Awareness Program will be creating partnerships with other agencies who deal with Elder Abuse.

WHEREAS: The Metis Elder Abuse Awareness Program will be creating a Metis Cultural Training program to be administered to service providers who deal with Elders.

WHEREAS: All Elders are a valuable member of society and have the right to live free of abuse.

WHEREAS: Our Elders are our past, present and future, whose wisdom and knowledge will forever guide us forward on our journey.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the 85th Metis Nation of Alberta Annual General Assembly, give its full support to the Metis Elder Abuse Awareness program and it's endeavors. By working together as a community, we can help prevent abuse. Join us and let's protect our Elders!

Moved by Marilyn Lizée

Seconded by Walter Andreef

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Melanie Omeniho moves to adjourn the meeting 3:45 p.m. August 10, 2013

*Special Resolutions for
the 86th AGA*

Special Resolution (1)

WHEREAS Article 16.3 of the Metis Nation of Alberta Bylaws states:
The President, Vice-President and the Regional Representatives of
the Provincial Council shall be eligible for re-election to the Provincial
Council if their rights have not been suspended.

WHEREAS Article 61.3 of the Metis Nation of Alberta Bylaws states:
The Members of the Local Council shall be eligible for re-election to the
Local Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Metis Nation of Alberta Association Bylaws
Article 16.3 and 61.3 be ammended.
HEREAFTER Article 16.3 and 61.3 shall read as follows:

The President, Vice-President and the Regional Representatives of the
Provincial Council shall be eligible for re-election to the Provincial Council. If they
have not served for more than two consecutive terms and their rights have not been
suspended.

Moved By: Donald McCargar

Seconded By: Sharon Pasula

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