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MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA

91ST ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ANNUAL REPORT 2018 – 2019

THE FUTURE IS NOW

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BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

St. Paul Recreation Centre, 4802 - 53 Street

Saturday, August 17, 2019, 9:00am – 4:30pm

Opening Ceremony	9:00 am
Meeting Called to Order	Establish Quorum
	Appointment of Sergeant at Arms
	Election of Chair & Vice-Chair
	Adoption of Agenda
	Resolution Committee
	Appointment of Cree Translator
Report of Officers	President: Audrey Poitras
	Vice President: Dan Cardinal
	2018 Summary of Motions Secretary: Carol Ridsdale
	Audit Report 2018/19 Treasurer: Lawrence Gervais
	Métis Judiciary Council Report Chair: John Phillips
Resolutions	Special and Ordinary
Adjournment & Closing Ceremony	Closing Remarks: President Audrey Poitras
	Closing Prayer

Sunday, August 18, 2019

7:30am – 9:00am	Pancake Breakfast - Curling Rink
7:30pm – 12:00pm	Voter Registration - Rec Centre (Main Entrance)
	Regional Registration - Curling Rink
9:00 am	Business Meeting Continued - Recreation Centre
	Trade/Craft Show - Curling Rink (Far Side)

PRESIDENT AUDREY POITRAS



It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 91st Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA). Since our last Assembly, the MNA has advanced forward at a very rapid pace. There were so many exciting events that have taken place in this past year, like the historic signing of the Métis Nation of Alberta Self-Government Agreement with the Government of Canada.

It was truly a historic day. It is not an exaggeration to say that the agreement signed on June 27th, 2019 was something for which Métis in Alberta have been fighting for close to a century. Finally, Canada recognizes our right to self-government. I have always believed that once we get recognition right, everything else will fall into place for the Métis Nation within Alberta. I think we are well on our way. "Our Journey of Recognitions Begins, the Future is Now!"

Now it is up to us, the Citizens of the Métis Nation within Alberta, to take the reins and drive our own future. We need to write our own constitution and build our own government. These are enormous tasks, but I know that we are up to the challenge.

There are several important other milestones that we have reached as well, like the signing of our harvesting agreement with the Province of Alberta, allowing our Métis Citizens to harvest. There were several other agreements signed, with the Federal Government, such as early learning and childcare, post-secondary education,

homelessness, economic development, housing, languages, skills and employment training, and with Parks Canada.

As we move forward, we are continuing to grow and provide programs and services to our Métis Citizens; our Health department is committed to the development of policies and implementing programs that will result in better health outcomes. We have our children services doing some great work with Métis children in care. Our Registry department is working diligently to ensure that the process of receiving your citizenship card is in a timely manner. We now have a department dedicated to our Métis youth, which has a youth coordinator in the regions. Our Métis Rights and Accommodation department are working on things like climate change, economic development, the creation of an online Métis Business Directory for industry, and of course they played a major role in the signing of our harvesting agreement. This year was the first year we hosted a province wide Métis Fest to celebrate our rich and vibrant culture. This is a tradition that we hope to continue year after year. I am also pleased to announce that our Interpretive Centre at Métis Crossing will be opening in the fall of this year!

We have a lot of work ahead of us; however, together we will get it done, and bring to reality the dreams of our ancestors.

I want to thank you all for your participation, with your voice, I have no doubt that, by working together, we will build a stronger Métis Nation embracing Métis rights.

Sincerely,

Audrey Poitras
President

PROVINCIAL VICE-PRESIDENT DAN CARDINAL



Tansi, ninanaskomon kahkiyaw kawichitek
(hello, I am thankful for the opportunity to serve you all).

After being sworn in on October 18, 2018. I worked out of the Region One office in Lac La Biche until January of 2019 when I was able to relocate to Edmonton. Since then, I have worked out of the Provincial Office, and brought on Brenda Bourque-Stratichuk as my Executive Advisor.

Over the last year, I had the privilege of traveling to every Region in the province to assist in celebrations, chair AGMs, facilitate Consultation Protocol Agreements, and participate in community rallies. One such rally was at Rocky Mountain House successfully opposing the proposed changes to the Big Horn County. I am encouraged to see the many accomplishments of our leaders advancing our Nation and its citizens. I am privileged to get to work with citizens, across the province, on concerns ranging from medical needs to housing issues. I have met with numerous local councils to navigate their governance roles, and to support the many good causes and great work they provide their respective communities.

Our staff, affiliates, and Provincial Council have been extremely busy involving our citizens in events such as the Youth and Seniors Gathering, the Métis Land: Rights and Scrip Conference, Alberta Métis Fest celebrations, the 6th Annual Business Mixer, and various health forums. I want to acknowledge the citizens who shared their personal cancer journeys with us at the Canadian Partnerships against Cancer Initiative organized by our Health, Children & Youth Department in March of this year. These experiences will help Métis Albertans navigate the cancer control system following a diagnosis.

Our relationships with Municipal, Provincial, and Federal governments are extremely important. I am honoured to represent our Nation at tables with all levels of government, throughout the Métis Homeland. Wherever the meeting, it is clear that mutual respect exists between these governing bodies and our Nation. The opportunity to reach agreements on matters important to our citizens is now achievable through these relationships.

As a provincial leader, one of my responsibilities is to work with the Métis National Council (MNC). The MNC is the political body representing Métis citizens across the Homeland (in the three Prairie Provinces, parts of Ontario, the Northwest Territories, and the Northern United States). Discussions surrounding Section 35 rights, climate change, permanent bilateral mechanism, and Métis rights remain at the forefront of our work.

For several years, I have been responsible for portfolios in culture, where I continue to represent the Nation as a board member on both Métis Crossing and the Indigenous Languages Advisory Committee. Métis Crossing has received overwhelming financial support from the provincial and federal governments, and the corporate private sector. I encourage everyone to visit the site and see, firsthand, how it is being transformed into a premiere cultural gathering centre.

The Indigenous Advisory Language Committee is responsible for planning curriculum addressing reconciliation in kindergarten to grade 12 classrooms throughout the province. Our board includes representatives for Alberta Education, the Métis, First Nations, and Inuit. I am pleased to report that the federal government is supporting the Métis Nation of Alberta in this initiative, which will be administered via the Rupertsland Institute.

As I reflect over my first year with Madame President Poitras, I can honestly say it has been a rewarding and enjoyable experience and I admire her wealth of knowledge and integrity. Daily, Audrey brings sound guidance and leadership to all the situations and tasks we deal with. Therefore, it is with great confidence that I report to you, Madame President Poitras has been stellar in every way she conducts herself as our leader. I look forward to meeting the objectives you, the citizens, set forth at this 91st Assembly.



PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

Statement from the Prime Minister of Canada

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Métis Nation of Alberta's 91st Annual Assembly.

The Annual Assembly is a time to celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of members of the community over the past year. It is also a time to identify objectives for the year ahead and collaborate on ways to achieve them. Such meetings play a meaningful role in allowing members to develop strategies that best serve the community.



I would like to thank the organizers for making this 91st Annual Assembly possible and all in attendance for coming to participate.

Please accept my warmest welcome and best wishes for a successful and productive event.

A blue ink signature of Justin Trudeau, written in a cursive style.

Ottawa
2019



**Message from Rick Wilson
Minister of Indigenous Relations**

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, I congratulate the Métis Nation of Alberta on your 91st Annual General Assembly.

Our government is committed to a path of reconciliation and shared prosperity with the Métis people of Alberta.

We are focused on developing our resources and getting more people back to work. Our government looks forward to our work together, as partners, to achieve this for Métis in Alberta.

We are moving beyond symbolic gestures to real, practical measures to ensure Métis people will benefit from the many opportunities that Alberta has to offer.

Our government will work with you to improve the social and economic well-being of Métis people and ensure that Métis people prosper.

Best wishes for a productive assembly.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rick Wilson

June 4, 2019



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
ALBERTA

DAVID HANSON, MLA
BONNYVILLE-COLD LAKE-ST. PAUL CONSTITUENCY

MESSAGE FROM DAVID HANSON, MLA
BONNYVILLE-COLD LAKE-ST. PAUL CONSTITUENCY

“I am very proud to represent all the residents of the Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul Constituency in the Alberta Legislature. We truly live in one of the best areas of the Province.”



On behalf of the Town of St. Paul, I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to our community. We are so pleased that you have chosen the Town of St. Paul to host the 91st Métis Nation of Alberta Annual Assembly.

Your conference is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to get to know each other and to learn and understand. Your history is such an integral part of our community and consequently our history as well. We are honoured to have you here and look forward to the flag raising ceremony.

We hope you enjoy your stay and again, welcome to the Town of St. Paul.



Mayor Maureen Miller



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August 6, 2019

President Poitras and citizens of Métis Nation of Alberta,

Congratulations to all of you as you celebrate your 91st Annual Assembly. I am very disappointed that I am unable to attend but I've been called to an urgent family matter.

A gathering such as this is so important for the Métis people. It provides an opportunity to reflect on all that your President, Provincial Council, Local Presidents, citizens of the Métis community and all the volunteers have accomplished. It also is a time to make decisions on how you will go forward in your Province in a time such as we are in. Many opportunities have been given to us and as leaders we take those responsibilities very seriously.

I congratulate President Poitras on the hard work she has done for your Province. Also, I encourage President Poitras and your Provincial Council to continue to work hard on behalf of the Métis people of Alberta. When we work together, we are stronger.

Once again, congratulations and best wishes for a successful Annual Assembly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Clara Morin Dal Col". The signature is fluid and cursive.

President Clara Morin Dal Col



OFFICE of the PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT

August 6, 2019

Audrey Poitras
President
Métis Nation of Alberta
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Tansi, Hello!

It's been an incredible year for Métis people in Canada and our nations have made historic and monumental steps forward.

As Métis Nation of Alberta moves through its assembly, I am confident your dialogue will continue to advance the interests of Métis people in a constructive and collaborate manner. Ensuring our citizens are respected and have opportunities in their lives are priorities for all Métis leadership as we work to secure a better future.

On behalf of Métis Nation-Saskatchewan, we wish you positive, healthy dialogue during your Assembly.

We stand beside you and extend our warmest wishes to all our friends and family who are part of Métis Nation of Alberta.

Much respect

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glen McCallum".

Glen McCallum
President



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

On behalf of the Manitoba Métis Government, I offer our best wishes as you gather for your Annual General Assembly (AGA). Your AGA is a time to reflect and celebrate your collective hard work.

This year, more than ever, we have cause for celebration. The federal government's commitment to reconciliation with the Métis Nation, means opportunities for you, your children, and your children's children. Now is the time to realize the dreams of our grandparents, our great grandparents, and all those who came before us. This is a new era in our history.

In Manitoba, we launched the first time home-buyers program. This program provides support towards a down payment and closing costs for Métis Citizens. This year we are also building homes for our seniors, Métis early learning and childcare centres, and affordable housing for our families. To do this work we are also organizing an army of Métis contractors and tradespeople to undertake this work. As Métis people we helped build this country through our hard work and determination.

But even as we look towards reconciliation with the federal government, we must never forget where we come from and who we are. We are once again a people under siege. Like our ancestors before us, we must protect the heart of our homeland from those who would attempt to claim our rights, our flag, and our traditions. In the midst of these struggles, I encourage you to hold strong to our Nation and to who you are as a Métis citizen.

We have our work cut out for us this coming year.

Believe in Yourself – Believe in Metis!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Chartrand". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.



Métis Nation of Ontario
Office of the President



A message from
Margaret Froh
President of the
Métis Nation of Ontario
to the delegates of the
2019 Métis Nation of Alberta
91st Annual General Assembly

On behalf of the leadership and citizens of the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO), it is my great pleasure to bring greetings and well wishes to all of the delegates attending the 91st Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA). I extend a sincere thank you to MNA President Audrey Poitras for the invitation to attend your Assembly, and I am excited to be a part of it!

The MNO applauds the work of the MNA in advancing Métis rights, and in preserving and protecting Métis culture and the well-being of Métis families and communities throughout Alberta. And this has certainly been an exciting year for advancing Métis rights! The recent signing of Self-Government Agreements by three Métis Governments – the MNA, the MNO and the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan -- is a testament to the strength and determination of our collective will as Métis. Finally, we have recognition of what we have always known and asserted – that we are a people who govern themselves. To all MNA leadership and citizens, we say congratulations!

We have built a strong relationship between our respective governments, and we look forward to continuing to work together in the coming years as we move forward towards full Métis self-government. I look forward to seeing you all soon and wish you all the very best for yet another successful MNA Annual General Assembly.

Sincerely,

Margaret Froh
President
Métis Nation of Ontario

MURIEL STANLEY VENNE



National Aboriginal Advisory Committee to the Commissioner of Prisons

Solitary Confinement:

Canada has been in violation of the United Nations directive to abolish solitary confinement within Canadian prisons. Until now this recommendation was ignored. The Advisory Committee agreed that the new procedures would provide a dramatic change by eliminating the need for placing a prisoner in Solitary Confinement. By providing positive alternative measures to address their needs. We are hoping that the implementation will be swift and effective. It will also address the recent tragedy of a Métis man's suicide.

Relationship with the Investigator of Prisons:

The committee acknowledged the important information provided by the Investigator of Prisons as helpful to the decision-making process. The Investigator should be *"a friend to our committee, complemented with the power to investigate complaints"*.

Indigenous Women Prisoners:

It was agreed that there would be a permanent standing agenda item regarding women prisoners. I personally believe that no woman should ever be sent to jail when pregnant and that healing, with appropriate corrective measures, should replace prisons.

I am providing this information to share my thoughts and the concern that you may have for the treatment of the prisoners.

Respectfully submitted,
Muriel Stanley Venne C.M., B.A.(Hon.)

Muriel Stanley Venne, was appointed by Corrections Canada as one of the Indigenous Advisory Committee members representing the Métis people of Canada and reports yearly to the Métis Nation of Alberta assembly to share information and gather feedback.

WE THE OTIPEMISIWAK

It has been 135 years since Louis Riel returned to Canada to lead the fight for Métis rights. He fought and died for self-determination for the Métis people. Finally, after more than 13 decades, his vision of Métis self-government was finally recognized by the Government of Canada.

On Thursday, June 27, 2019, Canada and the MNA signed a historic agreement. The agreement recognizes the Métis Nation within Alberta as having an inherent, constitutionally protected right to self-government.

Now, Canada formally recognizes the Métis Nation within Alberta, as represented by the MNA, holding the inherent right to self-government.

The agreement establishes a formal process leading to the recognition of a modern, Métis government for all Métis Nation citizens in Alberta. This process will include the adoption of both a constitution by the Métis Nation within Alberta and legislation by the federal government. Before we are fully recognized as governing ourselves, Canada needs to adopt legislation to implement the Self-Government Agreement; the constitution we create will need to be adopted/ratified by the citizens of the MNA; the MNA will need to negotiate a fiscal agreement, intergovernmental relations agreement, and transition plan with Canada; and, finally, the core laws of the new Métis Government will need to be created and adopted.

However, this agreement is a momentous step. Finally, Métis self-government is being recognized for what it is: an essential pillar of Confederation.

This current federal government has had the courage to do what no federal government before it would: acknowledge our right to self-determination.

Our story on this land predates Canada by generations. We were born of the fur trade, had our own language, culture, and distinct identity. Neither Europeans or First Nations, we became new Indigenous people, a new nation. Our journey since then has rarely been easy. Immediately following Confederation, Canada moved west into our homeland without acknowledging that we were already here, living off our own land, and overseeing our own affairs.

This milestone is meant to put an end to generations of denial and neglect. Now, we can move forward—together—in the spirit of recognition and respect. The Métis Nation has the reigns. Where we go from here is up to us.



Pipemission

BELOW: Leaders from the Métis Nation of Alberta, Métis Nation of Ontario, Government of Canada, and the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan sign the first ever self-government agreement between the Government of Canada and Métis governments.



THE FUTURE IS NOW!



DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS & CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

As the Director of the team, I am pretty lucky. Each one of our team members are very passionate about their work and, I dare say, love coming to work. We are a very high function team. Collaborative – discussing design, writing, and planning ideas together. Supportive – our team likes and trusts one another, and because of that they each go out of their way to help one another; that very high morale is important. Dedicated – It is very common that someone from our team is staying past 4:30pm and almost always with a smile. It is also common for our team to be filling our space with laughter; having fun while working hard. I am pretty lucky to have such a great team.

The following report is a summary of our work, as pulled together by the team.

Thank you,
Rolando Inzunza

COMMUNICATIONS

Overview

The Communications and Citizen Engagement department consists of eight staff with varying focuses and specialties. We work closely with clients from other MNA departments (eg. Métis Identification and Registry Systems, Métis Rights and Accommodation, Health, Children and Youth), affiliates (eg. Métis Housing, Métis Crossing), regional offices and occasionally provide support to Rupertsland Institute. Since the 2018 AGA, our team has worked on more than 220 projects with approximately 50 active projects at any time. Getting ready for this year's Annual General Assembly, we had 60 different projects for the various departments and the organization as a whole.

Director

One of my key responsibilities is removing roadblocks for my team. The more efficiently I can get them answers and clear direction, the more effective they are at

doing their jobs. As the director, I'm also focused on setting the strategic direction, budgeting, identifying key priorities, identifying opportunities to collaborate with other departments, and having oversight of all our communications and citizen engagement projects.

Communications Manager

Our Manager of Communications keeps all the day-to-day work on track. She has oversight of the team to ensure we meet our deadlines and clearly understand the goals and intended audience for each piece of communication; how we message and present information for youth is different for how we do that for seniors.

Administrative Assistant

Our Administrative Assistant is a critical part of the team. She is getting quotes, process invoices, orders supplies, handles logistics, and oversees Cree Productions – our arm focused on MNA-branded merchandise and Dr. Anne Anderson's resources.

Citizen Engagement Officer

Our Citizen Engagement Officer provides overall direction for engagement planning at the MNA. Responsible for the development of an MNA engagement framework, the Citizen Engagement Officer champions best practices and competency development. They work with individual departments to plan and implement engagement activities and take a leading role in developing a framework for engagements at the MNA.

Communications Coordinators

Two Communication Coordinators work closely with other MNA departments to establish the strategic communications and marketing needs for their projects. Their responsibilities include:

- Crafting the communications plan.
- Sourcing and overseeing promotional product design.
- Executing communications tactics (for example, writing ad copy, press releases, and articles; scheduling social

media promotions; updating event information on MNA websites; and event support).

- Liaising with management through approval processes.
- Evaluating success of project and communications support.

Graphic Designers

Our two graphic design specialists work closely with the Communications Coordinators and other MNA department to design collateral in support of a variety of initiatives. Products they create include:

- Posters, handbills, and brochures;
- Signage for billboards and transit;
- Web graphics;
- Magazines;
- Reports; and
- Promotional Items (eg., MNA hoodies, hats, and pens).

Key Developments 2018-19

1. Establishing design and style standards

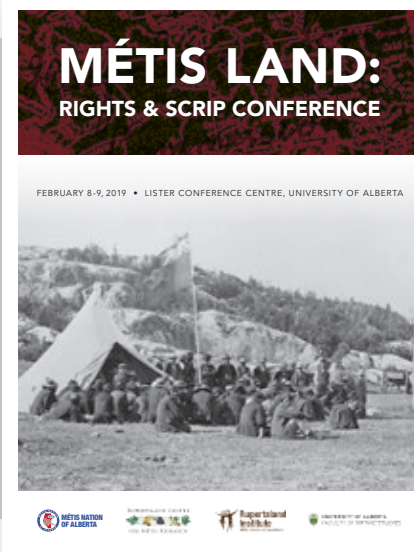
- To build and maintain branding standards for the MNA, our team is working on a comprehensive brand guide. This document will be used as a reference, both internally and externally, to ensure the MNA's corporate identity is maintained.
- In this vein, we have also created design templates to position Métis culture at the forefront of all promotions and enhance recognition of the MNA brand. You might have noticed this evolution in this annual report, the social media postings, event posters, and more – we are proud of what the team has accomplished.

2. Website re-development

- We are working with an Edmonton web-design and development company, Paper Leaf, to redevelop the MNA's online presence. The new website will offer key support and service information in a user-friendly experience, including a community event calendar and event registration. Other enhancements are planned for release later in the fall.

3. Alberta Métis Fest

- The inaugural Alberta Métis Fest was held March 23 in six locations across the province. The C&CE team planned and executed all promotion for this massive undertaking, resulting in province-wide attendance of almost 3,000 people.



- For the Communications Planning our team won the International Association of Business Communicators' (IABC) Award of Excellence; the highest recognition awarded by the IABC's Edmonton Chapter.

4. Métis Rights: Land and Scrip Conference

- Another first, the Métis Rights: Land and Scrip Conference brought together historians, legal experts, Métis leaders, and citizens to discuss the sorry history of scrip and how we address its effects. Our team planned and executed promotion of the event which had almost 500 reservations in less than one week.
- C&CE also facilitated livestream engagement at the event, fielding questions from those viewing online and posing them to presenters in real time. Over 4,000 viewers tuned into each livestream across the two-day conference



5. Communications reach

a. Social media

- i. We continue to grow our social media presence with the addition of the MNA YouTube channel. Livestreams and cultural videos are archived there for all to access.
- ii. Since this time last year, we have grown our Facebook community by over 2,500 followers (9,678 as of June 14, 2019)
- iii. We've had close to 80,000 engagements across all social platforms in the last year. That means almost 80,000 likes, comments, shares, etc.
- iv. It is clear to see that our social community is growing rapidly and paying dividends as we see more and more citizens participating at community events, having heard about them online.

(February 2019), and tourism (May 2019) features. Upcoming issues will feature Métis Housing (Summer 2019), Métis entrepreneurship (Winter 2020), and education (Spring 2020).

- ii. A key component of the Otipemisiwak Magazine is community generated content. We're always looking for your suggestions on who/what we should feature next! If you have ideas, poems, stories, or photos to submit, please email them to mna@metis.org.

6. Continuous improvement

- a. Our team is continuously looking for ways to improve our efficiency. Over the past year, one of the most significant changes has been managing the breadth of work we do. Previously, we were finding it very difficult to juggle all the balls and keep everyone up-to-date on progress. This year, we implemented a new project management tool (i.e. ClickUp), which has been a tremendous resource. It helps us stay on top of all of the intricate tasks and details related to the hundreds of projects we work on. It is also a key communication tool when working with other teams. We can instantly share and receive updates, track the status of any project, and make sure everyone working on a project stays informed! Click Up has proven such a success that now other MNA teams are now starting to use it to manage their work too!
- b. In the month of May alone, we tracked some 1,500 tasks, completed 433, and logged over 417 hours of work for other departments. In getting ready for the AGA, we were working on some 45 projects for each of the various departments.



b. Website

- i. In the last year, we've had almost half a million page-views on albertametis.com. That's up from 360,000 from the 2017-2018 period.
- ii. Our most popular pages include the careers, events, and registry pages.

c. Otipemisiwak Magazine

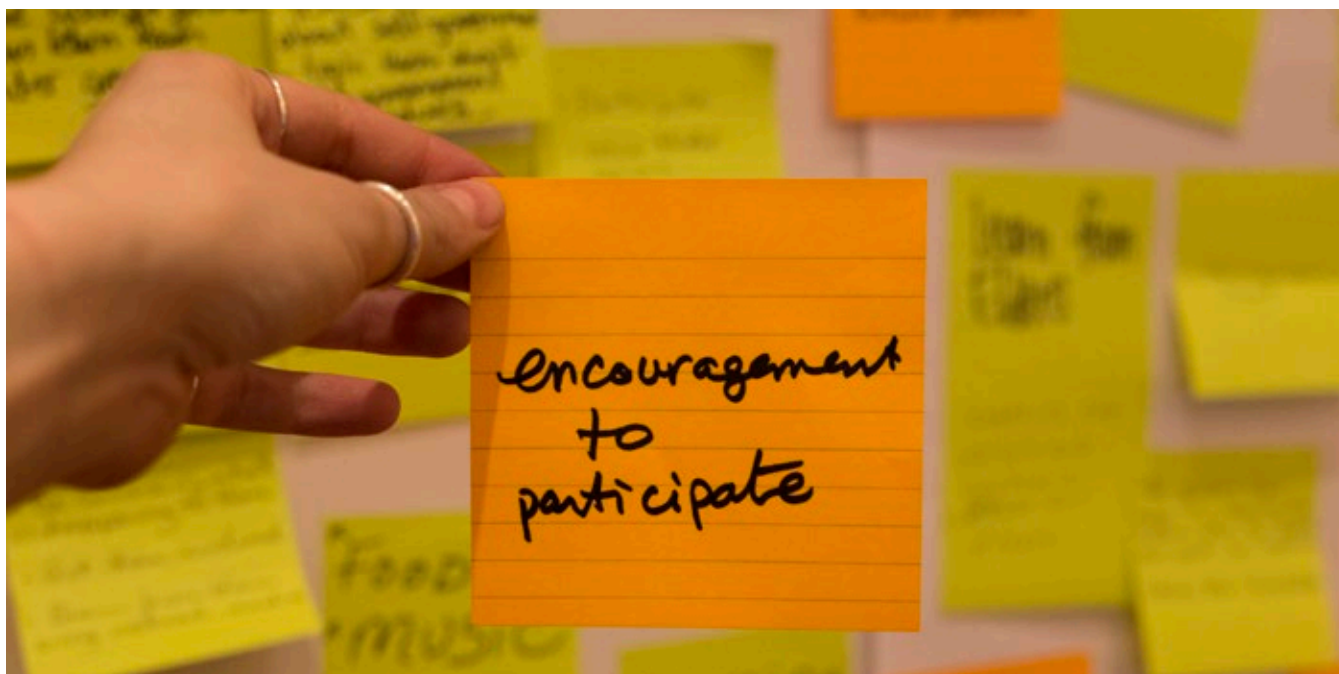
- i. We continue the growth of this staple MNA publication. Keeping with the themed issues, we recently released health

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

Every day staff from the MNA are engaging with citizens and other stakeholders on a variety of issues. These engagements and the information they generate and document is important in guiding the development of the Nation. C&CE support MNA departments in their engagement activities. 2018-19 was focused on developing our engagement practices and engagements related to the MNA's self-government and constitutional development efforts.

Self Government and Constitution

In 2018/2019 the focus of citizen engagement was on the move toward self-government and the development



of a constitution. At the 2018 Annual General Assembly, citizens supported a motion to begin drafting a constitution. This direction was based on the submitted report outlining the findings and methodology of the 2018 self-government engagement sessions. Additional engagement sessions are being planned for Fall 2019/Winter 2020 to continue on this work, but before we begin we want to create a framework on HOW we will engage with our Métis citizens.

Creating an Engagement Framework

The success of the Métis Nation of Alberta is inherently tied to the interests, concerns, and priorities of its citizens. Engaging with citizens is imperative to understanding and providing the programs and services citizens need, and in building a strong Métis Nation.

To this end, our recent focus is on building the organizational capacity of the MNA to engage with citizens and stakeholders. To date, over 30 MNA staff, from across the province, have participated in the foundational engagement training developed by the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2). This training is specific to the proper planning of engagement activities, and the different techniques appropriate for different purposes and situations.

Further to this, our team is developing an engagement framework for the MNA. The framework will help ensure quality and consistency by providing high-level guidance to MNA staff and citizens on the practice of engagement at the MNA. This framework will also include a toolkit for MNA staff to support them in planning, implementing,

and evaluating engagements with MNA citizens and stakeholders. The MNA is already engaging staff and citizens in the development of this framework and hopes to have this drafted Fall 2019/Winter 2020.

The Sixties Scoop

At the end of March 2019, the MNA hosted a Métis National Council (MNC) event on the Sixties Scoop¹. The engagement session was part of a national initiative led by MNC. The session was a follow-up to a National Symposium for Métis Sixties Scoop Survivors held in Winnipeg, in October 2018, and was a part of a series of six workshops occurring across the Métis Homeland.

Approximately 50 survivors and their supports gathered in Edmonton. The input provided by survivors will inform potential negotiations with the federal government reconciliation; the results of which will address the legacy and harmful effects of the Sixties Scoop on the Métis people.

The MNA is currently exploring options for further action and support of our Métis citizens who survived the Sixties Scoop. ■

¹The term Sixties Scoop was coined by Patrick Johnston in his 1983 report called, *Native Children and the Child Welfare System*. It refers to the Canadian practice, beginning in the late 1960s and continuing until the early 1980s, when social workers began apprehending unusually high numbers of Indigenous children by removing them from their families, their communities, and their culture and fostering or adopting them out usually into non-Indigenous families.

HEALTH, CHILDREN, AND YOUTH

HEALTH RESEARCH

The Health Department is committed to developing policies and implementing programs and services that will result in the betterment of health outcomes for Métis Albertans. The principle goal is to provide culturally-appropriate, self-directed health and wellness opportunities that address the unique health profile of Métis Albertans and their respective communities.

The Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) has prioritized Métis-specific health research to improve health outcomes for Métis Albertans. Métis people are one of Canada's constitutionally-recognized Indigenous groups, yet the unique experiences and needs of Métis people are largely underrepresented in mainstream Indigenous health literature. This knowledge gap is reflected in the lack of health programs specific to the needs of Métis peoples. The Health Department partners with organizations in the academic and health sectors to recognize and investigate the health experiences of Métis Albertans as distinct from other Indigenous groups.

Health Research Priority: Addictions

In March 2019, the Health Department completed the *Live-In Addictions Treatment Standards* project. Through a partnership with Alberta Health and the Thunderbird Partnership Foundation, this project created minimum standards of care for live-in addictions treatment centres in Alberta. This project is a response to Action 16.2 from the Government of Alberta's *Valuing Mental Health: Next Steps* report. Action 16.2 states: "In consultation with stakeholders, use best evidence and experience to develop minimum standards and accreditation practices for residential addictions treatment services."

Through engagement with Métis Albertans, the research team gathered feedback and lived experiences from community members to inform the standards. The following recommendations and key findings were identified:

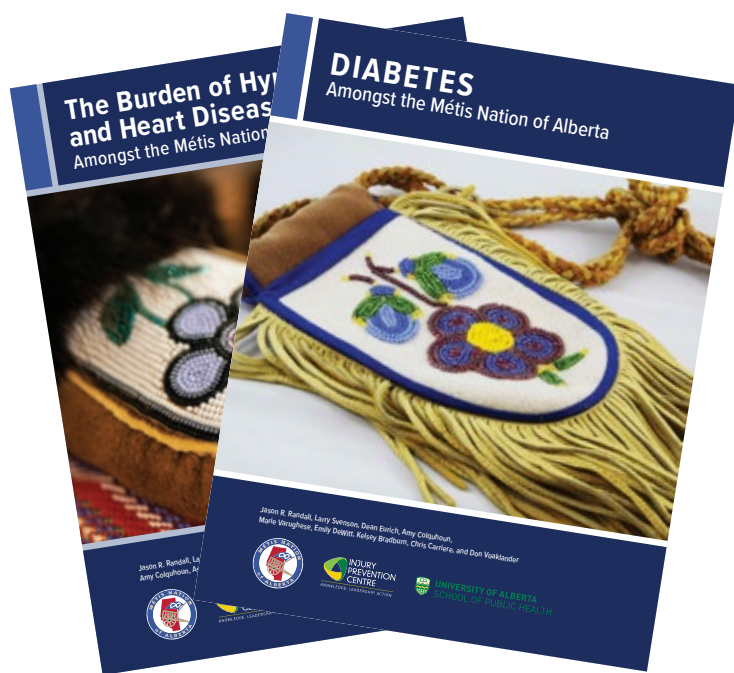
- More funding is needed to support Métis Albertans accessing treatment.
- Métis Albertans face long waitlists when accessing treatment, sometimes waiting months for space to become available.
- Harm reduction elements, such as relapse planning, more resources and education, and supports in the community are important in the treatment journey.
- Supportive relationships with others are central to recovery. Métis Albertans benefit from visits with knowledge holders, family, friends, peer mentors, and younger adult mentors for youth who may have trouble relating to volunteers in the community.
- Treatment is most successful when grounded in cultural practices. Métis Albertans emphasized the importance of knowledge holders, traditional medicines, and training for all staff on the history and traumas of Métis Albertans.

At the end of this project, key findings and recommendations were compiled into standards of care for youth and adult populations in Alberta. The Government of Alberta will review the final documents to best decide how the standards will be implemented.

Health Research Priority: Chronic Disease

Health Surveillance Reports

This year, the Department released two health surveillance reports. *Diabetes Amongst the Métis Nation of Alberta* outlines Métis-specific diabetes incidence and prevalence data, which helps us understand the unique ways that Métis Albertans experience diabetes. This research found that Métis Albertans were 50% more likely to be living with diabetes than non-Métis Albertans. Métis Albertans also consistently received more medication for diabetes and its complications, except for medication to protect the heart and kidneys in the 30-49 age group.



The Burden of Hypertension and Heart Disease Amongst Métis Albertans outlines Métis-specific incidence and prevalence data on heart disease and hypertension. This data shows that Métis Albertans were diagnosed with hypertension and heart disease at higher rates than non-Métis Albertans (29% and 12%, respectively). This research also found that Métis Albertans were less likely to die from ischemic heart disease and hypertension than non-Métis Albertans.

Chronic Disease Sharing Circle Project

Health surveillance data shared through these reports highlighted an increased burden of disease for Métis Albertans. The *Chronic Disease Sharing Circle* project aimed to uncover the stories behind these numbers through regional community-based consultations with Métis individuals living with chronic disease. The *Chronic Disease Sharing Circle* project will ultimately produce a summarized list of priorities determined by community participants concerning health services, resources, and relationships with health care teams. This information will be used to guide future funding opportunities, identify

health research priorities, and advocate for health services.

Next Steps: Transitions in Care Project

Health surveillance data from *Diabetes Amongst the Métis Nation of Alberta* informed the successful application to the Transitions in Care grant program from the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR). The Transitions in Care project will include lived-experience discussions with Métis Albertans with diagnosed diabetes to further explore health outcomes related to diabetes, assess quality of diabetes care, and better understand barriers and facilitators to managing diabetes.

Next Steps: Continued Health Surveillance

Findings from the diabetes and heart disease reports have highlighted the importance of continued health research specific to the Métis population of Alberta. Through ongoing funding from Alberta Health, the following health surveillance projects will be undertaken:

- A report updating the 2013 *Health Status of the Métis Population of Alberta* report.
- A report on arthritis among Métis Albertans.
- A report on mental wellness and addictions among Métis Albertans.

Health Research Priority: Cancer



The MNA has partnered with the CANHelp Working Group (University of Alberta) in a research project to better understand the cancer journeys of Métis Albertans and their families, from diagnosis to treatment, recovery, and survivorship. The project incorporates regional community-based consultations with Métis cancer patients, survivors, and their family members. The stories shared in community consultations demonstrate that Métis Albertans experience unique barriers to cancer care, and that Métis culture is often misinterpreted or goes unrecognized in Alberta's cancer control system. The experiences shared by Métis Albertans will be compiled into a *Cancer Journey Resource Toolkit* to help Métis Albertans navigate the cancer control system following a diagnosis.



Next Steps: Alberta Métis Cancer Strategy Project

This year, the MNA received funding from the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC) to support the creation of an *Alberta Métis Cancer Strategy*. This is a four-year project ending in 2022, which builds on previous research and aims to improve the experiences of Métis Albertans in the cancer control system. This project has three objectives:

1. Create a person-specific cancer strategy for Métis Albertans.
2. Improve access to culturally-appropriate cancer resources and materials for Métis Albertans.
3. Enhance Métis-specific cultural knowledge of medical professionals in cancer centers across Alberta.

Throughout the project, Métis Albertans will have multiple opportunities to contribute to the creation of the *Alberta Métis Cancer Strategy*.

New Research Initiatives: Mental Wellness and Maternal Health

This year, the Department of Health began health research projects in two new priority areas. *Ehawawisit (with Child): Maternal and Perinatal Health Outcomes Among the Métis in Alberta and the Influence of Proximal, Intermediate, and Distal Determinants of Health* aims to better understand the health experiences of Métis mothers and

newborns. In addition to creating a health surveillance report, this project explores the perspectives of Métis women on pregnancy, childbirth, and motherhood through regional community-based gatherings. This project will be completed in March 2020 and help inform programs and services to meet the needs of Métis mothers.

The *Métis Suicide Knowledge Awareness* project aims to fill gaps in culturally-sensitive, community-based mental health programs that are specific to Métis people in Alberta. This project will increase recognition of mental

health concerns, specifically related to suicide, in addition to increasing response readiness and referral to appropriate supports and services. Through engagement with the MNA's Health Committee and Provisional Youth Council, this project has created a Métis Suicide Knowledge Awareness Training Program. Over the next year, community champions from each region will be trained to deliver this course in communities across Alberta.

Partnerships for Health Research

Health research undertaken the past year was made possible through partnerships with the Thunderbird Partnership Foundation, the Analytics and Performance Reporting Branch of Alberta Health, the Injury Prevention Centre, School of Public Health at the University of Alberta, the CANHelp Working Group at the University of Alberta, the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer, and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Faculty of Medicine at the University of Alberta.

Other Activities:

A one-day Health Forum was held November 2018, to consult with Métis Albertans on health concerns, and the design and delivery of appropriate programs and services. The forum included health-related presentations (i.e., presentation on recent health reports from the Department of Health, Children, and Youth; presentation on sexual health from the Indigenous Wellness Clinic), focus group discussions on the following topics: cancer,



maternal and perinatal health, substance use stigma and treatment programs, suicide, and youth health concerns.

HEALTH PROGRAMS

In 2018, the MNA's Department of Health, Children, and Youth was able to offer more health service programming for MNA citizens than ever before. Emphasis has been placed on creating opportunities for training and awareness to create safer Métis communities, as well as offering programming that reduces barriers for citizens in need of health care services. The following programs have provided MNA citizens with training to promote healthy behaviours and reduce risks and have reduced barriers to care such as financial burden, stigma, and difficulty locating the appropriate resources and services.

Health Program Priority: Training and Awareness

First Aid Training and Certification

Knowing first aid is a valuable skill to have for personal, and professional, reasons. As a third-party training organization for Apex Training Solutions, the MNA is able to offer free Standard First Aid and Emergency First Aid certification courses for MNA citizens to help keep our communities safe and thriving.

- 27 citizens have received first aid training from the MNA (as of May 2, 2019)

Opioid Awareness Training

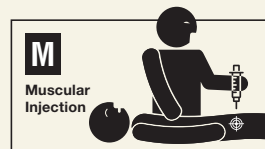
The Opioid Crisis has caused many premature deaths across Canada, and data produced in partnership with Alberta Health's Analytics and Performance Reporting Branch found that Métis Albertans are also impacted by this public health crisis. In response, the MNA's Opioid Awareness Training was developed to provide free education to the public about how to recognize an opioid overdose, the various types of opioids, current statistics, supports for opioid dependency, and how to reverse an

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opioid overdose with naloxone. This training is free and Opioid Awareness Training participants also get to leave with their own Take-Home Naloxone Kit! In just 15 minutes, you can learn how to save a life.

- 1111 people have attended Opioid Awareness and Take-Home Naloxone Kit training (as of April 26, 2019)

Community Health Nights

The MNA strives to increase community awareness of FASD and enhance knowledge of community supports through the development of educational materials and facilitation of Community Health Nights at the MNA's Provincial Office. This year, the MNA has welcomed local organizations to present at our Community Health Nights on a variety of topics such as: FASD 101 (Catholic Social Services), Maternal Health and Family Planning (Indigenous Wellness Clinic), Family Law:

Child Custody & Parenting (Edmonton Community Legal Centre), Brain Basics (Brain Care Centre), and Child and Youth Advocacy (Office of the Child and Youth Advocate).

Further, the MNA has created the new *Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD): Resources for Communities Handbook* and is developing a resource to improve knowledge and awareness of FASD within the justice system.

Health Program Priority: Reduce Barriers to Accessing Care

Medically Necessary Accommodations

During times of medical need, additional expenses for associated travel and accommodations can become a barrier to receiving proper care. The MNA's Medically Necessary Accommodations program offers free accommodations in Métis Capital Housing Corporation's Renaissance Building for MNA citizens needing to travel to Edmonton for medical services that are not available in their home community.

- 17 Métis families have stayed in accommodations provided by the MNA for medical appointments (as of April 26, 2019)

Compassionate Care: Cancer Transportation Pilot Program

Cancer diagnosis and treatment often requires frequent travel to specialist health centres. The additional expenses for cancer-related appointment travel can become a barrier to receiving proper care. To help alleviate some of the financial burden for Métis citizens experiencing cancer, this pilot program helps to cover the costs of mileage for Métis citizens to attend their cancer-related appointments.

- Nine Métis families have been assisted with travel to cancer-related appointments (as of April 26, 2019)

Feedback from citizens who accessed both the Medically Necessary Accommodations and Compassionate Care programs:

"The financial assistance was helpful, in that we were able to use it for fuel, meals and parking while in Edmonton for our medical appointment. It was a huge help, because, we could have missed our appointment due to lack of funds to travel to Edmonton. It was very difficult financially, because I am currently only working part time due to medical concerns I am overcoming myself... It has been a struggle for my family to simply make enough money to pay our monthly living expenses. So to travel to a specialist in Edmonton seemed really far out of my reach. Being able to attend this appointment will mean the world to my son getting the proper treatment and diagnosis for his health concerns. We are so grateful that the lodging and travel expenses were available to ensure we were able to attend the medical appointment without worrying how we would feed ourselves while we were here. And not worry how we would pay for our fuel to get home. We were in a beautiful place with nothing to worry about. Except my son finding out how to deal with his health concerns."

Supports and Services / Resource Navigation

Locating appropriate supports and resources can be difficult and discouraging, especially during times of stress. The MNA's Supports and Services Navigator and Métis Resource Worker are able to direct Métis citizens to the programs and supports they are looking for, as well as advocate on clients' behalf. These navigation services ensure that Métis Albertans receive relevant and timely assistance for a variety of concerns, including financial supports, health care and treatment options, access to education, and more.

- 1,045 Métis Albertans have accessed Resource Navigation Services (as of April 30, 2019)

MNA health programs intend to provide support to Métis families experiencing health complications, as well as education to encourage healthy and safe behaviours. MNA health services currently receive limited funding, and so eligibility criteria must be met to access some programs.

Programs that are free and accessible to all Métis people include:

- Opioid Awareness Training
- Take-Home Naloxone Kit Training and Distribution
- Supports and Services / Resource Navigation
- Community Health Nights

Programs that require MNA citizenship, and may require additional documents, include:

- First Aid Training and Certification
- Medically Necessary Accommodations
- Compassionate Care: Cancer Transportation Pilot Program

For more information about MNA health programs and services, or for questions about program eligibility, please call 780-455-2200 or email health@metis.org.

Children Services

The Métis Nation of Alberta works collaboratively with the Government of Alberta's ministry of Children's Services to best support Métis children, youth, and families that have Children's Services involvement by involving a Métis Resource Worker to provide supports, referrals and tools that can help enhance strong families and communities. Some of the MNA priorities are: ensuring Métis children remain connected with their families and communities; improve access to services and deliver supports to children and their families; awareness and education; providing further supports and services based on the

identified needs by the citizen; and cultural connections and training.

Children Services Priority: Métis Resource Worker

The Métis Nation of Alberta's Métis Resource Worker Program acts as an essential link between the Métis child and family, the community, and Children's Services. The Métis Resource Worker collaborates with Children's Services staff to create and promote cultural plans and offer culturally-relevant resources and supports. The primary goals of the Métis Resource Worker are to maintain and preserve the Métis culture, ensure that Métis children in care are identified and connected to their culture and community, and work with Children's Services staff, kinship, and foster families caring for Métis children.

Indigenous children in care in Alberta are overrepresented in the child welfare system at over 70% of children in care being Indigenous while less than 10% of Alberta's total population is Indigenous (Statistics Canada 2016). The Métis Nation of Alberta strives to ensure that Métis children in care are being identified and are culturally connected.

This year, the MNA connected with various stakeholders to provide cultural awareness training/workshops including Alberta Foster Parent Association (AFPA), Government of Alberta (GoA), North Central Alberta Child and Family Services offices, Edmonton and area Child and Family Services offices and Aboriginal Days- GoA in the Edmonton Region.

Approximately 216 Children's Services staff have been trained.



The Métis Resource Worker assisted 12 Métis families that had Children's Services involvement and assisted with identifying 60 children in care that were not earlier identified as Métis.

Children Services Priority: Cultural Awareness Training

The MNA has partnered with GoA- Children Services Ministry to create Métis Cultural Training, designed to provide hands on learning to the Ministry of Children Services employees. The training is part of the Government of Alberta's 'Indigenous Cultural Understanding Framework' [ICUF] designed to ensure Children's Services staff have the knowledge, skills and abilities to deliver culturally appropriate support, services and programs to Indigenous children, youth, and families.

The Métis cultural training will identify the unique needs, values, traditions, and history of Métis people in the hopes that it will improve the relationships and understanding between Children's Services and Métis Albertans.

Other Activities: Sixties Scoop Engagement

The Sixties Scoop refers to the practice of the Canadian Government removing Indigenous children from their homes between the years of 1951-1991 and placing them into non-Indigenous homes. This largely resulted in the loss of culture, identity, and familial connections and is often seen as another form of assimilation, like Residential Schools.

The Métis Nation of Alberta hosted its first Sixties Scoop Engagement Session in Edmonton, AB on March 29-31, 2019. Approximately, 50 Métis Albertans- who identified as Sixties Scoop survivors, along with their supports attended. The two-day engagement session provided an opportunity for survivors to tell their story, connect with other survivors, and engage on the topic of reconciliation and healing for Métis sixties scoop survivors and their families.

This engagement session was a part of the national initiative led by the Métis National Council and its governing members to negotiate with the federal government on a Métis-specific plan for reconciliation. The Métis National Council has conducted engagement sessions in all five provinces to gather input from Métis Sixties Scoop survivors and will be using that information in the future negotiations with the federal government in a non-judicial process.

MÉTIS YOUTH

The Métis Nation of Alberta values Métis youth, and their role in ensuring a strong future for the Métis Nation of Alberta for generations to come. In order to ensure that Métis youth will confidently carry on Métis knowledge, traditions, governance, and ways of life in a healthy way, the MNA works to develop and deliver programs to address the unique needs of Métis youth, including mental wellness, creating a sense of belonging amongst Métis youth and the greater Métis community, opportunities for cultural enrichment and personal development.

Youth Priority: Mental Health Awareness and Supports

Headstrong Summit

In partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) and the Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC) the MNA lead and hosted the first ever Métis specific anti-stigma mental health Headstrong Summit to Métis youth in Alberta.



The event highlighted the importance of identifying and addressing mental health stigma and discussed ways that youth could assist with eliminating stigma in their home communities. The MNA is committed to developing programming that will encourage partnerships, support communities, reduce mental health stigma, and build resiliency. It is the hope, that through this event youth increase community empowerment, while supporting healthy, balanced lifestyles.

Youth and Seniors Gathering

Métis culture and traditions are at the forefront of all programs and services delivered by the MNA. Opportunities for intergenerational connection among Métis Seniors and Youth are integral to ensure the preservation of Métis culture for future generations. In January 2019, the 3rd Annual Youth and Seniors Gathering brought together hundreds of MNA citizens across the province to participate in knowledge transfer opportunities and hands on cultural teachings.

Youth Priority: Increase Connection to Culture and Community

Increasing connections to Métis culture, land, and community among Métis youth across Alberta has been identified as a priority. To support this priority, the MNA works towards building lasting connections among Métis youth by developing specific programs that focus on increasing connection to culture and community. this past year, the MNA has hosted multiple culture camps, cultural enrichment workshops, and life skills programming.

Métis Youth Culture Camp

Last year, the MNA brought together 26 Métis youth from across the province to attend a 5-day camp at the MNA's historical site Métis Crossing. The Culture Camps are designed to connect Métis youth to their culture, through activities and teachings, provide opportunity to connect to Métis Elders, knowledge-holders, community, and Métis youth. These connections will facilitate the development of positive cultural identity, a sense of connection and belonging, and contribute to a positive self-image.

10 Métis trapper tents were built, which provided accommodations for four camp participants, and one camp leader. The camp encompassed structured learning including activities such as harvesting, teaching Métis history, story-telling, hide-tanning, survival skills, and other cultural activities.

With the overwhelming positive feedback from the 2018 Métis Youth Culture Camp, the MNA will be hosting two youth summer camps in 2019, including a weekend Voyageur Camp at Métis Crossing in July and a week-long summer camp at Camp Wohelo in August. We look forward to providing culturally-appropriate programs and services for Métis youth.

Testimonial:

"Hello, I would just like to thank you guys for all your hard work and planning for the Métis youth culture camp. On behalf of Ciara and I, I would like to thank you guys and hope to see another camp in the future! It would be nice to have an annual camp, to ensure that Métis children across the province have a chance to experience such an amazing event. We loved every part of the camp, and we're very sad having to leave a day early but would not have changed it for the world. The councillors were very very good, the food and activities were just perfect. Even though we had not the chance to finish up and do canoeing, the camp had created a community stronger and better within all the youth that attended. (No matter the age!) Thank you again and I would love to see this event in the future."

Hi there, my name is Samantha and I was 1 of 26 youth that had attended the Métis youth culture camp this past week. I personally think that this camp was very fun and educational! I went there with not a ton of knowledge about my culture and left with so much information to share with my friends and family! I was very pleased with everything this camp had



to offer, the camp counselors were absolutely fantastic, and I wouldn't have asked for anyone else! The councilors were very caring and worked so hard to put everything together and keep it running smoothly along with putting up with all us crazy kids! I thank them all for what they did to make my first camp experience so amazing! The youth that attended the camp were great, I only went there knowing 2 and I left with 26 amazing friends that I love and miss so very much! We were all very sad that camp had to end a day early and we could not canoe but I still had the time of my life and I didn't want to leave, I could spend my whole summer at a camp like that it was so great! No one had to put on a mask and fake personality to fit in, everyone accepted and appreciated each other as themselves and I wouldn't want it any other way! This camp was a growing experience and was a great time to build new friendships, I will be attending a fair amount of youth activities as I miss all my friends and I would love to have a youth winter and summer annual camp! I believe that the experience I got should be shared and valued by all youth to come and us as we continue to grow up because it was life changing! I know for sure I am not the only youth that would like to have more camps because everyone that attended constantly asked to have more and for them to be longer! We all had such an amazing time. I wouldn't change my experience and time away at camp for anything in the world! Thank you for taking the time to read this, I hope it helps with decisions for future events:) Sincerely, Samantha O'Reilly

Cabin fever – Winter Camp

One of the priorities of the Métis Nation of Alberta is to create opportunities to Métis citizens that facilitates connections to one another, as well as opportunities to learn and experience cultural traditions and practices that are distinctly “Métis.”

Through consultation, Métis youth suggested Culture Camps as an avenue that would best address this need. As such, the MNA has committed to hosting seasonal camps to experience cultural teachings on the land, one of which was “Cabin Fever: Métis Family Camp,” held at camp Wohelo throughout the month of March. Cabin Fever was delivered and hosted in partnership with Métis Crossing.

Cabin Fever hosted eight Métis families on the last three weekends of March 2019, in heated cabins at camp Wohelo on Pigeon Lake, Alberta. Families participated in cultural activities and survival skills training, including learning to set and pull nets on the frozen lake, shelter-building, trapping basics, fiddling, musical spoons, jigging at a kitchen party, as well as beading and finger-weaving lessons.

According to staff and participants, Cabin Fever was largely successful, creating lasting connections, and growing Métis families in traditional Métis knowledge,



facilitating a sense of belonging to the Métis community for Métis families across Alberta.

Testimonial:

"My family and I attended the Winter Camp at Camp Wohelo and we all had a fantastic weekend that enriched and rejuvenated us. For my husband and I, we learned so much from the elders who shared their knowledge. The conversations and stories surrounding us were valuable and will lead us to explore more aspects of our Métis community. The camp setting was breath taking. We arrived in the darkness of evening but woke up to white snow-capped evergreens, a lake stretched out for miles in front of us and the excitement of our children running outside to play in the snow and knock off icicles taller than themselves. Fantastic wholesome food was served at each and every meal. The guides were incredible and ice fishing captivated me. It is a new winter activity for us and I am so grateful for that. We were truly blessed to be a part of this memorable weekend that the Métis Nation of Alberta gifted to us."

-Gail Cudmore participant of the Family Camp March 8-10th

"The Winter Camp was a life changer for me. It was incredible to see members of the Métis community come and share their wisdom and expertise with us. Starting on Friday night with Brianna Lizotte, the Métis fiddler extraordinaire, to fish scale art with Pearl Sandor on Saturday morning, to trapping basics and hide tanning with Ronny "Guitar" Quintal, to ice fishing with Craig Letendre on Saturday afternoon, and snowshoeing with the Métis Crossing crew on Sunday morning. The whole weekend was a true cultural showcase of the Métis people. I highly recommend this camp for everyone! This camp genuinely changed the way I view myself, the Métis, and our great planet. A thousand thank you's for the opportunity; it was an honor."

-Leanne Miller participant of the Family Camp March 8-10th

Alberta Métis Fest

The Métis Nation of Alberta values creating opportunities for Métis citizens to gather and create meaningful cultural connections, as well as showcasing Métis culture and its distinctness to communities and organizations.

On March 23rd, 2019, the Métis Nation of Alberta organized six Métis Fest events across the province that aimed to gather Métis citizens and share Métis culture.

Métis Fests across the province included a cultural showcase, featuring Métis dancers and fiddlers, as well as a jigging competition with cash prizes. In addition,



each region hosted a back-up band and "open mic," giving Métis citizens an opportunity to showcase and experience the importance of music and dance at Métis cultural gatherings.

Métis Fest took place in the following locations:

- Region 1: Lac La Biche, AB
- Region 2: Bonnyville, AB
- Region 3: Calgary, AB
- Region 5: Slave Lake, AB
- Region 6: Fort Vermilion, AB
- Provincial: Edmonton, AB

All six of the Métis Fests hosted across the province on March 23, 2019 were largely successful, accommodating more than an estimated 3000 guests celebrating the rich vibrant Métis culture across the province of Alberta.

Cultural Enrichment Workshops & Personal Development Programs

In addition to Youth Culture Camps, MNA has been offering Cultural Enrichment and Personal Development Programs to Métis youth across the province. Since 2018, the MNA has hosted over twenty-five (25) cultural enrichment workshops across the province including moccasin-making, beading, finger-weaving, Cree lessons, capote-making, and jigging. All workshops that included cultural teachings, were taught by Métis artisans, and were free for MNA citizens.

MNA has also strived to deliver Personal Development programs to Métis youth across the province including providing Non-Restricted Canadian Firearms Safety training, free of charge, to MNA citizens for harvesting purposes.



Native Hockey Provincials 2019

In April 2019 the Métis Nation of Alberta entered two teams in the Alberta Native Hockey Provincials; One in the Novice Division and one in the Atom Division. Once again, we were undefeated in the Novice Division and took home the gold medal. Our Atom team played their hearts out and made the finals before they were eliminated in the championship game. We are so very proud of all the players who participate every year to have some fun and play some great hockey.

Introducing your Alberta Native Hockey Provincial Champions for the 4th year in a Row, the Métis Nation Voyageurs, Team Novice.





MÉTIS NATION VOYAGEURS – NOVICE TEAM (left to right)

Back row: Coaches

Jason Brodrick, Aaron Barner, Shane Courtorielle & Alex Courtorielle.

Also included in the photo: Elmer Gullion, MNA Region 5 President and MNA President Audrey Poitras.

Middle row:

Jordon Kuzio, Charles Barner, Jayden Paul, Colton Dunn, Avery Leonard, Kage Carson, Jase Brodrick, Trenton Dirks.

Front Row:

Lycan Fleming, Chayse Courtorielle, Kael Scott.

Congratulations to the 2019 Native Hockey Provincials All Stars:

Charles Barner, Jase Brodrick, and Chayse Courtorielle





MÉTIS NATION VOYAGEURS – ATOM TEAM (left to right)

Back row: Coaches

Phil Wirth, Rueben Jeffrey, Aaron Barner, Ryan Fleming.

Middle Row:

Jace Lizotte, Carter Ray, Brant Goodman, Dallas Kuzio, Jett Toma, Cole Goodman, Douglas Wirth.

Front Row:

Cooper Mercredi, Grady Conroy, Jacob Fleming, Ryder Lizotte, Greyson Turner.



Other Activities: Career Exploration Youth Conference

MNA has hosted an annual Career Exploration Youth Conference for Métis Albertans at the Annual General Assemblies over the past 3 years. The event brings Métis youth together, facilitates mentorship opportunities with career professionals, and exposes youth to Métis specific post-secondary funding opportunities. Last year, the youth delegation suggested a Leadership and Governance conference to assist them in learning the importance of Métis governance and how the MNA operates.

Regional Youth Coordinators

In response to the Ordinary Resolution brought forward at the 90th AGA on August 11 & 12, 2018, in Lac La Biche, Alberta, the Provincial Office of the Métis Nation of Alberta, Youth Programs and Services Team, began hiring Regional Youth Coordinators in each MNA Region. These regional coordinators were hired to develop, coordinate, and implement Métis youth programs and services throughout their respective MNA regions, including both cultural enrichment and personal development programs.

The Regional Youth Coordinators are also responsible for the development of a youth network within their region to help build connections and lasting relationships with, and among, Métis youth, both within the region, and provincially. These networks will be a step forward in fostering youth relationships within the region as they will provide youth with a community based, Métis specific

youth group where they are able to meet new people, develop new relationships, and strengthen their ties to their community and their culture.

The youth of the Métis Nation of Alberta have persistently showed their desire to learn more of their historical roots.

MNA Provisional Youth Council

The newly appointed MNA Provisional Youth Council have been meeting quarterly to discuss how to move the Nation forward. The goal of the MNA Provisional Youth Council is to “move youth issues forward” within the Métis Nation of Alberta and provide a youth perspective in the planning of MNA events, programs, and services. The MNA Provisional Youth Council has been making advancements to address the key priorities and needs of Métis youth in Alberta and has been a crucial element in advising the Youth Programs and Services Team at MNA on the development and implementation of programs and services offered to Métis youth throughout Alberta.

This is an important and exciting time for Health, Children, and Youth. Over the next year, we will continue to work to produce quality services and programs to support the on-going need of Métis throughout Alberta. ■

BELOW: 2018 MNA Provincial Youth Council (L-R): Brett Chernow – Region 3, Mary Ludwig – Region 1, Megan Claude – Region 2, Tony Ressler – Region 6 Alternate. Absent: Hannah Nash – Region 4, Neika Courtorielle – Region 5, Tutchone Dunfield – Region 6



MÉTIS IDENTIFICATION & REGISTRY SYSTEMS

The Registry team is committed to providing exceptional service to all current citizens and MNA applicants. As a result of our combined efforts, we are recognized at a Federal level as the premier Registry among all governing bodies within Métis National Council. Registry set two key performance indicators in 2018/19; to increase citizenship applications and to reduce the wait time to issue new citizenship cards. We are pleased to report that both targets were successfully met.

To increase applications, we focused on making the Registry team more available to the community. We achieved this by setting up out-of-office Registry sessions aimed at post-secondaries, friendship centers, and with Regional & Local offices. Post-secondary institutions such

as Mount Royal University, Red Deer College, Northern Lakes College, Lethbridge University, Lethbridge College, and Lakeland College to name a few. We partnered with Friendship Centers located in Lloydminster, High Prairie, St. Paul, Slave Lake among many others. We also received invitations to attend Annual General Meetings from MNA Regional and Local offices across the province. Lastly, we were able to work with the Rupertsland (RLI) Mobile Unit and with RLI regional offices. This allowed Métis in Alberta to learn about support offered through RLI and to be able to apply for citizenship at the same time. This past year was another great success as we received 3925 applications, which surpassed last year's totals of 3374 and the five-year average of 3331.

The below statistics reflect the number of citizens and applications received in the Provincial Office by walk-ins, mailed-ins, and from Registry sessions.

Statistical Results	April 2017 to March 2018	April 2018 to March 2019
Total Number of Applications Received	3374	3925
Number of New Citizens	2805	3649

Below you will see the citizenship count comparing 2017-18 to 2018-19

Region	2017-18 Citizenship Count	2018-19 Citizenship Count
Region 1	2729	2956
Region 2	2032	2234
Region 3	11232	12449
Region 4	15688	17292
Region 5	1213	1283
Region 6	3130	3449
Provincial	36024	39663

The Registry Department continues to achieve its goal of reducing the turnaround time on processing applications. Through the continued efforts of the Registry team to optimize our policies and procedures, we were able to reduce a new applicant's wait time to receive their card from 10-12 months down to 6-8 months. Applicants over the age of 65 or any applicant who identifies as a student requiring proof of Métis ancestry, may be given priority in the application process. In addition, we also expedite the process for youth accessing programming and other opportunities such as Native Hockey Provincials. In priority instances, all citizenship requirements must still be met.

Verifying an applicant's genealogy is a fundamental component in the application process. The Genealogy Research Centre (GRC) holds an extensive collection of resources available to assist Métis individuals in completing their family tree for MNA citizenship. Individuals can choose to conduct their own research or work with our genealogy team. Since the summer of 2018, the GRC has reintroduced one on one in person assistance to those requiring support in determining their Métis ancestry. Over 130 individuals have been assisted in the past year. These individuals have either been able to complete their genealogy to the mid 1800's as required, or they have been given guidance on what information is needed to continue their research. The GRC will continue to provide this assistance throughout the following year and encourages people unable to make it into our head office to contact us by email or telephone. We are also available at several cultural and community events attended throughout the year.

The Métis Nation of Alberta Registry continues to promote, identify, and register our Métis citizens. The MNA Registry team will continue to meet and exceed the needs and aspirations of our applicants and citizens, whether they may have educational, housing, business and/or program opportunities.

Lastly, the Registry Department would like to recognize Marlene Lanz, Registry Co-Minister, who suddenly passed away on August 25, 2018 for the support, guidance, and leadership she provided over the years. ■



TOP: Pincher Creek Local President Gail McLenaghan with new youth applicant

LEFT: Registry session with RLI Mobile Unit

BOTTOM: Region Six President, Carol Ridsdale in Manning with applicant.



MÉTIS RIGHTS AND ACCOMMODATION

Key Highlights in 2018/19:

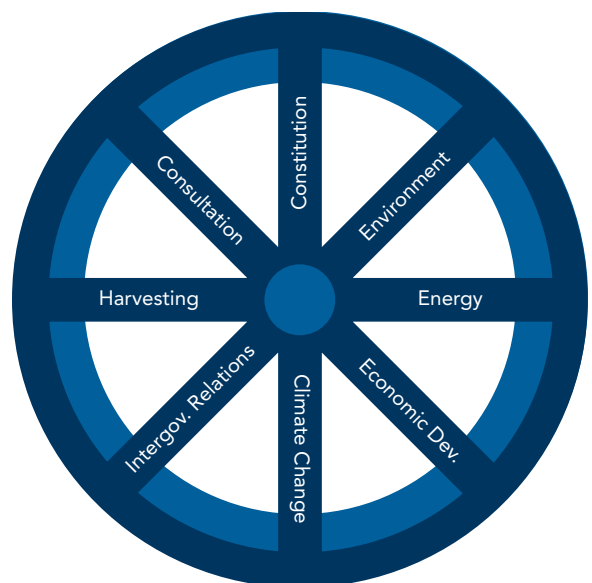
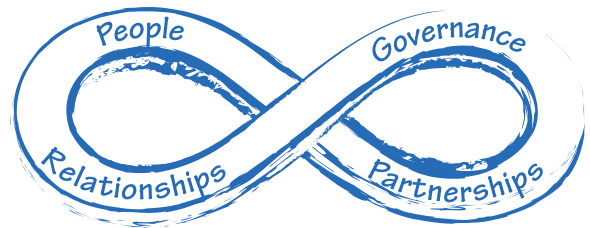
Harvesting Policy: March 12, 2019 the Harvesting Agreement between the MNA and the Government of Alberta was signed, it established the Métis Harvesting in Alberta Policy which replaced the previous policy from 2010. The new policy comes into effect September 1, 2019. Harvesters can apply to the MNA for a reissued MNA Citizenship Card with harvester identification on the back. A Harvester Hotline is available at the MNA to answer all questions from citizens.

Consultation Policy: July 24, 2018 the MNA signed the MNA / Canada Consultation Agreement and by November 30, 2018 all six MNA Regions have signed the MNA Regional Consultation Protocol Agreements. We now have Consultation Coordinators in each of the Regional offices.

Environment: is leading the initiative to develop an Indigenous Community-based Climate Monitoring Program. They support the consultation team with Traditional Land Use studies and technical information, participate on several policy committees across the province including Traditional Ecological Knowledge, and are engaged in a federal approach to the environment through the Métis National Council.

Climate Change: The Climate Leadership program expanded to include Climate Change Coordinators in each of the regional offices. They hosted numerous citizen engagements province-wide including a composting workshop and completed retrofit and energy efficiency assessments on multiple MNA and Affiliate buildings. The climate change team is discussing strategies to anticipate and address potential priority policy shifts in both levels of government, Provincial and Federal.

Economic Development: this year we began developing the MNA & Affiliates Economic Development Strategy to bring continuity to our efforts as a united organization. We have hosted another successful business mixer and continue to explore and conduct due diligence on several major equity projects that will yield long-term benefits and self-sustainability for the Nation.



Director's Message

Friends, welcome to the department of Métis Rights and Accommodation. 2018-2019 has definitely been a year of significance and achievement for the Métis Nation of Alberta and for the MRA department. We now have a Métis Harvesting policy in place effective September 1, 2019 and we have commitment for on-going discussions on a Métis Consultation Policy with the Government of Alberta. This is in addition to the great work occurring in Economic Development, Environment and our flagship cultural and Tourism Centre Métis Crossing.

I am extremely happy to report that MRA now has a presence in each of the Regions and will continue to build on this path of capacity development within our Nation. In addition, we have been engaging with our Regions and communities extensively and will continue to do so on major priority initiatives. Its important we hear from you on harvesting, consultation, climate change and policy matters of importance like Métis Traditional Knowledge and land use.

I want to acknowledge the MRA team for their tremendous dedication to each other and pulling together on these

engagements and truly adhering to a commitment of excellence. MRA staff throughout the Province have shown that when we work together, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

MRA is also a participant in the "whole of government" approach the MNA has undertaken with our affiliates and we are excited to participate in various initiatives such as the MNA/GoA Framework Agreement implementation process.

The next year will be a defining year for the department as we look to the future and strategically prepare for MRA's evolution within the Métis Nation in order to provide the best services to our citizens. Top of mind is capacity building in the Regions and Métis Locals.

I look forward to the next fiscal year and working closely with Regions and Locals as we continue to assert our Métis rights all the while ensuring adequate accommodation for impacts on those rights.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report.

Bruce Gladue

Director Métis Rights and Accommodation



MÉTIS RIGHTS & ACCOMMODATION

Operating Projects & Strategic Priorities

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. Effective & Accountable Governance

- A. Promote & defend Métis rights
- B. Policy development (internal)
- C. Strategic planning

4. Economic Partnership

- A. Connection to affiliates & businesses
- B. Economic model
- C. Contractor database

2. Advancement of Métis People

- A. Métis Crossing
- B. Increase awareness of culture

3. Positive & Productive Relationships

- A. Participation at national level
- B. Métis Nation of Alberta-Alberta framework Agreement
- C. Participation in policy (external)

6. Policy Participation

- A. Protect environment

CONSULTATION	STRATEGIC PRIORITIES
Regional consultation protocols	1B
Provincial consultation policy	3C
Federal consultation agreement MNA Consultation Centre of Excellence Regional Consultation Coordinators	1A
Indigenous Resource Management Software	3
HARVESTING	STRATEGIC PRIORITIES
Policy & implementation	5A
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	STRATEGIC PRIORITIES
Métis 101	2B
Provincial Framework Agreement implementation	3B
Federal Exploratory Discussions	3A

ENVIRONMENT	STRATEGIC PRIORITIES
Cumulative Effects Management	
Bills C-68 & C-69	
• Fisheries Act	
• Navigable Waters Act	
Land Use Planning Métis Working Groups	
• Regional plans for: Lower Athabasca, North Saskatchewan, South Saskatchewan	3C
Committee appointments	
• Traditional Ecological Knowledge Policy Working Group	
• Alberta Environment and Parks Species at Risk Conservation Committee	
Community-based Climate Monitoring	6A
Caribou range planning	
ENERGY	STRATEGIC PRIORITIES
Indigenous Resource Management Software	3 & 4
Alberta Energy Regulator Integrated Decision Approach	3C
Relationship agreements	
• TransCanada	4
• ATCO	
Oil Sands Monitoring Task Force & Interim Science Committee	
Federal projects: TransMountain Corporation	6A
Environmental Impact Assessments with Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency	

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	STRATEGIC PRIORITIES
Métis Crossing	
• Cultural centre	2A
• Solar project	
Métis National Council-Government of Canada Technical Working Groups	3A
Alberta Economic Partnerships Program	
• Annual Business Mixer	4
Resource equity buy-in for a project	
• Jasper Concrete	
• AESO Renewable Energy Production	
MNA & Affiliates Economic Development Strategy	4B & 1C
Alberta MétisWorks	4C
CLIMATE CHANGE	STRATEGIC PRIORITIES
Climate Leadership Program	
• Regional Climate Change Coordinators	
Renewable energy	
• Overall microgen on 9 buildings	6A
Efficiency assessments	
• Retrofit at Métis Crossing	
• Retrofit at various MNA buildings	
Indigenous Electrical Technical Working Group/ Indigenous Governance Technical Working Group	3C
MNC joint table on clean growth & climate change	3A

HARVESTING

What We Did

On March 12th, 2019 the Harvesting Agreement between the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) and the Government of Alberta (GoA) was signed, this established the Métis Harvesting in Alberta Policy. This policy recognizes s.35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, rights of eligible Métis to hunt, fish, and trap for food in four large regional Métis Harvesting Areas in central and northern Alberta. This is a vast improvement to the much smaller 25 local Métis harvesting areas provided for in the now replaced 2010 policy. The Métis Harvesting in Alberta Policy becomes effective as of September 1st, 2019.



FAQs

How do I apply?

- Application forms are currently being developed, submission will be to the MNA for approval. There is also an online application that will be available.
- The MNA will be travelling throughout the province to facilitate ease of applying.
- Please refer to the full FAQs online at albertametis.com
- Email Craig Letendre at cletendre@metis.org to be added to our **Harvesters Email Update** list.



What will I receive after applying?

- After you have successfully met all the application requirements, you will receive a reissued MNA Citizen Card with your applicable harvesting areas on the back.

When can I start harvesting?

- After September 1st, 2019 once you have received your reissued MNA Citizenship Card with your applicable harvesting areas on the back.

What are the requirements to apply?

There are three requirements to apply:

1. You must self-identify as Métis. Your MNA Citizenship Card is sufficient.
 - If you are not currently an MNA Citizen, you can apply for both citizenship and harvesting in a single application to the MNA.
 - If you are an existing MNA Citizen, you can submit an application specifically for harvesting.
 - For Métis people, that choose not to be citizens of the MNA, there will be a harvesting application process handled through the GoA.
2. You must show pre-1900s ancestral connection to the Métis Harvesting Area(s) in which you are applying.
3. You must show a contemporary connection to the same harvesting area through compliance with the MNA's policy on contemporary community acceptance.



To the left are the four harvesting regions citizens can harvest in if a historical and contemporary connection to the region is established in the application process.

There is no limit to the number of regions you can apply to as long as you meet the application requirements.





What Happens Next

Based on the maps (previous page), there are no Métis Harvesting Areas established in southern Alberta. This is based on a previous court decision which found that Métis people do not have harvesting rights in the Cypress Hills area. The MNA strongly disagrees with this and we continue to fight for the recognition of Métis Harvesting rights in Southern Alberta.

To operationalize the Harvesting Policy, staff are working hard to make sure we have the systems, processes, and people in place to successfully implement the new Métis Harvesting in Alberta Policy on September 1st, 2019.



CONSULTATION

What We Did

Federal Level

- On July 24th, 2018, the MNA signed the MNA/Canada Consultation Agreement
- Consultation offices were established in Regions two (2), three (3), five (5), and six (6).

Within the MNA

- All six (6) MNA Regions have signed the Metis Nation of Alberta Regional Consultation Protocol Agreements as of November 30th, 2018.

Provincial Level

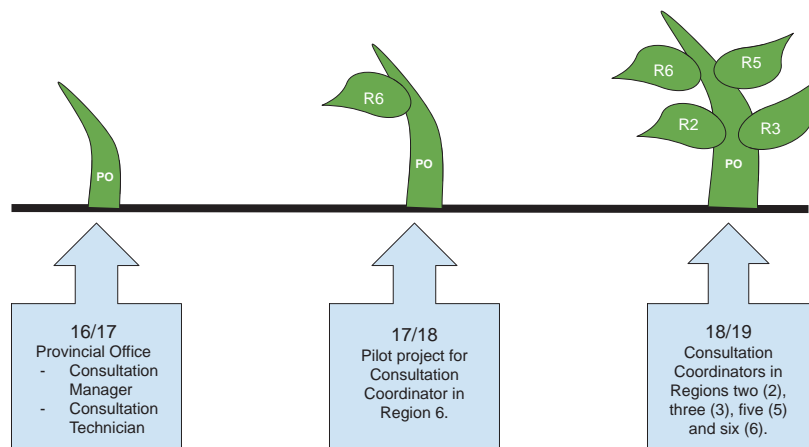
- Pre-consultation activities have been proposed to prepare for the anticipated Government of Alberta Metis Consultation Policy.
- Purpose is to determine how each level of MNA governance structure would be involved in consultation under a regional approach

Consultation Next Steps:

We are continuing to discuss consultation with the GoA. While the GoA has adopted a set of Standards that will underpin Métis consultation, they have not yet adopted a Métis Consultation Policy.

Funding has been provided to five (5) Regions for pre-consultation related activities that will contribute to the development of a Métis Consultation policy in Alberta.

Regional Consultation Coordinator Growth



What do consultation coordinators do?

- Coordinate regional consultation
- Coordinate activities and engagements related to consultation
- Ensure that committees and citizens are informed of consultation activities within the regions
- Act as a liaison between all levels of Métis government

ENVIRONMENT

WHAT WE DO

- Research and review consultation opportunities and provide technical support to Métis leadership;
 - Facilitate an understanding of “sustainable development” relating to Métis culture in Alberta;
 - Ecological and Cultural monitoring; and
- Ensure Métis participation in industry regulatory processes and noting impacts to Métis Section 35 rights;

Bison and Caribou Conservation

- Implementing Indigenous knowledge within conservation and recovery strategies.
- Representing Métis concerns on the plains and woodland bison considering their importance to Métis culture.
- Documenting Métis traditional knowledge for range planning activities.

Indigenous Knowledge Policy

- Co-created by MNA and GoA, incorporates Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and knowledge from Traditional Land Use Studies (TLUs).

Engagement on Federal Regulations

- Bill C-68 and Bill C-69: MNA provided response to proposed regulatory changes in the Fisheries Act, the Navigable Waters Act and the Environmental Impact Assessment Act.
- Goal is to ensure the voice of Métis citizens has been heard, and improve administration of environmental assessment process and regulations for industrial projects.

INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY BASED CLIMATE MONITORING

The Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) has two exciting funding initiatives to support environmental monitoring for \$1,620,000. These two initiatives are the ICBCM and Askiy Initiative.

PHASE 1: ENGAGEMENT

Aim: Engage community members to inform program design.

- In the 18/19 fiscal year the engagement phase was completed.
- There were 18 engagements, 3 in each of the regions with over 240 people engaged.
- Participant feedback on how a Métis monitoring program should be carried out:
 1. Elder and youth led
 2. Protection of traditional knowledge
 3. Partnership and relationship building
 4. Community driven

PHASE 2: PLANNING

Aim: Plan the program based on MNA citizen feedback

- Moving into the 19/20 fiscal year, the CBCM program is moving into the planning stage
- Purpose: to look at areas of traditional land use and priority indicators to monitor and develop a pilot project.
- Aim to develop an Environmental Committee to guide the Askiy Initiative as a pilot program that monitors the North Saskatchewan River at Métis Crossing for ecological integrity.

PHASE 3: MONITORING

Aim: Implement the program. Monitor and collect data.

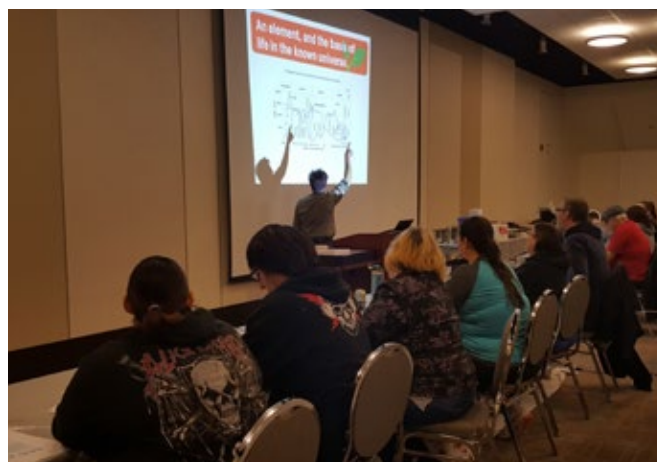
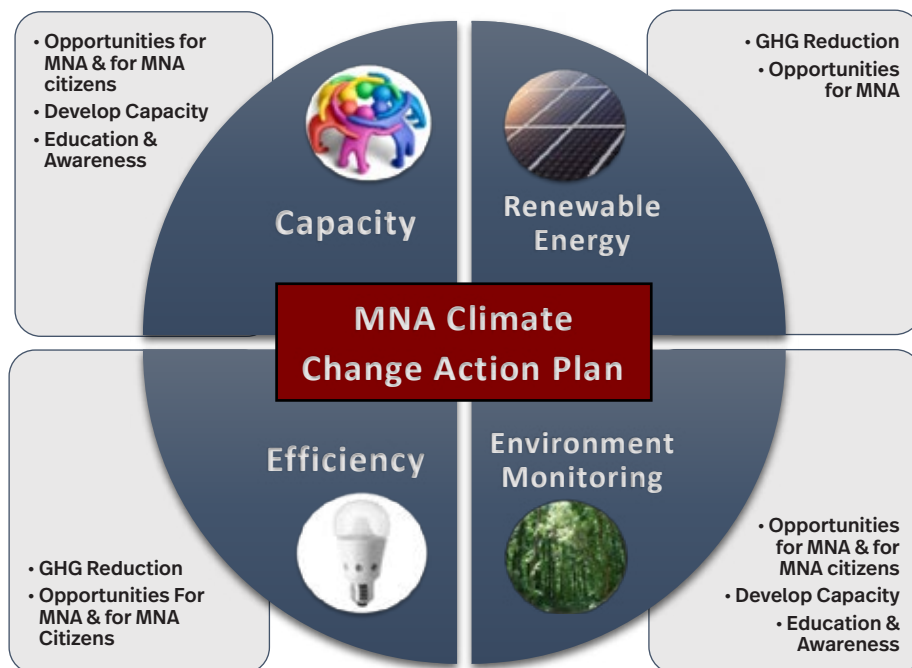
- Environmental Committee will report on pilot program and give recommendations in expanding monitoring to other large tributaries.



CLIMATE CHANGE

Overview

Métis people have been impacted by climate change, an ongoing issue with an increasing number of impacts on living beings. Traditional Métis ways of life are particularly susceptible, being affected by issues such as: changing water quality, unpredictable weather patterns, and changes in animal patterns and behavior. The goals, programs, and initiatives laid out by the MRA Climate Change team aim to mitigate the effects of these issues on the MNA and its citizens. This is outlined by the MNA Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP), developed in the 2017/18 fiscal year.





CAPACITY

Aim: Provide climate leadership support to the Metis Nation of Alberta (MNA) and MNA citizens.

WHAT WE DID

- Completed more than 50 engagements to provide capacity on climate change and environmental issues to citizens in over 20 communities
- Hired 6 Regional Climate Leadership Coordinators to support climate leadership activities and projects

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- Deliver energy efficiency engagements to build capacity for MNA citizens and housing staff across Alberta to reduce energy use and costs, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Continue supporting other climate leadership and environment-related initiatives

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Aim: Produce energy through renewable sources to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while generating revenue or cost savings through energy sales.

WHAT WE DID

- More than 20 solar-microgeneration projects were proposed and funded in 2019
- 600,000 kWh of energy is estimated to be produced each year from solar, enough to power 90 Alberta homes
- Completed pre-feasibility for 5 MW solar farm at Métis Crossing
- Participated in the Renewable Energy Program Round 2 with a project partnership

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- Build funded solar micro-generation sites
- Complete the feasibility stage on the Métis Crossing 5 MW Solar Farm in 2020/21
- Continue pursuing opportunities and project partnership on renewable energy projects

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Aim: Assess MNA buildings for energy efficiency, then complete retrofits to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, therefore saving on energy use and costs.

WHAT WE DID

- Assessed 13 MNA buildings for energy efficiency
- 4 retrofit projects were approved: MNA offices in Region(s) 2, 5, and 6 and the Apeetogosan office
- 1 retrofit project completed at the Region 2 office.
- The funded projects will avoid emitting nearly 3,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide throughout their lifetime-equivalent to taking 600 cars off the road for a year
- The projects may save up to \$40,000 per year in energy costs

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- Continue to identify and complete energy efficiency retrofit projects

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

Aim: Develop an MNA plan which combines Indigenous knowledge and science to monitor the effects of climate change and inform climate actions.

WHAT WE DID

- Worked with Environment team to complete the Engagement phase of the MNA Community-Based Climate Monitoring Initiative (CBCMI).
- Engaged more than 240 citizens in sessions dealing with environmental monitoring across 18 Métis communities

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- Continued work on the Planning phase of the CBCMI will continue through the next fiscal year
- For more details, please see the environment section of this report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

What We Did

Alberta MétisWorks

Alberta MétisWorks is a browsable online database of Métis owned businesses and contractors. It is searchable by the public and registered industry users. The first iteration was released in March 2018, and the second version of the software with improvements is online at www.metisworks.ca

Métis Crossing Solar Project

This initiative moved from the pre-feasibility stage to technical documentation, which involves a more thorough analysis of the opportunity. Detailed project definition, risk identification and mitigation, and financial and technical analyses are underway, including environmental and regulatory assessments.

MNA & Affiliates Economic Development Strategy

This 5-year strategy will integrate and coordinate economic development across MNA Regions, Affiliates, and business associations. Through direct engagement and feedback from the community on current needs and desires, the MNA will gain valuable information regarding economic development throughout the province. Ultimately, this corporate level strategy will provide MNA leadership a clear path for future economic development that will benefit the Métis community in Alberta.

Business Mixer

The 6th Annual Business Mixer took place March 7, 2019. The theme was 'Small Business Development' with a focus on starting and growing Métis businesses. A variety of breakout sessions were offered, including business start-up and financing. It's estimated that between 500-600 individuals attended the business mixer at some point, with 350 attending the gala and 109 attending the seminars.



Métis Nation of Alberta Economic Development Initiatives Scorecard 18/19

● Status as of April 2018 ◆ Status as of August 2019



*white diamond indicates decision exited initiative process

LAWRENCE GERVAIS



Tansi kiyawow:

As Co-Minister of Education, Training and Research I am pleased to announce the launch of the **Michif Revitalization**, project under Rupertsland Institute (RLI). This is a strategic initiative to help reclaim, maintain, and strengthen language and culture and hence Métis identity through high quality education, training, and research. RLI anticipates that this new development will bring achievement to the Institute, to the Métis Nation, and most importantly, to RLI's sole shareholder, the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA).

Featuring *Michif Revitalization* in the MNA Annual Report 2019 is timely and appropriate:

- The United Nations declared 2019 the International Year of Indigenous Languages.
- Canada gave Royal Assent to Bill C-91: An Act Respecting Indigenous Languages.
- Alberta launched its Indigenous Languages in Education (ILE) Grant Program.

RLI responded to Alberta's Grant Program and applied successfully for three language grants. Securing the Grant funds has allowed RLI to establish the *Michif Revitalization* as a strategic initiative. This development addresses areas within all of the RLI Mandates - Education, Training and Research.

Research

Over the next year, RLI will lead a series of community engagement sessions with Métis in Alberta to determine Métis language goals. With Métis people, RLI will carry out the research required to ensure that resources about Métis People accurately reflect the people and places the resources represent. RLI will facilitate discussions on language issues and concerns, and seek out recommendations to guide positive movement forward. Further, RLI will support our Métis scholars' involvement in the community engagement process which will provide foundational knowledge for their authored publications related to Métis language and culture in Alberta. Such publications will enhance and contribute to a much-needed public understanding about Métis in Alberta.

Training

RLI continues to support Métis clients across Alberta towards achieving excellence, with the vision of a skilled and knowledgeable, self-reliant Métis nation. Under the Training Mandate, RLI will organize the *Michif Language and Cultural Foundations Two-Part Learning Series*. Part One of the series involves the development and delivery of a course for post-secondary students pursuing a bachelor of education degree. Part Two of the series aims to meet the needs of adult learners who may not necessarily want a formal degree, but are interested in Métis language and culture programming for children and youth, particularly in learning environments other than school. The goal of the overall *Learning Series* is to increase the number of available training opportunities for teachers and community-based instructors supporting Indigenous language learning in Alberta.

Education

As part of the *Michif Revitalization* initiative, Education in RLI will host *Michif Mentorship Meetings*, bringing together Alberta teachers and Métis mentors to dialogue and plan strategically effective ways to teach and learn Métis language and culture in Alberta schools. RLI will formally document the lessons learned in these sessions, and conclude with resources for all Alberta teachers. In addition, Education will also support the development of six community-based language-rich experiences to be documented and shared through a video and essay collection. The intent of these education developments is



to improve and transform the education system and, as a result, enhance the well-being of Métis in Alberta.

Looking Forward

RLI looks forward to maintaining and expanding the development and delivery of its suite of programs and services to Métis in Alberta. We will continue to provide extensive outreach support for multiple Métis stakeholders as RLI has continuously done in previous years. We will also focus on developing programs and services, such as the *Michif Revitalization Strategic Initiative*, that directly support Métis learning in Alberta across the lifelong learning journey. RLI will develop and deliver flexible programs and services from early learning through k-12, into training and post-secondary education. With our experience in governance and in managing developmental processes and systems of learning, I

am confident that these developments will evolve into achievements. As always, RLI will continue to make relevant, effective contributions as a direct affiliate of the Métis Nation of Alberta.

Ekosi –

Lawrence Gervais

Minister of Education, Training and Research

Rupertsland Institute (RLI) is a Métis Nation of Alberta Affiliate focusing on Education, Training, and Research. RLI produces a separate annual report available in print and online.



REGIONAL REPORTS

1 REGION ONE



James Cardinal
President
Region One



Jason Ekeberg
Vice President
Region One



President's Message

I am honored and humbled to be elected as the President of Métis Nation of Alberta Region 1. Thank you for putting your trust in me on September 18, 2018.

We did not begin without some challenges. With a complete staff changeover and no files or information left behind, it was a big learning curve and a struggle.

Slowly and surely, we moved forward, hired where needed, asked lots of questions and built a strong foundation that I know will build a strong Métis Nation in our Region.

Our office in Lac la Biche is a place of comfort, hospitality, and Métis Values. I am blessed to be surrounded by Vice President Jason Ekeberg and a dedicated staff.

Together, we will make a positive impact and help move our people towards a stronger and self-sustaining future!

James A Cardinal
President

Learning Through Others

This first 6 months in office has been one of learning and building capacity. Jason and I attended many events, workshops, and conferences to better understand the challenges and opportunities for our people. Some areas we focused on were:

- Education
- Culture
- Tourism
- Oil Sands Monitoring
- Environment
- Consultation

Regional Leadership

Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) Region 1 covers an area from Highway 28 north to the Northwest Territories Border and from Athabasca to the Saskatchewan Border and is part of the MNA. We are pleased to say that we have two new locals in our Region highlighted below.

- Athabasca Local 2010 – Ron Donald
- Conklin Local 193 – Shirley Tremblay
- Fort McMurray Local 1935 – Gail Gallupe
- Buffalo Lake Local 2002 – Brian Ladouceur
- Lakeland Local 1909 – Melina Scoville
- Fort Chipewyan Local 125 – Cameron McDonald
- Owl River Local 1949 – Jack Quintal
- Willow Lake Anzac Local 780 – Stella Lavallee
- Lac la Biche Local 2097-Brenda Bourque-Stratichuk

New!

- Big Bay/ Touchwood Lake Local 1954-Ernest Deschambeau
- Chard Local 218-Raoul Montgrand

Consultation and Industry

Early into our new term, the Consultation Protocol Agreement was drafted and signed by the majority of Locals in our Region. Now, with a clear and approved document, we have been able to receive funding for the next steps which have included hiring a Consultation Coordinator and starting on a strong foundation to build relations with Industry within

Region 1. We look forward to expanding and building capacity in this area.

New Office Spaces

Our building has had some renovations to support the staff we now have in place. We have built two additional offices and reorganized to increase our efficiency. We now have Métis Urban Housing within our office. In total, we have 7 offices and all are occupied.

Staff

We have lots of new faces!

With the help of Rupertsland Institute, we have three wonderful summer students helping with our programs and in the office.

We have a Youth Coordinator, Emily MacMillan, who is making great strides in bringing youth programs to our Region.

We have a Consultation Coordinator Cheryl Gordon who is looking forward to getting into the Region and meeting with Industry.

We have an Executive Director, Lise Rouleau, to help build capacity as a Region.

We have a Climate Change Coordinator, Chantal Quintal engaging with the community on climate and the environment.

This is just the beginning of a fantastic future of new programs to help in any way we can.





Community-Culture-Events

In November 2018, we celebrated Métis Week with a Talent show and meal.

In December 2018, our office handed out over 200 care baskets to our members!

In March 2019, with the help of the Provincial Office, we held a wonderful Métis Fest that was full! We held our AGM in May.

In June 2019, we took the lead with Indigenous Peoples Day by bringing many partners and sponsors together at one location. It was an amazing day (even with the weather) where over 1000 students, seniors, and the public attended and participated in activities, music, and food. Thank you so much to everyone who supported and partnered with us. We could not have done it without you! Our Youth Coordinator has held workshops, registration events, and youth camps with much more to come. ■





2 REGION TWO



Duane Zaraska
President
Region Two



Andrea Sandmaier
Vice President
Region Two

Greetings from Region II!

Let us welcome you to the 91st Annual General Assembly in St. Paul, Alberta.



St. Paul has a rich history. This year marks 110 years since the land opened up to French settlers from Quebec. We in Region II are establishing friendships and relationships with the strong French community of today to walk in equal partnership moving reconciliation forward. This year's theme is *Our Journey of Recognition Begins – The Future is Now*. Region II is living this theme by working on moving reconciliation forward in concrete and practical manners.

This year has been exciting and busy for the Region. In September 2018, you chose new leadership for your President and Vice-President. We are honoured to represent you and the vision you have tasked us with delivering. Region II supports the Nation in moving forward. Naturally, our recent agreement with the Government of Canada for our transition to self-government is an exciting one! We work with the Métis Nation of Alberta's head office to support our agreements with all levels of government.

As your Regional President and Vice-President, we have represented the region at many gatherings such as the Federal budget negotiations, sixties scoop engagements, scrip conference, Youth & Seniors Symposium, provincial harvesting agreement discussions, the Self-Government Agreement signing, as well as the many events held with the Province.



2019 marks Region II's turn to host the Annual General Assembly! Naturally, we are excited to do this. It has taken a lot of time planning and preparing our office and Region to welcome Métis from across the province! Many hours and meetings have gone into preparing St. Paul to welcome our, and other regional citizens, to our Region. It has been no short feat!

Since the signing of the Federal Framework Agreement in 2017, we have seen many growths and wins. If you visit our office in Bonnyville, you will be welcomed by a few new faces. We have hired our very own Climate Coordinator/ Consultation Coordinator, Lyle Lawrence! Another new face you will surely see is our Youth Project Coordinator, Sarah Johnson! Keep an eye out for events and engagements they will be hosting throughout the year and be sure to connect the youth in your family to our office.

With new staff joining us and a new board, we are turning our eyes towards the future of Region II. A lot of our focus, this coming year, will be on economic development. Keep an eye out for future positions posted as we continue growing and serving our communities within Region II. We have already begun negotiating partnerships, with different Industry leaders, to further the goals of the region. We are also reviewing current partnerships to ensure our Region is optimized to benefit from these agreements.



Region II hosted many events this past year. In addition to Alberta Métis Fest, we held registry sessions in Vermillion, Smoky, Lake, Elk Point, Lloydminster, and St. Paul. We also held a Spring Harvest Workshop at Métis Crossing. With the help of provincial office, we provided many cultural events like finger weaving, jigging classes, Youth Voyageur Camp at Métis Crossing, and First Aid courses. This is definitely an exciting time for Métis youth to be engaged with the Region! For Senior's week, we held a Barbecue for citizens to attend. During Métis week, we hold luncheons and gatherings so that our Region can

come and share stories and time between Seniors and Youth. Our monthly bingo sessions have been a success in supporting citizens with bereavement related costs.

We are also looking forward to the opening and operation of Métis Crossing within our Region! Region II respects the tradition of teaching culture and passing on knowledge from one generation to the next. We are looking forward to supporting Métis Crossing and hosting events and meetings at this historical landmark.

In addition to the regular Regional Council meetings and Provincial Council meetings, we have regularly engaged in the following: TMX engagements, both Provincial and Regional, Oil and Gas show, provincial business mixer, and the Grassland Restoration Project.

As Regional President, I currently sit as part of the Board of Governors on the Lakeland Industry and Community Association Board of Directors, Community Response to Elder Abuse Treatment, Heart of Treaty 6 Reconciliation Committee, St. Paul Des Métis Reconciliation Committee, Fort Edmonton Strategic Planning Committee, Métis Crossing Advisory Committee, and the Bonnyville Bingo Director.

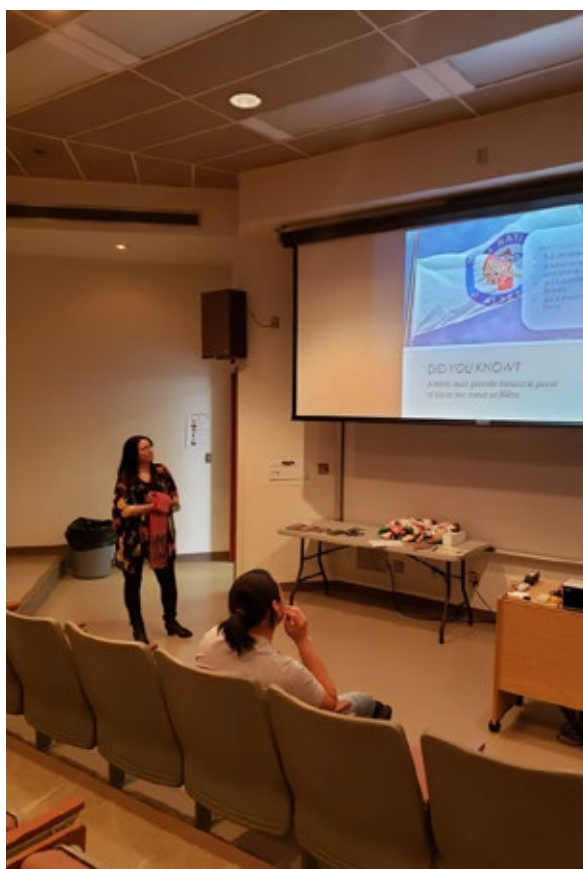
As Regional Vice-President, Andrea Sandmaier works with Empowering Indigenous Women, presented Métis History to Lakeland College, building relationships with the regional school Divisions, FCSS, and other

stakeholders. Presented Sashes at Assumption Sr. High – Cold Lake Graduation, Esqauo Awards – presented award to Region II business owner – Paulette Dahlseide, sits on the Portage College Native Arts & Culture Advisory Committee and Academic Upgrading Advisory Committee, worked with St. Paul Museum to revitalize the St. Paul des Métis display, while also supporting President Zaraska.



Finally, it has been the honour to present sashes to the Notre Dame High School and Assumption High School graduating students. We understand the value in investing in our youth and honouring them at this pivotal moment in their lives. We support them in their pursuit of an education and cannot wait to see what accomplishments they will achieve in the next step of their lives. ■





REGION THREE



Lawrence Gervais
President
Region Three



Judy Gentes
Vice President
Region Three



In Memoriam

**Marlene Lanz,
December 11, 1943 – August 25, 2018**

We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of our Regional President Marlene Lanz on Saturday, August 25th, 2018. A Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Friend and a President to many of us. Marlene has spent a lifetime dedicated to the Métis Nation of Alberta and will be deeply missed.



Southern Alberta Métis History



Fort Calgary – Métis Cabin Unveiling – November 16th, 2018

On November 16th, 2018 the Mathison Family Foundation generously donated and brought back a significant Métis Cabin to the Elbow River and Bow River confluence.

Glenbow Museum Tours

During the year the MNA Region 3 office and the Glenbow Museum are able to view Métis historical items in the Glenbow Museum's warehouse. If your interested please contact our office.



Lougheed House Engagement Plan

Lady Isabella Hardisty-Lougheed was a significant Métis Pioneer Woman in Southern Alberta. Our significant relationship with the Lougheed Family has led to a Métis Identity Exhibit that will run til September 29th, 2019. Instead of the Dominion Flag being raised this year, you will see our Métis Nation Flag raised in the Garden.

Mapping the Métis Homeland Conference – March 15th, 2019

The University of Lethbridge was host to a panel that discussed the origins and historical context to the existing Métis Homeland Map. A large discussion was based on a Southern Alberta Métis historical footprint.

Parks Canada

Indigenous Open Doors Program

The Indigenous Open Doors Program was definitely a highlight for this year as we had a historical signing at Rocky Mountain House on July 31st, 2018. By showing their cards at the gate. MNA cardholders are now able to enter all National Parks and National Historical Sites within Alberta.

Banff Park Advisory

Parks Canada has ongoing strategic engagement and planning sessions with MNA Region 3. Including, ongoing participations with Banff Annual Planning Sessions that take place in Banff every year with Treaty 7, Blackfoot Confederacy, Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3, Town of Banff, Town of Canmore and many stakeholders that reside in the Park to gather our input and give feedback for Parks Canada planning for the upcoming years for Banff Park.

Cave and Basin Management Plan

The Cave and Basin in Banff was a significant gathering place for Indigenous ceremony prior to being designated a park. The Cave and Basin was re-launched and is designated as a significant historical place for our Indigenous communities. We now have seasonal Métis programming at the Banff Avenue Square and the Cave and Basin in Banff, Alberta. For inquiries please call our office at 403-569-8800.



Education

SAIT – Métis Student Association

The new SAIT Métis student council is integral for SAIT students to have direct involvement in planning and coordination of events at SAIT. For more information please contact Chinook Lodge.

SAIT Endowment Announcement – February 4th, 2019

The Métis Education Foundation, through the Rupertsland Institute, contributed \$500,000. SAIT committed to raise the funds to match half of the Métis Education Foundation's investment (\$250,000) over the next ten years. Plus, TransCanada Corporation generously contributed an additional \$100,000 in support of the endowment fund. Now there is an \$850,000 Endowment at SAIT.

Indigenous Graduations

Mount Royal University, University of Calgary, Calgary Board of Education, Calgary Catholic School Division, and St. Mary's University.

Engagement Sessions

Here are just a few of the Engagements that have taken place in MNA Region 3:

- Harvesting Engagement Session – April 6th, 2018.
- Line 3 Indigenous Monitoring Program
- Glenmore Dam Revitalization Plan
- GreenLine LRT – Maintenance and Storage Facility
- Bragg Creek Flood Mitigation
- Bow River Phosphorous Mitigation Plan
- Springbank Dam
- Lake Louise Ski Area Development Plan
- West Sulphur Mountain Coal Project
- Grassy Mountain Coal Project
- Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park Project
- Big Horn Country Engagement Sessions
- Spray Lakes Sawmill 5 year Engagement Strategy
- Cochrane Rail Project Feasibility Study
- Home Radon Study – University of Calgary
- 2026 Olympic Bid Committee

Special Events

Métis Week

Calgary City Hall Flag Raising, SAIT Roundtable, AFCC open house, Métis History – MRU, Maria Campbell-SAIT Chinook Lodge, MUHC Open House, MCFS Open House, Métis Professional Business Mixer, Métis Cabin Unveiling, Seniors Supper, Family Fun Day and Dance.

Métis Professional Business Mixers

During the year we gather from Fall to Spring at the Royal Executive Hotel to Introduce, Discuss and to Share business ventures. These are highly successful ways our professionals and businesses can sit together and share information.

Golf Tournament - Chestermere

During our Aboriginal Awareness Week and National Indigenous Peoples Day we gather at the Chestermere Golf Club. This year saw lots of rain. But, we are happy for everyone that came out this year. A big thanks goes to our major sponsor Elavation Safety Ltd.

Stampede Pancake Breakfast

Our MNA Region 3 Pancake Breakfast is one of the many breakfasts that coincide with the Calgary Stampede. It is a very good way to meet your neighbours and to visit with friends.

Francophonie Flag Raising – March 20th, 2019

This year President Lawrence Gervais was recognized for his strong support for International Francophonie Day and to Canada's linguistic duality in Calgary.

Region 3 Projects

Katimavik

For 18 months we will be seeing 6 youth that are placed in our organization for work experience. These youth are from all over Canada and from different communities. This gives us a chance to spread Métis organizational culture to a vast territory and we are grateful for these placements.

Exploring Métis health, spirituality, and wellbeing: A community-based pilot study with the Métis Nation of Alberta – Region 3

Objectives: Due to ongoing effects of colonization, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit (FNMI) or Indigenous people in Canada have experienced multiple inequities, affecting health and wellbeing. For Métis people, questioning of Indigenous identity and changes to traditional ways of life have presented unique health disparities and challenges; there is a need for community-based research addressing cultural, social, and historical aspects of Métis health. The purpose of this community-based participatory pilot study was to explore links between health, spirituality, and wellbeing within the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA)-Region 3.

Methods: Together with community members, leaders, and elders of the MNA-Region 3, we engaged in two focus groups to co-develop a qualitative structured survey exploring health, spirituality, and wellbeing. Following face-to-face distribution of the survey (N = 29) in Calgary, AB, we held another focus group where we engaged together in coding and theme development. Results and recommendations were shared with the community.

Results: The top three areas of interest were: (1) passing on Métis traditions and culture to younger generation; (2) blending different cultural and spiritual practices; and (3) cultural immersion/traditional knowledge/learning in community. Connection was the overarching theme emerging from the data, to Métis ancestry, to community, to land, and to spirituality.

Conclusion: Connection between Métis ancestry, community, land, and spirituality should be considered in promotion of individual, family, and community healing. Community pilgrimages to sacred sites and regular community gatherings focused on spiritual, cultural, and educational aspects of health and wellbeing provide potential to enhance health, spirituality, and wellbeing.

Tail Creek Redevelopment Plan

Since the Region acquired what is now Tail Creek Park from the County of Stettler in 2007, it has had the goal of further developing the facilities and the tourism potential of this historic Métis property. After preparing a Tourism Development Strategy for the Park, it was able to leverage funding to prepare a Campground Expansion Business Plan in conjunction with Stantec Consulting Ltd.’s Design Narrative. These planning documents were the basis of a funding application to Alberta’s Aboriginal Business Investment Fund which had only recently become available to Métis applicants.

This application attracted Alberta government funding to conduct a Site Development Expansion Plan to further support the application.

Recent Developments:

This application was successful in obtaining a grant of \$748,000 of a maximum of \$750,000 for further development of Tail Creek Park. The funding is for three key elements:

New Facility.....	\$490,000 (with \$8,000 in equipment)
Campsite Development	150,000
Shower House Renovation	100,000
Total.....	\$748,000

Current Status:

A Multi-Purpose Building has been designed which is made up of three separate, but connected custom designed manufactured buildings which include:

Manager’s Residence	960 sq. ft.
Cultural Interpretive Centre.....	960 sq. ft.
Campground Office/Snack Bar/Convenience and Souvenir Store	960 sq. ft.
Total Floor Area.....	2,880 sq. ft.

The design has been finalized and they are to be built in a Medicine Hat factory within a period of weeks and a factory tour can be arranged.

The County of Stettler has provided a decision on the development that has a number of conditions attached to it that need to be satisfied before a development permit will be issued. Steps are currently being taken to satisfy these conditions. Quotations have been received, or are being sought for other aspects of the development.

An application to locate a solar array on the property has been made and approved. An approval letter is expected which will have additional conditions to be met.

Upcoming Steps:

The order for the buildings will be placed as soon as the conditions are satisfactorily met. This should result in the delivery and set-up of the buildings at the end of the operating season.

Alberta Indigenous Climate Leadership Initiatives

The Government of Alberta has 7 grant programs under the Indigenous Climate Leadership Initiative. Region



3 is accessing 4 of these programs. The other 3 grant programs are not being accessed due to the nature of the programs and how they align with Region 3's goals. There may be the opportunity to access these programs again in the future.

Energy Efficiency Audits: Grant approval was given. Energy Efficiency Audits were completed this summer and fall by an outside Energy Auditor on the Tail Creek Campground and Local 87 hall and residence. (Completed)

Energy Efficiency Retrofits: We were not successful in obtaining funding for our Retrofits Grant Application. We applied for Energy Efficiency upgrades to Tail Creek Campground and Local 87 hall and residence. These upgrades are based on the Energy Efficiency Audits previously completed. We will continue to look into other programs to support Retrofits for these sites.

Solar: We have been approved by the Government of Alberta of our Solar Grant Application. We have secured 80% of the project cost through this program for micro-generation projects for the Tail Creek Campground and the Local 87 hall and residence. The solar systems will be installed at the campground and Local 87 at no cost to the Local or Region. Installation will be completed in the summer and fall of 2019. (Ongoing)

Capacity: A grant was submitted by the Provincial Office to hire Regional Climate Leadership Coordinators for

next year. This grant was approved securing Climate Leadership Coordinators in each region and at the provincial office.

Community Based Climate Monitoring Initiative

The Government of Canada is funding an Indigenous Community Based Climate Monitoring Program. The goal of the program is to provide information and feedback to the Federal Government on the Indigenous viewpoint on Climate Change in our communities. We are hoping to ultimately develop Community Based Climate Monitoring programs run by Métis citizens to track and report on the impacts we are witnessing in our communities.

Program Plans: For the MNA, the program involves three stages: Engagement, Planning and Monitoring.

We have completed the engagement stage of the program. We hosted 3 engagement workshops in Region 3 in November 2018. The workshops were well attended, and we gathered input from our citizens on what they think a Community Based Climate Monitoring Program in their community should look like.

The planning stage will involve compiling all the information gathered and proposing a few possible Community Based Climate Monitoring Programs for the province. During this phase we will re-engage citizens

as needed to plan a program that fits the needs of the community.

The monitoring phase and implementation of the Community Based Climate Monitoring will be dependent on further funding from the Government of Canada. If further funding of the program is provided we will be able to hire community monitors to carry out the planned projects in the selected areas within the province.

Climate Engagements:

The Region 3 Office hosted an Energy Savings Workshop for citizens in April. This workshop helped educate participants on improving energy efficiency in their homes and saving money on their energy bills. Additional Energy Savings Workshops may be available if there is interest.

We are working on a partnership that will allow the MNA to host energy efficiency workshops across Alberta in multiple locations around each region. A program will be developed specifically for the Métis Nation of Alberta to educate our citizens on Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Living.

Further engagements with the citizens in Region 3 will be organized to provide Climate education opportunities depending on the needs and wants of the citizens, local offices and regional office.

Additional Events:

- Alberta Indigenous Green Energy Development Program Workshop (Calgary, August 29, 2018)
- Pembina Climate Summit (Calgary, September 26-17, 2018)
- Prairies Regional Adaptation Committee Workshop (Edmonton, November 19-20, 2018)
- IAP2 Training (Edmonton, November 21-23, 2018 and May 13-14, 2019)
- MNC Symposium on Traditional Knowledge Systems (Vancouver, February 20-21, 2019)
- Indigenous Community Based Climate Monitoring Forum (Regina, March 28-30, 2019)

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns with the Region 3 Climate Initiatives. Mary (mpupo@metis.org 403-569-8800)

Regional Youth Project Coordinator, Regional Youth Council Representative & Region 3 Youth Worker Status Report

Background: The Regional Youth Program Coordinator position was created because of an Ordinary resolution brought forward at the 90th Annual General Assembly. The Youth Council Representative, Brett Chernow, the Youth Coordinator, Kristen Acuna and the Youth Worker, Jason Chernow, work together to decide what type of programming is needed for Region 3 youth. Programs are broken up into 4 sections, cultural, personal development, registry and youth networking.

Programming:

We have hosted the following programs so far this year:

Cultural

- Métis Fest 2019
- Beading classes (In Lethbridge & Calgary)
- Jigging Lessons (Calgary)
- Moccasin Making (Calgary & Lethbridge)
- Finger weaving (Calgary, Lethbridge & Taber)

Personal Development

- Non-restricted Firearms Safety Course (Calgary & Lethbridge)
- Naloxone Training
- First Aid Training
- Babysitting Basics Course (Calgary & Lethbridge)

Registry

We encourage youth to register with the MNA. Youth are informed of the benefits but are not turned away if they are not registered. The Regional Youth Coordinator can commission registration applications for free to avoid the cost barrier.

Youth Networking

The Youth worker, Jason Chernow runs our Region 3 youth group. He plans and organizes activities, dinner and presentations for the group every Thursday. The group runs year-round including during the summer months. Our Youth Representative attends the youth group to ensure he stays up to date on issues, concerns and wants of our youth. The Youth Coordinator also attends the youth group. She keeps the youth up to date on programming



that is happening outside of the youth group. She also tries to host an event once a month during the youth group to help introduce new youth to the group.

Upcoming programming:

We are looking forward to hosting:

- Make up and hair braiding tutorials
- ASSIST Training
- Bannock making workshop
- Kickboxing lessons
- Fiddling & Guitar lessons
- Fish scale art
- Tufting Workshop

Regional Youth Representative update:

We met several times in 2019; including a team building with all newly hired regional youth coordinators. Due to sweeping changes in chosen youth reps, a lot of our discussions have been on the history of the current provisional youth council and its intention. Each representative has brought forward regional youth concerns they feel are pertinent. We have had consultation regarding our formally submitted special resolution and planned future special and ordinary resolutions. We are also exploring the current structures of the Métis Nation and the foreseen structural changes [Constitution] and trying to interpret how the youth are

expected to fit into the current and future Métis Nation structures.

Conclusion:

The youth team out of the Region 3 office are passionate about Métis youth. The team not only works directly with youth but attend other events such as Métis day at the public library and Indigenous awareness day events throughout Region 3 to present/teach on Métis traditions and culture.

Métis Seniors Program

Our mandate is to be responsible for the development, promotion, enhancement and protection of Métis Rights and the Métis way of life. We have met that mandate by establishing programs and services that will advance Métis culture and ensure it meets this mandate

At this time we have just finished our Métis Memories Book. We were very lucky to have 13 people that were able to be interviewed for this project. These stories range from growing up Métis to finding out later in life about being Métis and will be cherished by many.

We host anywhere from 25 to 50 people who gather for a great home cooked meal. This gives the seniors a chance to get out of the house and socialize.

On the opposite Friday's we coordinate with the Métis Family Services/Native Network for an afternoon of lunch and crib. This is always a great time.

Aboriginal Languages Initiative

Michif Pekiskwewin – Métis Language Conversation. Working closely with SkyBlue Morin we have added to our program we started last year to learn our Michif language. Again this year we have gone to each local where we have had between 10-30 participants at each workshop.

We also held a cultural camp at Tail Creek which was very successful. We had originally put in that we would have 12 people attending and ended up with 30 people attending with a few more on the wait list. During this camp we learned the Michif language as well as medicine plants. Parks Canada also provided an interpreter to come out and do a talk about traditional games, fire starting, food and the fur trade. ■

REGION FOUR



Tracy L. Friedel
President
Region Four



Gary Gagnon
Vice President
Region Four

Key Projects and Successes

Region 4 has a core budget of \$169,000 associated with the MNA-Government of Alberta Framework Agreement. This funding is currently administered through the MNA Head Office.

The level of funding provided to Region 4 through the Framework Agreement has not increased over many years. Region 4 currently receives no core funding from the federal government.

Beginning in Fall 2018, Regional Council has determined to focus on capacitating Region 4 so as to better serve the priorities and needs of MNA members. Key projects include:

1. Ensuring financial accountability through audits of Zone IV's 2017-18 and 2018-19 financial information
2. Expanding Region 4's human resource capacity, as funding permits
3. Strategic planning so as to better position Region 4 to advance its mission through the development of strategies and the identification of key priorities
4. Communications planning so as to better connect with members living throughout Region 4
5. Supporting the interests and capacity of Region 4 Locals, as funding permits
6. Renewing Region 4's representatives as this pertains to various MNA affiliates
7. Ensuring that an independent Métis Judiciary Council is re-instated as soon as possible

Other Projects and Successes

At this time, the MNA Region 4 President and Vice-President have not been assigned ministry roles.

As it pertains to Region 4's governance role, the following activities have been undertaken since September 2018:

1. MNA governance activities
 - a. MNA Provincial Council Retreat
 - December 10-14, 2018 – Kelowna, BC
 - b. Provincial Council meetings – all held in Edmonton, AB:
 - October 19, 2018
 - December 19, 2018 (teleconference)
 - January 28, 2019
 - February 28, 2019 (emergency meeting)
 - March 08, 2019



- c. Métis National Council:
 - Pre-Assembly & General Assembly November 26-29, 2019 – Winnipeg, MB
- d. Regional Council Meetings:
 - December 03, 2018 – Stony Plain, AB
 - April 05, 2019 – Edmonton, AB
 - June 22, 2019 – Grande Cache, AB
2. City of Edmonton engagement activities
 - a. River Crossing Project (October 31, 2018)
 - b. Indigenous Culture and Wellness Centre (February 20, 2019)
 - c. Centre LRT Project & City Plan (April 24, 2019)
 - d. Exhibition Lands & River Crossing Project (June 04, 2019)
3. Alberta Government engagement activities
 - a. Métis Consultation Policy Proposal – November 15, 2018
 - b. Premier's Event on Racism – December 18, 2018
 - c. Bighorn Country Proposal – January 22, 2019
 - d. Caribou Range Planning – March 14, 2019 (teleconference)
4. Government of Canada engagement activities
 - a. Trans Mountain Expansion (TMX) Phase III Consultation – various meeting dates
 - b. Indigenous Advisory & Monitoring Committee (Trans Mountain/TMX) – various meeting dates
5. Engagement with various local municipalities, e.g. City of Edmonton (Métis Week), City of St. Albert (Payhonin Reconciliation Event), etc.
6. Engagement with various project proponents, e.g. Cando Rail Services ■

REGION FIVE



Elmer Gullion
President
Region Five



Hilda Lambert
Vice President
Region Five



It has been a very busy year here for us. The negotiations of recent years are now coming to fruition and is being seen in our Region. Our members are getting more involved both at the community and regional level. We have been gearing up to have more staff in each region for the past couple years. We are very excited to have more staff which means more help for our members. All the hard work of our past leadership is making a positive impact in our Region. We wish to express gratitude to the past Leadership of the MNA, we also want to congratulate the new Provincial Council. We look forward to working collectively in our Region and at the Provincial level as we continue to move our Nation forward. It has been an exciting year and we look forward to this upcoming year as a very busy time. Our doors are open, coffee is on and we welcome all Métis members to visit our office. We welcome all members to get involved and know what is going in our Region, as well as at the Provincial level.

Region 5 hosted a Strategic Planning; Team Building session with the Leadership, Staff, Wabasca Local #90 Board members, our Elder and committee representatives. We look forward to reporting next year on the follow-up meeting, to share about the implementation and actioning of the priorities set out in our Strategic Planning and Team Building sessions. We are growing very fast, and we continue to need volunteers in the communities. If you would like to assist with the Métis activities or participate in Health & Wellness workshops scheduled for our local communities in our area, please contact Emma New at the office. If you want to volunteer for youth and cultural activities, please speak with Bev Lambert @ (780) 849 4654.



Region Five Team

Youth

Throughout the last year, Emma volunteered her time to open the gym in Faust for the youth to play Volleyball. This was a great pastime for youth who would travel from the different communities. The past 2 years have been a great turn-out. Region 5 Youth rep done a great job and we would like to say thank you for another year as our rep. One youth represented Region 5 at the Youth Council of the MNA. Region 5 youth attended the 2018 AGM, participating in the youth conference, in Métis Day celebrations, National Aboriginal Day, Métis Week events, and in the Youth & Elders Gathering. We look forward to having more youth join us in our local functions, welcome youth! Get involved as you are our next leaders!

Some of the cultural sharing programs since the last assembly are as follows: Fish Scale Art in three communities, Finger Weaving in Slave Lake, and Sisters in Spirit Walk. Please stay tuned in 2019 we will have a full-time Regional

Youth Coordinator helping plan some great upcoming events in R5 such as jigging lessons, fiddle lessons, cultural camps, etc.

Housing

This has been an ongoing concern in our Region for more than 25 years. The cost of living is unaffordable. Many families are living together because of the shortage of affordable housing in Region 5. We are seeing Elders who own their homes, but many cannot afford the repairs needed. We have families who own homes but need assistance in repairs. We have families living together because housing is unaffordable at market value especially in communities where there is no employment. Affordable housing is needed in our northern communities. Therefore, we are elated about the funds MNA is receiving for housing as we know this will also help our members in our Region. As MNA rolls-up the workplans for the housing funds we will continue to update our members.

Frost Hills

We continue to work towards the integration of the Frost Hills plan. After all these years the need is stronger than ever, to secure this land for the Métis peoples of Faust. The agricultural land, animal reserve, our cultural way of living. Our Heritage. Tourism trails. Keeping the lands and water safe. To ensure the plants, herbs, berries, animals, scared areas, all this needs to be preserved for future generations.



Culture

It is very important for us to ensure we share our culture for future generations. We are a proud people and we are very proud to show case our culture. To teach our children and youth to be proud. We look forward to teaching our youth how to hunt, fish, trap, locate and properly harvest medicines, instill survival skills in the bush, etc. We celebrate any opportunity to teach how to jig, play the fiddle, play the spoons. Our Vice President does presentations on the Order of the Sash in High Schools as well about how to traditionally wear a sash. We wear our sash proudly when gifting Métis students for major goal accomplishments or major milestone, educational achievements.

Annual Métis Day Celebrations, June 21

At our Métis Day events we involve youth to volunteer or participate in Traditional Games such as the egg races, three-Legged Race, and water balloon races. Older youth can participate in some of the Adult Games such as Horseshoe Tournaments, Crib Tournaments, Nail Pounding, and Arm-wrestling competitions.

Métis Week in November

We intend too continually share our heritage with one another to ensure our culture lives on and is celebrated by all our communities throughout the region. During Métis week we involve the Town of Slave Lake to proudly raise our flag for the month of November. We also host an Open House event at our office with card games, board games along with prayer & a free luncheon. This past year we hosted a wonderful free Family Dinner with live entertainment, door prizes, and a sober community dance at the Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre.

Medical Assistance

Region 5 continues to assist the members of Region 5 to travel to medical appointments. We help each member once per year. Please note if you or someone in your family has cancer, you can contact the Provincial Office and they can help with your appointments and accommodations in Edmonton.

Elders

Region 5 funds 10 rooms for the elders to attend the AGM each year. This past year our Elders participated in the 2nd Annual Métis Celebration Day in June at our Faust Métis Centre, we also ensure our Elders enjoy the Annual Métis Youth & Seniors Gatherings. Our Elders look forward to all our planned festivities during Métis week in November.

Special Events

Some of our Elders attended the Métis Land & Scrip Conference along with Leadership in March. At the Annual Métis Business Mixer, our region awarded Mr. Darrel Laboucan of McLennan, AB for Small Business of the Year, recognizing his business; Darrel's Bobcat Services Ltd. Many Métis citizens came from other northern Regions and were wowed! They loved attending our wonderful Métis Fest, a first ever collaborative cultural event hosted by every regional office, province-wide in collaboration with MNA!

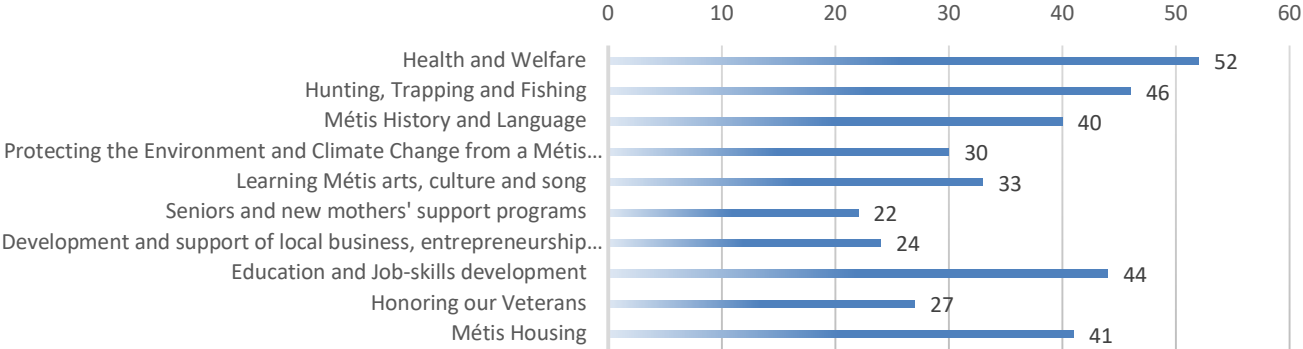
MNA Climate Leadership and Consultation Coordinator

In June 2018, Walter Andreeff was hired for the Slave Lake office to begin discussions and engagement with our local Métis people on Community Based Climate Monitoring, to manage Energy Efficiency upgrade projects and the installation of renewable energy in the form of new Solar Panels at our Region V office. We're happy to report that thanks to Alberta Government programs, the support of our MNA leadership and head office staff we have completed the efficiency upgrades and new installation of Solar panels will be completed during June and July 2019. We're also happy to report that the MNA Climate Leadership team with your coordinator has engaged with the communities of Wabasca, Slave Lake and High Prairie during the fall of 2018 meeting with over 25 people including Elders, Knowledge holders and citizens of the MNA to gather their comments and stories. The Regional Consultation Coordinator has been working collaboratively with Wabasca Métis Local #90 and other Region 5 Métis Citizens in several key areas. In Economic development, our office has been working with local businesses in Wabasca and Red Earth to have them included in local contracting opportunities with active Oil and Gas related projects in the region. With the support of our provincial President Audrey Poitras, we have been writing to local Energy corporations to support our regional contractors and provided introductions where appropriate. We have also been working with TransCanada Pipeline on several occasions with elders and knowledge holders who have been involved in many meetings and Traditional Land Use (TLU) Assessments in the Region.

Last fall the Region V Consultation committee met with the Government of Alberta (GOA) to discuss a proposed Métis consultation policy and the GOA wanted the committees' opinion on what could be included for a specific Métis consultation policy for the Métis people. The GOA said they are committed to developing a MNA Métis Consultation Policy to bring clarity and consistency to Alberta's approach to Métis consultation that aligns



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with the consultation process already established such as the Métis Settlements Consultation Policy. The GOA sent a draft consultation policy in February that is currently under review within the MNA and the Region V committee. The Region V Consultation committee is comprised of the President and Vice-President of Region V, the President of Métis Local #90 and Local #90 designated representative. In a follow-up to discussions on Métis consultation during 2018, in early 2019, the GOA offered to provide MNA Region V with grant funding capacity support for pre-consultation to continue the advancement of an MNA Métis Consultation Policy and Standards for Métis Consultation. During March-April 2019, the Regional Consultation committee approved the grant application documents, budgets and a workplan to utilize the funding. In particular, the grant funding received is to be used for purposes of research and to provide information to the GOA such as Region V Traditional Land Use (TLU) studies and membership information. When the TLU Project and information sessions with the GOA are completed by April next year, Métis people in Region V will have participated in the field studies, the Regional office will have constructed a database with maps showing where many of our people have hunted, fished, and trapped within Region V, and beyond.

Alberta Métis Fest

On March 23, 2019 over 80 Métis citizens attended the MNA Region 5 Métis Fest which was held at the Slave Lake Inn. Citizens of all ages had a great time; sharing delicious meals, listening to great live music, dancing to the fiddle all day long with amazing door prizes, and exceptional prizes for Jigging Competition categories. At this event, the Regional Office took a short snapshot survey from the participants. We asked them to circle the five most important issues they wanted the Regional office to focus on. Sixty-four people filled out the survey and told us what they felt was important. At the top was health & welfare, the second was hunting, trapping and fishing, thirdly education and then job skills development, the fourth Métis housing and the fifth was Métis history & language. This somewhat reflects the inquiries we receive in office via drop-in visits or through telephone inquiries from Métis citizens. On one side of the spectrum many are interested in hearing more updates of progress toward realizing our inherent rights recognitions and benefits, and on the other side of the coin we continually hear that our nation needs to work together more unified, positively to build a strong Métis community rich with cultural heritage and pride.

Faust Métis Centre

We at times offered space rental for free, or for a nominal fee to community members and Métis citizens, for the use of our building in Faust for wakes; funerals, family

reunions, youth sports nights, children's activities, and other community activities. We hosted two of our annual Métis Days Celebrations here thus far. However, the sale of this old building occurred last year due to high costs incurred for utilities; maintenance and since projected costs in order to get it updated were way out of our range of scope, this was clearly not feasible for Region 5.

Office Renovations

Due to very heavy rains over a prolonged period, Slave Lake suffered yet again another flood last June 2018. We had to close our doors for six weeks in order to replace the entire roof and to complete renovations to some offices in our main building. The proceeds from the sale of the Faust building were put toward the cost to replace the roof of our office; for repairs and contractor fees.

S-11 Logging

Region V Representative Bev New. In 2018, we signed a 10-year agreement with West Fraser. This ensures stability within our Region. This is a 3-way partnership with Bigstone Cree Nation, Peerless lake/Trout Lake First Nation and MNA Region 5. Funds from this enterprise enabled us to complete purchase of a brand new roof for our building in July of 2018, along with repairs and renovations to some offices affected by the flooding in early June. In 2019, we will be doing some more upgrades at the office. We look forward to more projects in our communities.



The photo above was taken during the S-11 three party partnership signing for a 10-yr Agreement with West Fraser.

Region V Active Partnerships

Wabasca Local #90, Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre, Town of Slave Lake, Slave Lake Inn & Conference Centre, Northern Lakes College, Rupertsland Institute, TransCanada Enterprises, Government of Alberta, Bigstone Cree Nation, Peerless Lake First Nation, Trout Lake First Nation, West Fraser. ■

REGION SIX



Carol Ridsdale
President
Region Six



Barry Dibb
Vice President
Region Six

Governance

Region 6 Council wishes to congratulate our new Vice President Barry Dibb, who has now taken office.

Region 6 works collaboratively with the Métis Nation of Alberta, the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta to ensure that our needs as a region are being meaningfully addressed while maintaining Region 6's rightful place within the Métis Nation of Alberta governance structure. Region 6 actively participates in government to government processes in order to develop protections for our lands and resources, such as wildlife and the environment, through initiatives such as the Caribou Range Planning process, development of the Métis Consultation Policy and participation in Environment and Climate Change initiatives. Climate change funding will also allow for improvements to Region 6 facilities that will reduce our carbon footprint and overhead costs. Region 6 continues to work hard to ensure we take a balanced approach to government policy that may have socio-economic impacts on our citizens who work in industry, such as climate change and caribou range planning. Region 6 is well on its way to establishing itself as a centralized regional arm of the government of the Métis Nation of Alberta.

In partnership with the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 6 is now home to a Regional Consultation Coordinator, a Climate Leadership Coordinator, and a Youth Project Coordinator. Working together to leverage programs, services, grant funding, and other initiatives which are available from both the provincial and federal



governments, as well as through industry partnerships, this Regional team will be focused on the growing capacity and expanding the services provided to Métis citizens in Region 6.



Honouring our Elders

As part of the focus on developing and strengthening cultural programming in Region 6, it is critical that we recognize the vital importance of our Elders and the role they play within our community. As we develop programs targeted toward youth to ensure that Métis culture, language and art lives on – Region 6 recognizes that each event is an opportunity to engage, honour and support our elders through the process of cross-generational learning.

The Region 6 Consultation Office engages participants in TLU studies with the specific direction to ensure that a combination of Region 6 Elders and youth are involved and participating. This ensures that the knowledge and skills related to our use of the land, those elements that are a critical component of who we are as Métis people, will continue to be transferred to our young people in a culturally appropriate way.



In order to capture and document some of the important stories of our Métis Elders, Region 6 is currently investigating funding opportunities in language and culture to develop a comprehensive research project.

The project would compile the stories of our people and communities in a culturally sensitive and respectful way, particularly with respect to mission and residential schools which existed in the Region and had a dramatic and multi-generational impact on many Métis people. The hope is that this research project will result in the development of print resources which will become a formal part of the historical record of the Métis in Region 6 communities, honour the people who shared their stories and support the path toward reconciliation with non-indigenous communities.

Economic Development

Immediately following the 2018 General Election, Region 6 set out to rebrand Nesokmahtan Enterprises Inc. with the goal of developing a modern image of the corporation that will carry our government into the future and generate consistent and growing revenue. The new Neso brand and logo pays respect to the Métis Nation that it serves, through inclusion of the sash and the corporation registered the shortened tradename Nesokmahtan, which has become the new operating name.

Nesokmahtan is now clearly distinguished as an economic development and investment corporation from Region 6 as our governing body. This shift has also increased Nesokmahtan's ability to begin negotiating formalized, for-profit, joint venture and revenue sharing agreements for the benefit of Region 6. Since

the rebranding, Region 6 and Nesokmahtan have negotiated and entered into a number of joint venture agreements, which are generating revenue into Nesokmahtan for the benefit of Region 6.

Policy & Planning

Region 6 has begun an organizational shift in operations and is in the process of developing and implementing governance policies for the Region which focus on clarity, transparency,



consistency and accountability to our citizens. This is an ongoing initiative of the Regional Council which has resulted in the development and review of policies at each Regional Council meeting.

These policies will compliment existing Métis Nation of Alberta bylaws, policies and procedures and will form the basis for consistent and responsible decision-making by Regional Council.

Region 6 also participated in a two-day policy and strategic planning session in May which included all of Regional Council and large number of Local Council board members. The goal was to jointly set out the priorities for policy development and design a 5-year strategic plan for the Region.

This 5-year Strategic Plan will be based on the needs and input of every elected official and board member in our Region collectively and the final Strategic Plan is

forthcoming soon. We are confident that the final Plan will be reflective of the goals and vision of all people from all of our communities for the Métis Nation and our Region.

Celebrating our Culture

On March 23rd, 2019, citizens of the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) gathered in Fort Vermilion, Alberta at the Community Cultural Complex, for Métis Fest. It is estimated that there were around 400 people throughout the day. The event started with a pancake breakfast, prepared by the Fort Vermilion High School graduating class of 2019. The event featured a talent competition with categories in jigging, singing and fiddling. Live music was provided by fiddler Colten Bear and Firestone band. In addition to the talent competition, the event featured a bonfire, bannock and stew dinner and an adult only dance. Métis Fest 2019 was funded by the MNA and coordinated by the Youth Programs and Services Team in partnership with Region VI.

Our Dedicated Staff

Office Manager: Louise Cardinal

My name is Louise Cardinal and its been my pleasure to be part of the Region VI Métis Nation office team since January 2011. I am a mother of two beautiful children and have been with my husband for ten years and married for 5 of those years. I came on board as the receptionist and three months later moved into the Office Manager roll. Over the years my position has gave me the opportunity to assist and meet some amazing Métis people.





Executive Administrative Assistant: Tricia Frank

My name is Tricia Frank and I have had the pleasure of working here for the last 3 months. I am the Executive Administrative Assistant to President Carol Ridsdale, President of Region VI Métis Nation of Alberta and to Garrett Tomlinson, Manager of Consultation for the Province of Alberta, Métis Nation of Alberta. Since April, I have had the honor of working on many Métis events and meeting some amazing people. I look forward to what the future has in store for me with Region VI!

Regional Youth Projects Coordinator: Erin Mingay

My name is Erin Mingay and I am the youth project coordinator for Region VI. I am passionate about Indigenous and Women's rights and I strive to be a strong voice for our people. I recently graduated from Mount Royal University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. My hopes and dreams for the youth in my community are to empower them to become the best versions of themselves. We have such a beautiful rich culture and I cannot wait to share it with the youth in my community.

Summer Student: Kristin Fenner

Greetings everyone, my name is Kristin Fenner and I am the summer student for Region 6. I am currently enrolled at GPRC for Social Work.



Regional Consultation Office Update – Region 6

The Region 6 Consultation Office officially opened in January 2018. Since that time, the Region has developed both internal and external consultation processes in anticipation of the approval of the Métis Consultation Policy from Alberta. Alberta has entered into a Pre-Consultation Capacity Agreement with Region 6, as with other Regions of the MNA, and the amended workplan to meet the objectives of that Agreement leading toward the Consultation Policy is forthcoming. However, despite the continued lack of the Policy the Region 6 Consultation Office remains particularly busy as a result of intergovernmental consultation on such files as:

Caribou Range Planning

Alberta is considering a number of options to restore, re-establish or protect Caribou habitat throughout Alberta. A significant portion of the Caribou ranges under consideration are in Region 6 and the effects of protection measures may have significant socio-economic impacts



and impacts on the exercise of indigenous rights of the Métis.

Oil Sands Monitoring

Region 6 participated in the governance development for the Oil Sands Monitoring Program which is funded by levy to oil sands producers. Currently President Ridsdale is appointed to the Oversight Committee, which is the approvals body, and the Regional Consultation Coordinator is appointed to the Science and Indigenous Knowledge Integration Committee.

Resource Development

Despite the lack of policy, some industry partners are engaging Region 6 in the consultation process. As a result, Region 6 conducted a significant number of traditional land use studies in 2018-2019, mostly related to pipeline and associated infrastructure development. These studies contribute to a larger body of knowledge maintained by the Region which become the evidence of existing aboriginal rights and interests of the Métis Nation in Region 6. This knowledge is compiled through funding from industry which supports the capacity growth of the Region 6 organization.

Region 6 has also actively participated in the MNA Provincial Consultation for the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project (TMx). There was strong attendance by elected officials, knowledge holders and staff at the TMx engagement in Edmonton in May and the follow up engagement in Peace River in June. Region 6 staff, youth and knowledge holders also attended the TMx Traditional Land Use Study fieldwork between Hinton and Edson, providing significant detail and context to the Study.



WILDFIRE UPDATE

A timeline of events:

May 20, 2019 Evacuation of High Level and Paddle Prairie residents due to the wildfire and poor air quality.

May 24, 2019, we received a truckload of supplies from Métis Nation of Alberta and Rupertsland and was delivered by the Rupertsland Mobile Unit.

We dispersed the supplies to the evacuees from the Region VI office.

May 27 to 31, 2019, we partnered with the Sagitawa Friendship Center, Clearstream Energy, Bison Contracting Ltd and CK Next Generation Ken and Cecil Elter to put on meals daily.

May 29, 2019, we received a second truckload of supplies from Region 1 and 2, which we dispersed to the evacuees as well.

Received a monetary donation from TC Energy which allowed us to purchase more supplies for evacuees. President Carol Ridsdale purchased more supplies for evacuees and ensured they got to the evacuees in Grande Prairie and Peace River.

June 3, 2019, put on Play time for the kids at the Sawridge Hotel and the Chateau Nova. Region VI Youth Coordinator provided activities and snacks for the kids of the evacuees.

June 7, 2019, put on crafts and coloring for the kids and free manicures by the Warrior Goddess Esthetics for the evacuees.

June 13, 2019, Mini Manicures put on by the Warrior Goddess Esthetics at the Region VI office for wildfire evacuees.

June 19, 2019, received a donation of an Oilers Picture from KRP Chartered Professional Accountants which we have put up for raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the draw is to be made Aug 17, 2019 at the AGA in St Paul. All proceeds go to the wildfire evacuees.

June 23, 2019, Indigenous Fest. Received Donations from: Bison Contracting, Rupertsland, TC Energy, Apeetogosan, NCSG Crane and Heavy Haul, Infracon, Reliance Well Servicing. All registration proceeds from the talent show goes to the wildfire evacuees. Events included: Talent Competition with \$6000 in cash prizes, and performances by Brianna Lizotte, Nathan Cunningham and the Rocking Fiddle Band. ■





AFFILIATE REPORTS

APEETOOGOSAN (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 \$8,000,000 was disbursed in stages.

AMDI has lent out over \$80 MM since 1988 and helped in the creation of over 1,200 Métis owned businesses throughout the Province of Alberta, while maintaining our capital base of \$8M. Our success is largely due to our clients who have successfully capitalized on their opportunities. And, AMDI has become an intergenerational service provider as the children (now adults) of clients we assisted long ago, now approach AMDI as their parents once did long ago.

What a great thing to have accomplished – we imagine it is what the framers had envisioned. 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

Métis entrepreneurs who may be considering first steps to becoming owners of their own business.

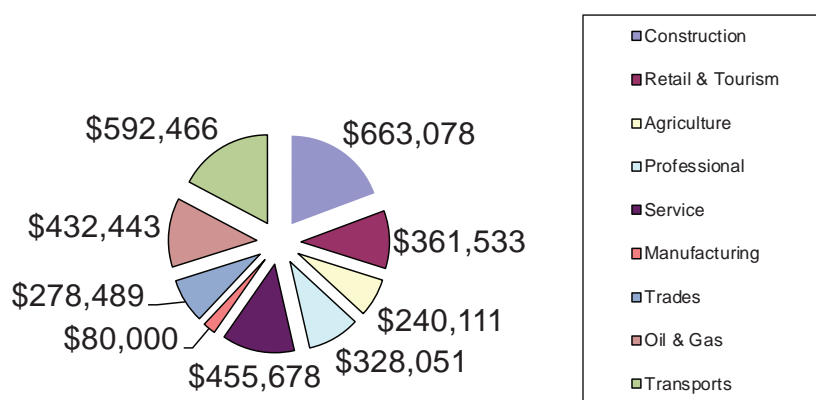
Report on Operations

During the period April 2018 to March 2019, AMDI approved \$3.4M in funding assistance to new and existing business, constituting a 24% decline from last year's record performance. Four categories dominated commercial lending, comprising service, transports, construction, and oil and gas. We should add, however, that agriculture also played a role in diversifying our portfolio.

A total of \$14M in applications were received, where the service sector comprised the majority of applications, amounting to \$6.2M in loan demand in just this sector alone. Still, the dominant sector that contributed the highest fruition rate was construction where 66% of applications received were approved. Regional participation was relatively balanced across all 6 regions of the province.

As usual, most 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

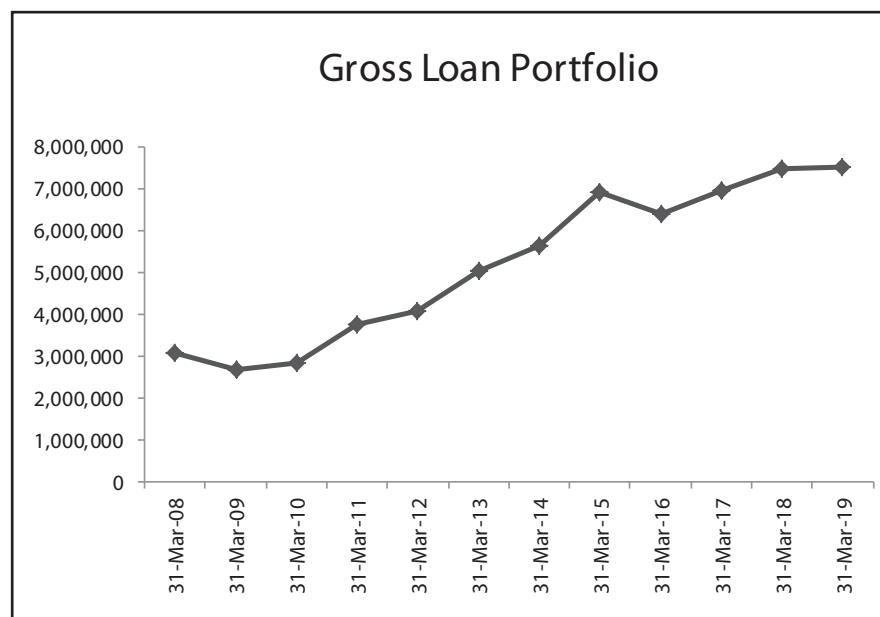
Total New Loans 2018/19 By Industry



acquiring assets required for the business's operations. Loans to businesses included, but, were not limited to construction, retail, agriculture, professional oil and gas and service based businesses, as well as some tourism and transports. There was also a significant increase in oil and gas initiatives compared with last

year, and as well, the Trades sector also remains a strong component of what we do and represents a low risk profile to our portfolio as well while complimenting a long standing training initiative of the Rupertsland Institute. In general, the total growth in loans conducted by AMDI was relatively evenly distributed across all industries – suggesting that Métis entrepreneurs are penetrating and participating in every sector of the economy.

While increasing our diversification, our portfolio has remained flat year over year, in spite of the 25% decline in loan growth. This speaks to the durability of the endeavors Métis entrepreneurs are taking on in what can only be described as a difficult economy. For our decline in loan growth was a result of many of our clients taking a much more guarded approach while the economy stumbled through uncertainty.



Regardless, as \$14M in loan applications demonstrates, Métis entrepreneurship in Alberta is very much alive and well, and so we are excited that we are able to participate alongside these endeavors. This shows in the stability of our loan portfolio (staying flat at \$7.5M) while maintaining our profitability of operations of over \$500K. Durable opportunities continue to flow into our office, but the economy remains tenuous. Our current work-in-progress as of April 1, 2019, for example, was \$3.05M and 22 clients – down similar to our loan growth of 25%.

Our feeling is that while we wish the economy were stronger in our more traditional areas of lending, we are also excited about seeing where Métis entrepreneurs may take us as they respond to the market with endeavors that promise to bring value to the economy. So, change is good, and we want to make ourselves available to Métis

entrepreneurs seeking to capitalize on that change that they are very much an integral part of.

Other Investments

Métis Entrepreneurs Assistance Program (MEAP) Renewal

For over 25 years, Apeetogosan has provided external delivery services to Aboriginal Business Canada's business development program. As part of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) new Aboriginal Economic Development Framework, one initiative is to increase the delivery capacity of its external partners.

As a consequence of this relationship AMDI continues to serve as Program Delivery Partner to INAC's small business development program. For the 2019/20 fiscal AMDI will be responsible for direct delivery of \$1.1M in equity, the result of a one year renewal of INAC's equity program. Now called the Métis Entrepreneurs Assistance Program, or, MEAP, AMDI provides Métis entrepreneurs the single window of access to equity and commercial finance 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. During the 2018/19 fiscal, AMDI helped Métis clients access \$1.5M, duplicating last year's record year for grant distributions, assisting well over 30 clients, and forging new relationships.

We expect this year to be no different as the demand for the Program appears to be already outstripping available funds. However, we are working diligently to rectify this problem with INAC and NACCA, calling for a national redistribution across all regions to reflect more accurately Alberta's larger Indigenous demographic and higher than average small business formation rate.

Pinnacle Business Services Ltd.

Pinnacle staff provides applicants an opportunity to access government programs available through INAC and NACCA 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. Because the last thing we want is to see anybody fail.

The follow-up work to 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 to financiers that demonstrates the integrity of the client's proposal that includes 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 2018/19 fiscal, Pinnacle Business Services Ltd. assisted in the development of 35 business plans for clients, of which 30 attracted commercial financing from AMDI while 2 leveraged commercial financing from another financial institution. The direct involvement of Pinnacle helped support a total of \$3.5M in new term loans to AMDI for the year.

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 after-care services to 50 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.

Alberta Métis Entrepreneurship Workshops & AMDI's Partnership with Rupertsland

Spearheaded by the Rupertsland Institute, and in partnership with Ballard Consulting Group, and Apeetogosan, we delivered 10, 2-day entrepreneurship workshops during 2018/19, and with thanks to Rupertsland we will be providing an additional 6 throughout 2019/20. During the 2016-17 fiscal, Rupertsland experienced a substantive increase in demand for counseling services related to entrepreneurship and self-employment, where AMDI received many referrals through the Rupertsland office. Recognizing that entrepreneurship is not Rupertsland's specialty or its focus, Rupertsland had the foresight to approach AMDI to take on a more active role in supporting their initiative to offer counseling and business

support services to clients seeking assistance with establishing or expanding their business endeavors.

As it happened, there was no better time for two affiliates of the MNAA to coordinate resources that has enhanced both the training and services that each affiliate offers. We have always been passionate about the entrepreneurship course. 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 provide attendees with a break-even tool that they can readily use to evaluate any opportunity they might consider – a skill that they can understand and use and forever have with them – beyond the workshop classroom. As the workshop focuses on education and training, Rupertsland saw this as an excellent opportunity to team up with AMDI, learn a little more about what AMDI does, and we in turn, learn a little more about Rupertsland. What a great partnership this has turned out to be.

In addition, as AMDI exhausted its MEAP commitments early this year due to the rapid and huge surge in demand, Rupertsland has again stepped up to help fill the gap, by augmenting the MEAP program and for that AMDI is incredibly grateful. It has helped maintain client service – almost uninterrupted, while ensuring that the gaining momentum in AMDI's loan growth continues. We have established new reporting measures for Rupertsland that will help their organization in understanding where the needs of Métis entrepreneurs are most prevalent which will help Rupertsland coordinate their resources in an effort to provide better service to what is clearly becoming a dominate force in Métis economic activity. We thank both staff and management of the Rupertsland team for their commitment and enthusiasm in supporting Métis entrepreneurship as the Métis in Alberta are increasingly looking to self-ownership as an economically viable and realistic alternative to employment.

Like the year previous, participants are put through a rigorous investigation of their own potential projects they may be considering – and they love it. At the same time they learn more about the training and education that is available to them through the Rupertsland Institute as well as the financial services available to them at Apeetogosan. Course reviews and comments find the workshop “engaging”, “useful”, “inspiring”, “unintimidating”, and “really helped to equip me with tools that I could easily use and understand.” We have been conducting these workshops for a few years now and we believe it is the best workshop on entrepreneurship being offered.



Closing Remarks

It was, overall, a steady year for AMDI with loan growth maintaining our portfolio of \$7.5M. AMDI continues to demonstrate its own durability, posting net income of over \$500K, and a steadily increasing retained earnings balance of just shy of \$3M. We remain one of top performing Aboriginal Financial Institutions across Canada. And most importantly, we continue to remain relevant to the Métis community - one of the key guiding principles of our operations.

As a result of the 2015-16 recession, our role continues to evolve as our clients make the transition to a new and challenging economic environment, as it is equally challenging to our business model. We have increased flexibility in financing terms offered to Métis entrepreneurs, we have enhanced repayment options, and have increasingly been asked for a more active role in providing advice and counseling to both prospective as well as existing Métis entrepreneurs. It is a demonstration of our commitment to positioning AMDI as the preferred lender of choice among increasingly repeat Métis business. Of course, the economy will be what it will be and we will remain a reliable source of financial and business support to all Métis participating in it.

In the early winter of 2018, we spent some time in Kelowna refreshing our vision and mission statements and coincidentally had the privilege of sharing our visions with the Shareholders who were also in Kelowna. We had thought the meeting would be “epic”, and indeed it was. Because, for the 1st time in a long while AMDI’s Board of Directors had the opportunity of at least sharing ideas and perspectives of the corporation with the shareholders (who we like to think of as the rest of the family) – and that our visions and aspirations for Métis prosperity in almost every way aligned with economic objectives of our governing institutions. Perhaps this is what makes it so easy for us to work together, and to this end, we look forward to doing a lot more of that in the weeks and years to come.

The staff of AMDI continues to work very well together and have established a very efficient office driven by a commitment to client service and care. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their hard work this past year – challenging, given the uncertainty – 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. ■

MÉTIS CROSSING LTD.



For decades, the citizens and leadership of the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) has spoken of a place for Métis people to gather. They have spoken of a place to celebrate and share our culture and history. This past year, 2018-2019 is a confirmation of our Métis determination, as the new Métis Crossing Cultural Gathering Centre (MCCGC) began to take shape.

Directed by the Métis Crossing Advisory Committee (MCAC), Métis Crossing has achieved significant progress on construction of the new 11,000 square foot MCCGC. It is located on River lot 12 of our existing 512 acres. The MCAC made significant strides developing an experiential interpretive plan and laying the groundwork for a self-sustaining tourism business. MCAC has five members contributing their expertise in the areas of governance, construction, business planning and Métis culture. These committee members are:

- Audrey Poitras, President, MNA
- Dan Cardinal, Vice President, MNA
- Duane Zaraska, President, MNA Region 2
- Art Cunningham
- Andy Popko

To guide their work designing and building the MCCGC, the MCAC outlined several project objectives:

- Construction process will provide opportunities for Métis citizens and contractors.

- Contract bid process will be fair, competitive, transparent and consistent with value for money principles.
- Facility will be designed to maximize operational and energy efficiencies.
- Facility will instill a strong sense of Métis presence and pride.
- Facility will provide year-round opportunities for activities and rentals.

Project Design and Construction

On May 14, 2018, the MNA and Métis Crossing celebrated a Groundbreaking celebration to launch construction of the new MCCGC. The tendering and procurement process began on June 8, 2018 when the documents were released to seven invited general contractors. On July 17, the MCAC received four complete tender packages. These packages were scored according to a fair and transparent process which included the following criteria:

- 20% Organizational capacity
- 20% Team capacity
- 20% Métis content (suppliers, sub-trades, employees)
- 40% Cost





A contract was negotiated, and on September 4, 2018 GenMec ACL from Bonnyville, commenced construction. Even with the extreme cold conditions in February 2019, by March 31 construction had progressed well:

- Completed foundations
- Completed concrete slabs in classroom, administration, and utility areas

- Exterior and Interior framing were underway
- Electrical rough-ins were underway
- Plumbing rough-ins were underway
- Westdeck ceiling were underway
- Roofing initiated

To date, Métis subtrades and suppliers include Big Ray Dumais Contracting, Carvel Electric and Lac La Biche Building Supplies. In addition, over 2,345 hours of Métis employment hours have been tracked by GenMec ACL internally.

The required utility upgrades were completed by ATCO to bring three phase power to site, and by Smoky Lake Natural Gas to bring gas lines. Design is underway with Telus for phone lines. Cellular and internet upgrades are also required to support the operation of the MCCGC.

The overall design of the MCCGC maximizes energy efficiency. Design elements include considerations such as the orientation of the building relative to the sun, and the placement of windows relative to prevailing winds. Receiving an additional \$200,000 from the Alberta Indigenous Solar Program will facilitate the production and use of renewable energy within the centre. The MCCGC is an example of the MNA's Climate Leadership Plan in action.

The MCAC is proud to announce that Métis Crossing, with the assistance of Métis Nation Holdings, purchased an additional 160 acres of forested land directly north of our existing river lots. The seller, Irene Robertson, shared wonderful stories of the connections her family shared with the original Métis settlers along Victoria Settlement, and how important it was to her family that this land become a part of Métis Crossing.

Interpretive Planning

To appropriately celebrate Métis culture and history, we are developing an experiential interpretive plan to share authentic Métis stories and experiences. This approach to experiential interpretive design takes visitors beyond the traditional museum interpretive approach of just telling information and showing pieces of history.

At Métis Crossing, we will provide opportunities for people to experience the past, present and future of Métis people. We will engage visitors on multiple levels from the head (information) to the hands (doing and trying), heart (learning and feeling), and hunger (eating). Our approach starts with the fundamental questions:

- “When visitors leave Métis Crossing ...
- What do we want them to know about the Métis?
- What do we want them to feel about the Métis?
- How should their worldview have changed?”

Through the generous sharing of time, knowledge, and histories, of many Métis individuals including Knowledge Holders, youth, leaders, crafters, women, men, workers, and academics, the framework is taking shape. The overarching message is that the “Métis are a distinct nation of Indigenous people whose diversity is woven together with strong commonalities.” The major themes for the framework include:

1. Becoming a Nation
2. Relations and families
3. Creative expressions
4. Economic life and entrepreneurship
5. Land and water relationships
6. Spiritual life and belief systems

The development of this plan is financially supported by the Tourism Growth Innovation Fund of the Government of Alberta.

Once complete, this framework will guide the development of interpretive materials,



exhibits and experiences to inspire visitors to come back and learn more!

Educational Program

Building on the Interpretive planning process, and in partnership with Rupertsland Institute (RLI), Métis Crossing is building a year round educational program. The program will provide a menu of activities based on the four seasons. Working closely with RLI, Métis Crossing is designing hands-on activities and Métis messaging that link to the Alberta Education curriculum. RLI is providing their expertise to develop teacher packages making Métis Crossing the destination of choice for teachers.

In February 2019, we piloted our first winter school program, *Tales of the Trapline*, with Elk Island Public Schools. They brought over 140 students in February, then generously provided feedback for program development during a workshop in March. These partnerships enhance our work. Other programs to be offered in 2019 include *Art in the Woods* (Grades K-3) and *Meet the Métis* (Grades 4-5).

In addition, teachers have voiced a need for support to teach Métis content. Again, in partnership with RLI, Métis Crossing is developing experiential programs to enhance “Professional development” opportunities. Schools will be able to book full day programs at Métis Crossing with hands on activities supporting the professional learning activities of RLI. Teachers not only read about Métis, but experience our exciting culture first hand.

Business Planning

Financial sustainability is critical. To this end, the MCAC has been tasked with building a business case to ensure that Métis Crossing not only survives without ongoing government subsidies, but thrives and drives the regional tourism economy. The process, financially supported by Alberta Culture and Tourism, began with a two days business development workshop hosted in Smoky Lake. Attended by over 30 people from local entrepreneurs to members of the GOA and travel trade, this workshop laid a base for ongoing product and partnership development.

To this end, our team consistently contributes to industry development and benefits from these relationships. Activities include presentations and participation at the Travel Alberta Industry Conference, International Indigenous Tourism Conference, GO East Alberta workshops, Growing Rural Tourism Conference, and more. Métis Crossing is also working with Travel Alberta, Edmonton Tourism, Smoky Lake Region, and Indigenous Tourism Alberta to grow the Indigenous tourism industry in Alberta.

Building on this momentum, Métis Crossing engaged Pinnacle Business Services to develop a five years business plan. This plan outlines a path to financial sustainability, and highlights the important role of all MNA departments and affiliates in utilizing our gathering place for events and workshops.

Strategic Partnerships

Health Children and Youth

As the programs, facilities and activities grow at Métis Crossing, we are working more with MNA departments, especially Health, Children and Youth. In partnership we hosted a summer camp in July 2018, and supported a series of winter camps in March 2019. Additionally, together we purchased program equipment including voyageur canoes, snowshoes and binoculars.

Department of Native Studies, University of Alberta

Métis Crossing has partnered with two Native Studies classes at the University of Alberta (NS 430 and NS 404/504) to do community service projects. Métis Crossing provides learning opportunities for the students and the students contribute to ongoing activities at Métis Crossing.

Threads of the Sash Community Partnership Program

Partnerships are essential to the work at Métis Crossing. Our Threads of the Sash Community Partnership Program is committed to building relationships meeting the goals, priorities and values of our community partners. We are proud to announce our Orange Thread partners this year!



Partnership development continues as we engage with other potential partners.

Métis Crossing has had a spectacular year. We look forward to welcoming you, your family, and your friends in 2019-2020. ■

MÉTIS NATION HOLDINGS

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 100% of the shares. This entity holds title to the MNA Provincial Office property (also known as the Delia Gray Building) on Kingsway NW and 50% of the Inglewood Centre property on 111 avenue, both in Edmonton. The Inglewood property (also called the Métis Veterans Building) is held in partnership with Apeetogosan (Métis) Development Inc. The holding company allows for arms-length lease transactions and limited liability. The Board of Directors for the Métis Nation Holdings is the same as the MNA Executive.

MNA Provincial Office Delia Gray Building 11738 Kingsway NW

In January 1997, the building that the Métis Nation leased on St. Albert Trail was sold. Shortly after taking possession, the new owner proposed doubling the rent, which drew grave 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, the MNA purchased the building on Kingsway NW, 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.

Since 2005, the building has undergone a number of renovations and upgrades. Below is an account of the various renovations over the past 14 years:

- Renovations undertaken in February and March of 2005 increased the amount of office space usable for program delivery and created a more hospitable and welcoming space for our citizens and guests.
- Modest renovations continued during 2006-2007, providing more efficient file storage and additional office space.

- During 2007-2008, building modifications provided energy efficiencies.
- In 2008-09, the heating, ventilation and air conditioning repair & replacement were completed in addition to the final phase of office modifications maximizing the available office space within the building.
- During 2010-2011, renovations were completed.
- The 2011-2012 fiscal year saw modest upgrades to the building exterior.
- In 2012-2013, we continued the exterior upgrades program, and also painted the interior. Modifications were made allowing air conditioning for the computer server room, as well as ongoing operation and maintenance.
- Similar to the preceding year, 2015-2016 saw exterior and interior upgrades as well as ongoing operation and maintenance.
- 2016-17 had significant renovations to both floors of the Delia Gray building. An open area concept has been implemented to improve both the aesthetics and functionality of the building space as well as accommodate a significant growth in program staffing.
- In 2017-18, the open area concept was further developed to accommodate additional growth and increased program responsibility. Common areas and washrooms were renovated to handle increased staffing.
- Growth was the driving factor in the continued development of the space at Delia Gray in 2018-19. Creative use of modular furnishings has allowed accommodation of this growth while maintaining a professional atmosphere.

MUHC/MCHC Offices Larry Desmeules Building 11922 – 121 A Street

On May 1, 1999, Métis Nation Holdings 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. The MUHC Board's foresight provided the MNA the right of first refusal.

The building was financed through the assumption of a mortgage and a loan to Métis Nation Holdings from the Royal Bank; No MNA program funding was used in the purchase. Lease payments cover all costs associated

with the building; a requirement from the MNA Board. As of May 2009, the building has had a clear title.

Future plans called for renovations to facilitate the growth of MUHC and MCHC. During 2008-09, conceptual drawings for the addition of an administrative wing were created and a development permit was obtained. During the fall of 2010-2011, zoning issues were negotiated, a building permit was granted, and construction of a 10,000 sq. ft. addition began in October 2010. The addition 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. The remainder of the old office space has been converted to file storage. The roofing on the warehouse was also replaced. Landscaping and final building inspections were completed and passed.

During 2013 – 2014, the sale of the Larry Desmeules building to Métis Capital Housing Corporation was completed. This action was consistent with the MNA mandate of assisting affiliates wherever possible to achieve stability in program delivery.

Métis Veterans Building 12304 – 111 Avenue

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, Edmonton City Police, the Métis Nation of Alberta Judiciary Council, and Métis Veterans Society.

The building mortgage was paid out and clear title obtained in September 2010. Property management of the building, previously contracted out, has now been assumed by Métis Nation Holdings and Apeetogosan (Métis) Development Inc., which holds 50 percent of the shares in the building.

Since 2011, the building has undergone a number of renovations and upgrades. Below is an account of the various renovations over the past 8 years:

- 2011-2012 major repairs included a vinyl roof membrane.
- 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.
- 2014- 2015 saw more lease renewals at favorable rates, tenant improvements completed, and some internal shuffling of office space to see the Métis Judiciary Council moved to a more appropriate location while



accommodating the growth of Pinnacle Business Services.

- 2015-2016 included tenant improvements in Mother Earth and the Onion Lake Urban office. The building is now completely leased at favorable rates. Concentration on preventative maintenance of the parking lot, parkade and landscaping has improved the aesthetics of the building while adding value and building longevity.
- 2016-2017 had security improvements as a major focus. Cameras were installed throughout the building, remote access electronics and monitors were added to improve the safety of staff working late on afterhours training classes. While the building is in good repair, code compliance issues were also a focus as a number of building code changes have been made over the last couple of years. All requirements have been met.
- 2017-18 had upgrades to the 3rd floor washrooms and numerous preventative maintenance activities completed.
- In 2018-19, the 2nd floor washrooms upgrades were completed. Major foundation work, on the west wall, was undertaken to take care of a small but persistent issue. Some electrical upgrades were completed to address aging equipment. In spite of these improvements, operating costs of the building have continued to be held at reasonable levels. A meeting space to host short-term programming needs has proved popular and will be further developed.

Other Activity

Métis Nation Holdings has invested considerable time and effort assisting in the purchase of the Region One building, the purchase and renovation of the Region Two building, the purchase of a Local building in Region Three, the purchase of the Region Four building, the purchase and complete renovation of the Region Five building, the purchase and initial development of Métis Crossing, as well as involvement with certain Métis Capital Housing Corporation projects and renovations connected with Rupertsland and some of its MES Centres. ■

MÉTIS URBAN/CAPITAL HOUSING CORPORATION

Activity Report

The MNA is the shareholder of Métis Urban Housing Corporation (MUHC) and Métis Capital Housing Corporation (MCHC). The current Board of Directors are:

- Region One Representative – Brenda Bourque-Stratichuk
- Region Two Representative – Isabel Myshaniuk
- Region Three Representative – Jeannette Hansen
- Region Four Representative – Doreen Poitras-Hays
- Region Five Representative – Solomon Auger
- Region Six Representative – Benita Galandy
- Chairperson – Audrey Poitras

MUHC was created on November 26, 1982 to provide affordable, adequate and suitable housing to low and moderate income Indigenous families. MUHC currently has 505 units in 14 urban centers, under the Urban Native Housing Program funded through the Alberta Seniors and Housing Ministry of the Government of Alberta (GOA).

The 505 housing units under MUHC were initially subsidized through financial transfers from the federal government, but are now funded by the GOA through the department of Alberta Seniors & Housing. These financial transfers allow for low to moderate income Indigenous families to have subsidized rental rates based on 25% of their gross household income.

The bulk of the MUHC houses are in Edmonton and Calgary plus 12 smaller communities across Alberta. Since 2015 MUHC has completed over 300 renovations plus a number of ongoing renovation projects.



Before 824 44 St SE Calgary 1



After 824 44 St SE Calgary 1



Before 824 44 St SE Calgary 2



After 824 44 St SE Calgary 2



Before 1408 62 Street Edmonton



After 1408 62 Street Edmonton



Before 5003 112 Ave Edmonton 1



Before 5003 112 Ave Edmonton 2



After 5003 112 Ave Edmonton



Before - 67 Ave 104 Street



After - 67 Ave 104 Street



Before 8120 122 Avenue Edmonton



After 8120 122 Avenue Edmonton

The waiting lists for MUHC continues to grow and currently exceeds 1,330 families representing a total of almost 6,000 individuals in need of subsidized housing.

A key focus of the Board and MUHC staff has been ensuring a positive working relationship between MUHC and its funders Alberta Seniors & Housing and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). The key underlying principles of this relationship are good governance, respect and doing all work according to policy and procedures.

As a result of this MUHC has been able to take action on things that are very important to the corporation and our tenants. Two very key successes include extending the subsidies on all of our existing units which means no units will be losing subsidies until 2023. MUHC is now in the process of starting negotiations that will see extending subsidies on the 505 units into perpetuity.

One of the issues facing MUHC was the chronic underfunding of the organization by CMHC. This resulted in many of our homes falling into a state of disrepair. To this end the MNA on behalf of MUHC established a negation process with the government of Canada to settle this outstanding issue. The negotiation process started

immediately after the signing of the Canada – MNA Accord. In order to prove our case and show Canada that we were underfunded MUHC had to do analysis of our houses and replacement reserve funding going back to the beginning of each houses operating agreements and projecting costs out until agreements expired. Our analysis showed a funding gap of approximately \$60 million dollars. To this end we are happy to report that Canada has agreed to settle this grievance in whole. This will see a onetime payment of \$38 million to MUHC, a onetime payment to MCHC of \$9 million and \$14 to be paid in annual installments of \$1.4 million over 10 years.

In addition to this huge success, MUHC also received \$200,000 to conduct energy efficiency assessments on 235 units and an additional \$193,000 for the installation of solar panels on our head office and various other properties across the province.

Métis Capital Housing Corporation

Métis Capital Housing Corporation (MCHC) was created in 2007 and has 354 units in 5 urban centers in the province, the bulk of these units are in Edmonton and Calgary.

The MNA is the shareholder of MCHC. The current Board of Directors is the same as MUHC.

A main focus of MCHC is the Affordable Rents Program where we rent out homes 20% below market value. Not only does MCHC operate this program it also oversees the Family Reunification Program (FRP), Nihgi Seniors Lodge, and Renaissance Tower in Edmonton.

Since 2015 MCHC has completed renovations on over 150 homes, plus a number of ongoing renovations.

Family Reunification Program

The FRP is dedicated to reuniting Aboriginal mothers, fathers and their children by providing housing placements for up to three years. The program mandate is to assist in reuniting children in care with their families in a safe and secure environment.

The program participates in the Crime Free Multi Housing Program partnership run by the Edmonton Police Service.

The FRP provides families with a wide range of support services including:

- 24-hour support to families as required
- Parenting skills development
- Employment and educational planning
- A mentorship program to build self-esteem, confidence, and role models for children and youth

Nihgi Seniors Lodge

The Nihgi seniors Lodge is a 40-unit fully-serviced, assisted living facility in north-central Edmonton. Meals, laundry and cleaning are provided to its residents. The rent charged to stay in this are much lower than comparable facilities across the province.

Boyle Renaissance Tower

The Renaissance Tower is a 90-unit apartment building for our Seniors and Peoples with Physical Disabilities. There are 30 1-bedroom Barrier free suites and 60 2-bedroom suites. We are also in partnership with the MNA in providing temporary residence for Métis Citizens that require accommodations while receiving medical treatment in Edmonton.

This building has 10,000 square feet of commercial space on the main floor. Currently, the tenants are a convenience store, doctor office, pharmacy, and a dental office who provides dental care to low-income individuals.

Last year MCHC was successful in negotiating a property tax exemption from the City of Edmonton, this resulted an annual savings of over \$200,000.

New Initiatives

MCHC is currently working on a asset management plan that will guide the business decisions the corporation will make moving forward. The development of this robust plan is being supported by the MCHC Board of Directors and an outside advisory panel of experts related to housing, finance and construction development.

MCHC have been actively involved with the Federal and Provincial governments in the development of a National and Provincial Housing Strategies. This important work is reflected in two key initiatives being announced by both the federal and provincial governments.

Provincially, the Alberta government has launched the province's first program to build affordable homes directly designed and owned by Indigenous governments. The program is worth \$120 Million over five years and will increase the supply of affordable homes for Métis people across the province. To this end MCHC has been successful in getting a letter of commitment that will see 10 uninhabitable units demolished and rebuilt with 20 units on the existing site.

Federally, the government of Canada has committed to working with the MNA on a government-to-government basis. The MNA has made great strides in the areas of reconciliation and pushing a Métis Nation specific approach on the development of programs and services.

In budget 2018 Canada announced that it would invest \$500 million over 10 years to support Métis Nation specific housing. The MNA has completed the co-development of a National Housing Accord. As a result of this work MCHC will be rolling out some new key initiatives that will further advance our citizens along the housing spectrum. The following is a break-down of what is being planned for the next few years.

- New affordable housing development/acquisition
- Down Payment Assistance Program
- Establishment of a replacement reserve fund for existing units and any newly acquired units currently owned and operated by Métis Housing Corporation
- Home repair program
- Emergency Home repair program
- Low income rental Supplement Program

As part of the settlement with CMHC, MCHC will receive \$9,000,000 to establish a Replacement Reserve Fund.

The future for Métis Housing is looking very good and with the design and development of new programs we will be able to help more Métis people achieve their housing goals. A big thank you to the Board of Directors and staff for their efforts and commitment to both MCHC and MUHC. ■

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 and has over 80 copyrighted resources. The most noteworthy publications are the Dr. Anne Anderson Cree/English resources, which include a Cree dictionary.

In 1997, the Métis Nation of Alberta, in partnership with Alberta Learning, redeveloped and published 15 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 2008-09, Cree Productions added a display case at the MNA Head Office to showcase Cree Productions wares. In 2017-18 MNA staff continues to manage the business and attended a number of events to market items. The partnership with Métis Crossing continues to grow and is becoming one of the major marketing initiatives.

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:

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

Other products:

- Sashes, MNA Clothing, MNA Flags, MNA Pins, Lapel Sashes

Métis Nation of Alberta - Cree Productions

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These resources may be accessed by contacting Cree Productions.





MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS (2017 – 2018)

MINUTES OF THE MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA 90TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 10-12, 2018 AT THE BOLD CENTRE, LAC LA BICHE, ALBERTA

Opening Prayer: Region 1 Elder, Joe Blyan
Metis Anthem: Cyril Bernard
National Anthem: Sarah Wolfe
Welcoming Remarks: Diane Scoville, Region 1 President
Richard Feehan, Minister of Indigenous Relations
David Hansen, MLA
Omar Moghrabi, Mayor, Lac La Biche
Greetings from: Clement Chartier, President – Metis National Council
Melanie Omeniho, President – Les Femme Michif Otipemisiwak
Clara Morin Dal Cal, President – Metis Nation British Columbia
Lisa McCallum, Secretary – Metis Nation Saskatchewan

Welcoming remarks were provided by President Audrey Poitras. Quorum was established with 530 registered members in attendance. President Poitras opened the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Appointment of Sergeant-At-Arms:

Veteran George Pamburn was appointed Sergeant-At-Arms.

Election of Chair & Vice-Chair:

President Poitras opened nominations for Chair.

Cecil Bellerose nominated Lionel Chartrand, seconded by Jeanette Hansen. ***Nomination Accepted***

Duane Roth nominated Graham Andrews, seconded by Brian Hamelin. ***Nomination Accepted***

Brian Hamelin nominated Irena Collins, seconded by Wendy Goulet. ***Nomination Accepted***

Sylvia Johnson nominated Bruce Gladue, seconded by Corey Ann Pruden. ***Nomination Declined***

After 3 calls, no further nominations were made, with a motion to cease nominations.

<i>Motion #1: Brian Hamelin moves to cease nominations for Chair, seconded by Karen Collins.</i>	<i>Motion Carried</i>
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The count following the vote for Chair was: Lionel Chartrand – 199
 Graham Andrews – 135
 Irena Collins - 35

Lionel Chartrand was elected as Chair.

President Poitras opened nominations for Vice-Chair.

Ken Browning nominated Bruce Gladue, seconded by Duane Zuraska. ***Nomination Accepted***

Duane Roth nominated Graham Andrews, seconded by Wendy Goulet. *Nomination Accepted*

After 3 calls, no further nominations were made, with a motion to cease nominations.

Motion #2: Karen Collins moves to cease nominations for Chair, seconded by Dusty Gauchier. *Motion Carried*

The count following the vote for Vice-Chair was: Bruce Gladue – 251
Graham Andrews – 164

Bruce Gladue was elected as Vice-Chair.

Adoption of Agenda:

The Chair informed the Assembly that the meeting agenda is printed on page one of the Annual Report. A motion was requested to adopt the agenda.

Motion #3: Ken Browning moves to adopt the agenda, seconded by James Atkinson. *Motion Amended*

The following submissions were made for amendments to the agenda:

- Move the Resolutions located under ‘Report to Officers’ to follow Secretary: Karen Collins.
- Add the item: ‘Candidates Forum’ following Treasurer: Bev New.

The mover and seconder agreed to amend the main motion to insert the words ‘as amended’.

Amended Motion #3: Ken Browning moves to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by James Atkinson. *Motion Carried*

Selection of Resolution Committee:

The Assembly was reminded of Ordinary Resolution #6 passed at the 89th AGA, wherein the Resolution Committee was appointed for a full year. The question was posed if the Assembly wished to have a new selection. At past Assemblies, a Provincial Council member from each Region appoints one member from their Region to sit on the Resolution Committee. It was noted that some of the members from last year’s committee are not in attendance.

Motion #4: Brian Hamelin moves to nominate new individuals to hear the special resolutions. Seconded by Diane Scoville. *Motion was not voted on*

The Assembly was advised that the committee appointed at the last Assembly was currently meeting to review the resolutions. The Vice-Chair ruled that the appointment process will proceed with a new selection and that the person from last year may be reappointed.

Provincial Council members from each region appointed their committee member as follows:

Region 1 – Duane Roth
 Region 2 – Annette Hobart
 Region 3 – Wally Garrioch

Region 4 – Tyler Fetch
 Region 5 – Nora Chapdelaine
 Region 6 – Ruth Kidder

Point of Order: A request was made for the Audited Financial Statements to be distributed prior to the Treasurer's report. This occurred following the request.

Report of Officers

President – Audrey Poitras

President Poitras report provided an update on the programs and services undertaken and/or completed over the past year. The Assembly received information on each Ministry Portfolio and acknowledgement was given to the hard work and commitment of the Ministers.

President Poitras highlighted around governance that Canada is committed to a government to government relationship with the Métis Nation and we are on the verge of being recognized. The process of self government and citizen engagement has started. Seven regional workshops were held starting in January 2018, where the MNA consulted with the citizens on the basics of a constitution, values, and principles of self-government.

The Assembly was advised that a resolution will be presented later today seeking the direction of the assembly to formally commence the drafting of a constitution. Information gathered during the consultation process will be used to start the draft. Eventually, a province wide referendum for Metis citizens will be held, to vote on the proposed constitution.

Motion #5: James Atkinson moves to accept the President's Report, seconded by Jeannette Hansen. Motion Carried.

A question arose whether there would be the opportunity for questions about the President's Report. The Chair agreed that a Q&A would be held following the lunch break.

The meeting reconvened following lunch with a Question & Answer period on the Presidents Report.

- Clarification was sought regarding the Metis Judiciary Council (MJC) report provided the previous day.
 - An overview of the events relating to the MJC was provided:
 - In 2015, an ordinary resolution was passed to complete a comprehensive review of the MJC;
 - At that same AGM a special resolution was defeated;
 - MNA Corporate Counsel, Terry Antonello sent a letter and requested a meeting with Provincial Council. (President Poitras re-reads the letter);

- Following receipt of that letter from Mr. Antonello, a motion was passed by Provincial Council (President Poitras read the motion);
 - A letter was then sent to the Chair of the MJC, John Phillips, providing a copy of the Provincial Council motion to the MJC Chair;
 - The MJC Chair responded with a letter to Provincial Council, advising that the MJC would refrain from doing any work until the comprehensive review was conducted. (President Poitras read John Phillips letter).
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- Who is the contact person in Edmonton for assistance with children's services?
 - There are Metis Resource Workers who work out of head office that assist throughout the province. You can also bring your concerns to the Minister.
 - What are the hunting rights for Metis currently in Southern Alberta?
 - There is currently no policy, however since the new Framework Agreement, a committee is in place to negotiate and make changes to the previous policy. The document has gone to cabinet and some changes have already taken affect. There are still challenges in the Southern Alberta area, however negotiations will continue.
 - A request was made for reinstatement of the Region 1 Vice President with pay.
 - It was confirmed that a letter was sent to Region 1 Regional Council advising that the only body that has the authority to suspend the Vice President is the Metis Judiciary Council. The Regional Council does set the salary of the Vice President so they have that authority.
 - How are the meetings going throughout the Province with the fish and game people?
 - The MNA technical team has been attending meetings and working with fish and game. All information relating to those meetings can be found in the 'What we Heard' document.

Secretary – Karen Collins

Secretary Collins read the Summary of Motions from the 2017 AGA contained on pages 109 & 110 in the 90th AGA Annual Report. The Special Resolution numbers from 1-12 were read aloud with indication of whether they were passed, defeated, withdrawn or deemed not valid.

Resolutions Passed: #'s 4, 5 & 6;

Defeated: #'s 2, 7, 8 & 10;

Withdrawn: #1;

Deemed Not Valid: #'s 3, 9, 11 & 12.

It was confirmed that the Special Resolutions that were passed at the last assembly, had been provided to MNA legal counsel to be incorporated into the bylaws. Once the updated bylaws are received back, they are posted to the MNA website.

Motion #6: Brian Hamelin moves to accept the Summary of Motions from the 89th Annual Assembly as read by Secretary Collins, seconded by James Atkinson.

Motion Carried.

Karen Collins requested an amendment to motion #13 to strike out the words ‘in Smoky Lake Alberta’ to be replaced with ‘at Metis Crossing’.

Amended Motion #13: from the 89th AGA: Wendy Goulet moves to accept the Summary of Motions from the 88th Annual Assembly held at Metis Crossing as read by Secretary Collins, seconded by Bev New.

Motion Carried.

89th AGA Ordinary Resolution Update

From the seven ordinary resolutions that were presented at last year’s assembly, six were passed and one was withdrawn, with updates as follows:

Ordinary Resolution #1 – Resolution on Climate Change and the Environment

Information on the work being done on this resolution can be found in your meeting packages in the Métis Rights and Accommodation Report.

Ordinary Resolution #2 – Resolution re: Governance Transition Advisory Committee

This work is ongoing and in progress. The ministry is discussing downsizing the committee which currently has 18 members. Consideration is being given to include positions for a youth and elder.

Ordinary Resolution #3 – Resolution re: TRC Request for Resources

This work is ongoing and in progress.

Ordinary Resolution #4 – Youth Métis Judiciary Council Reinstatement, Transparency and Accountability

This resolution was withdrawn.

Ordinary Resolution #5 – Youth Council Member as ex-officio Provincial Council member

This has been implemented as evidenced by the participation of the youth in today’s opening ceremonies. The youth continue to be invited to meetings and activities of the Provincial Council.

Motion #12 – To Livestream all future Assemblies

This has been implemented as announced by the Vice Chair earlier today, that the meeting is being livestreamed.

Ordinary Resolution #6 – Resolutions Committee & Resolutions Criteria

This was discussed during the Resolution Committee report below.

Ordinary Resolution #7 – Secret Ballot Vote for Chair/Co-Chair at AGA's

Brian Hamelin wished to clarify the statement contained in the 2017 AGA minutes which read: *“Brian Hamelin confirmed that a special resolution will be submitted to the next assembly to change bylaws.”* Brian confirmed that due to some confusion, he was attempting to explain what the resolution would have done.

Resolutions: Special & Ordinary

The Assembly was advised that the Resolutions Committee appointed Tyler Fetch as spokesperson along with Legal Counsel, Terry Antonello.

A question arose as to whether the committee has developed a Terms of Reference and met 4 times in the past year as mandated by Ordinary Resolution #6 from the last assembly.

Legal Counsel, Terry Antonello advised that the committee had only met today, and a Terms of Reference were not addressed.

All Special Resolutions that are submitted to the 90th Annual General Assembly have been deemed valid by the Resolutions Committee.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #1
Submitted to the 2018 Annual General Assembly of the
MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA

WHEREAS article 39.1 states The Bylaws of the Métis Nation shall not be rescinded, altered or added to except by Special Resolution;

WHEREAS Article 23.1 (b) if any Provincial Council member, without reasonable excuse is absent from three (3) consecutive Provincial meetings;

WHEREAS Members of the Provincial Council are elected in accordance with MNAA bylaws – Schedule “C: (Election Bylaws);

BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Bylaws Article 23.1 (b) be deleted in its entirety;

THEREINAFTER Article 23.1 shall read: A member of the Provincial Council shall automatically cease to be a Provincial Council member if any of the following events occur:

- (a) The death of a Provincial Council member;
- (b) A Provincial Council member resigns by delivering a written resignation to the Secretary of the Métis Nation;
- (c) If any Provincial Council member's right to hold office is suspended in which case that Provincial Council member will cease to be a Provincial Council member for the duration of the suspension;

- (d) If a Provincial Council member becomes registered in a Band list or in the Indian Register according to the provisions of the Indian Act, R.S.C.;
- (e) If a Provincial Council member other than the President or Vice-President no longer resides in the Region they represent.

Moved by **Brian Hamelin**
 Seconded by **Wendy Goulet**

RESOLUTION DEFEATED

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #2
 Submitted to the 2018 Annual General Assembly of the
MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA

WHEREAS article 39.1 states The Bylaws of the Métis Nation shall not be rescinded, altered or added to except by Special Resolution;

WHEREAS Article 19.3 states In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of Vice President the Provincial Council shall elect from the remaining members of the Provincial Council other than the President a person to fill the vacancy of the office of Vice-President. Such election shall be by secret ballot and require a majority vote.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Bylaws Article 19.3 be amended by deleting *elect from the remaining members of the Provincial Council other than the President a person to fill the vacancy of the office of Vice-President* and *Such election shall be by secret ballot and require a majority vote* and replacing with *shall within twenty-one (21) days of the vacancy occurring, conduct a Provincial by-election to fill the position of the Provincial Vice-President.*

THEREINAFTER Article 19.3 shall read: In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of Vice-President the Provincial Council shall within twenty-one (21) days of the vacancy occurring, conduct a Provincial by-election to fill the position of the Provincial Vice-President.

Moved by **Brian Hamelin**
 Seconded by **Bev Weber**

RESOLUTION DEFEATED

An objection was made to validity of this Resolution as there is currently no process for a by-election contained in the by-laws.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #3

WHEREAS: the objectives of the Métis Nation of Alberta Article 1.6 To develop prosperity and economic Self-sufficiency within the Métis Nation of Alberta;

WHEREAS: An ordinary resolution was passed at the 88th Métis Nation of Alberta's Annual Assembly at Métis Crossing;

WHEREAS: A Special Resolution was to be drafted and brought to the 89th, Métis Nation of Alberta's Annual Assembly;

WHEREAS: A Special Resolution was brought to the 89th Métis Nation of Alberta Annual Assembly;

WHEREAS: The current Métis Nation of Alberta's bylaws Article 24.2 States

24.2 An Annual Assembly shall not be held twice in one Region before it has been held in Every other Region or otherwise determined by the Provincial Council.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Article 24.2 is replaced with the following:

24.2 An Annual Assembly shall be held at Métis Crossing every second year beginning in 2019 and in every other Region on rotating years or otherwise determined by the Provincial Council.

Moved by Walter Andreef
Seconded by Jeannette Hansen

The Chair confirmed that a show of hands vote was too close to determine and called for a count. It was noted that for the resolution to pass, a 75% majority vote is needed.

Following a total count of 375 votes – 281 in favor are needed to pass.

Votes for: 187
Votes against: 208

RESOLUTION DEFEATED

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #4
To Amend the Oath of Membership

WHEREAS the 2016 MNA AGA Special Resolution on Oath of Membership that was passed at the 2016 MNA AGA may result in Métis people terminating their membership in the MNA;

AND WHEREAS the Oath requires a voluntary authorization which offends the ability of regional rights bearing Métis communities to represent its members;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby remove the following from the Oath of Membership:

“, and, voluntarily authorize the Métis Nation to assert and advance collectively-held Métis rights, interests, and claims on behalf of myself, my community and the Métis in Alberta, including

negotiating and arriving at agreements that advance, determine, recognize, and respect Métis rights”

Moved by Ron Quintal
Seconded by Joe Blyan

RESOLUTION DEFEATED

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #5
To Clarify the Authority to Consult on behalf of Local Communities

WHEREAS Article 15 sets out the powers of the Local Council;

AND WHEREAS 15.1 set out that each Local Council shall govern the affairs of the Local Community;

AND WHEREAS the affairs of the Local Community include Consultation on behalf of its members;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following be added to Article 15 of the MNA Bylaws as Article 15.8:

15.8 The Local Councils are the sole MNA authority to consult on behalf of it members and its Local Community. Such authority may be delegated by the Local Council to a third party, Regional Councils or the Provincial Council.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following definition be added to Article 4 of the MNA Bylaws as Article 4.14:

4.14 Consultation shall mean engaging with government and/or industry regarding the Crown duty to consult and accommodate Métis people, including the negotiation of any impact or accommodation agreement.

Moved by Ron Quintal
Seconded by Brian Hamelin

RESOLUTION DEFEATED

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #6
To Amend the Métis Nation of Alberta Association’s
Bylaws at the Annual General Assembly to be held
August 11-12, 2018

WHEREAS pursuant to Ordinary Resolution #8 passed at the 87th Annual Assembly held August 6-9, 2015 a complete and comprehensive review of the Métis Judiciary Council (“MJC”) has been conducted, which included consultation with Métis communities and members in

connection with the redesign of a Métis judicial process to be operated at the highest judicial standard possible (the “MJC Resolution”);

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the MJC Resolution, the review of the MJC that was completed has included the preparation of an Independent Third Party Review of the MJC by Deloitte (the “Deloitte Report”) as well as the preparation of proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association (the “MNA Bylaws”) and the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Election Bylaws, being Schedule “C” to the MNA Bylaws (the “Election Bylaws”), by a separate independent committee (the “MJC Review Committee”) based upon the recommendations contained in the Deloitte Report.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Article 6.2 of the MNA Bylaws be rescinded and replaced by the following:

6.2 A Lifetime Member is:

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

2. Article 8.1 of the MNA Bylaws be rescinded and replaced by the following:

8.1 Lifetime Membership shall terminate upon the occurrence of:

- (a) Entry of a member’s name in a Band list or in the Indian Register according to the provision of the Indian Act, R.S.C.; or
- (b) Withdrawal of Membership by sending or delivering a written notice to the Métis Nation of Alberta.

3. Article 10.3 of the MNA Bylaws be rescinded and replaced by the following:

10.3 All applications for membership shall be processed by the Métis Nation of Alberta’s Métis Registry and Identification Department.

4. Article 10.6 of the MNA Bylaws be rescinded and replaced by the following:

10.6 Any membership challenges or rejections may be appealed to the Métis Judiciary Council with respect to whether or not the proper procedure to determine membership eligibility was followed by the Métis Nation of Alberta’s Métis Registry and Identification Department.

5. Article 29.2, 29.3, 29.4, 29.5, 29.6 and 29.7 of the MNA Bylaws be rescinded and replaced by the following:

29.2 The Métis Judiciary Council shall consist of six (6) Lifetime members appointed to serve by the Provincial Council, one (1) for each region, selected as follows:

- (a) The Provincial Council will establish a standing committee to be known as the Métis Judiciary Council Selection Committee (MJC Selection Committee);
- (b) Lifetime members meeting the qualifications as set out below who wish to be considered for selection to the Métis Judiciary Council will complete an application form and submit it to the MJC Selection Committee;
- (c) The MJC Selection Committee will review all application forms submitted from each Region and score them against standardized objective criteria and will thereafter provide recommendations to the Provincial Council of the person(s) that it recommends be appointed to serve on the Métis Judiciary Council

29.3 The Métis Judiciary Council members will serve a four (4) year term as follows:

- (a) An initial set of Métis Judiciary Council members will be appointed by the Provincial Council prior to December 31, 2018 (or as soon as thereafter possible) pursuant to this Article 29 and shall be divided by lots at the time of their appointment into two (2) sets of three (3) Métis Judiciary Council members.
- (b) The term of the first set shall be two (2) years commencing January 1, 2019 (or as soon thereafter as possible) and shall expire December 31, 2020. Thereafter, the Métis Judiciary Council members appointed to succeed the first set shall serve four (4) year terms.
- (c) The term of second set shall be four (4) years commencing January 1, 2019 (or as soon thereafter as possible) and shall expire December 31, 2022. Thereafter, the Métis Judiciary Council members appointed to succeed the first set shall serve four (4) year terms.

29.4 In order to be a candidate for appointment to the Métis Judiciary Council the individual:

- (a) Must be a Métis Lifetime member who has knowledge of Métis culture and community;
- (b) Must be a minimum of Twenty-Five (25) years old; and
- (c) Must not have been convicted of an indictable offence in Canada,

Further desirable qualifications of candidates for appointment to the Métis Judiciary Council will include prior experience and/or education in a relevant field such as law, mediation and dispute resolution or equivalent.

29.5 A member of the Métis Judiciary Council shall automatically cease to be a member of the Métis Judiciary Council upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (a) Death;
- (b) Absence from three (3) consecutive Métis Judiciary Council meetings without reasonable excuse;
- (c) Delivery of a written resignation to the Secretary of the Métis Nation of Alberta;
- (d) If a Métis Judiciary Council Member's right to hold office is suspended then such Métis Judiciary Council Member will cease to be a Métis Judiciary Council Member for the duration of the suspension;
- (e) If a Métis Judiciary Council Member becomes registered in a Band list or in the Indian Register according to the provisions of the Indian Act;
- (f) If a Métis Judiciary Council Member no longer resides in the Region from which they were appointed.

29.6 A Métis Judiciary Council may be removed by the same process and procedure as is provided for the removal of a Provincial Council member in Article 23.3. The unexpired term created by any vacancy on the Métis Judiciary Council due to resignation, removal or incapacity shall be filled by appointment by the Provincial Council upon the recommendation of the MJC Selection Committee. The term of office of any member of the Métis Judiciary Council appointed to fill a vacancy pursuant to this Section shall commence immediately upon appointment and continue until the expiration of the term being filled.

29.7 Each member of the Métis Judiciary Council shall be required to take an Oath of Office prior to the commencement of their term as a member of the Métis Judiciary Council.

- 6. Articles 30.1, 30.2, 30.3 and 30.4 of the MNA Bylaws be rescinded and replaced by the following:

30.1 The powers of the Métis Judiciary Council shall be:

- (a) To review decisions made by the Métis Nation of Alberta's Métis Identification and Registry Department ("Registry Department") where there is a dispute as to whether or not the proper procedures were followed by the Registry Department

when the Registry Department made its decision on the approval of an application for membership in the Métis Nation of Alberta pursuant to Article 10.5;

- (b) To review and decide all matters concerning the suspension rights of any Métis member and the reinstatement thereof;
- (c) To review and decide all matters concerning conflict of interest;
- (d) To recommend changes to boundaries for Regions and Local Communities to the Annual General Assembly;
- (e) To decide whether a member of the Provincial, Regional or Local Council shall remain in office in the event of a conviction of an indictable offence under the Criminal Code of Canada; and
- (f) To provide to the Provincial, Regional, Local Council or a Métis member in good standing a written opinion on any question put to the Judiciary Council relating to the interpretation of the MNA Bylaws.

30.2 The procedural rules and operation standards and procedures to be followed by the Métis Judiciary Council commencing January 1, 2019 (or as soon thereafter as possible) will be established and approved by the Provincial Council and thereafter ratified (or amended) at the Annual Assembly to be held in August 2019. Thereafter, the Annual Assembly will be solely responsible for any further amendments of procedural rules to be followed by the Métis Judiciary Council.

30.3 The Métis Judiciary Council shall be the final Métis Judiciary authority of the Métis Nation of Alberta. All decisions of the Métis Judiciary Council shall be final and without appeal.

30.4 The Métis Judiciary Council shall be allocated its own budget annually by the Provincial Council from which the Métis Judiciary Council will fund the cost of:

- (a) All meetings of the Métis Judiciary Council;
- (b) All Hearings held by the Métis Judiciary Council;
- (c) Staffing and operating a Métis Judiciary Council office;
- (d) Retaining counsel to assist the Métis Judiciary Council in the conduct of its duties from time to time, as may be required; and
- (e) Retaining counsel to act as duty counsel at any Hearing held by the Métis Judiciary Council where the Métis Judiciary Council determines that having duty counsel available to assist parties at the Hearing with procedural issues that arise during the Hearing will be beneficial to the efficient conduct of the Hearing.

7. Articles 30.5, 30.6 and 30.7 of the MNA Bylaws be added to Article 30 of the MNA Bylaws to read as follows:

30.5 The Chairman of the Métis Judiciary Council shall provide a report on the activities of the Métis Judiciary Council in the past year at each Annual Assembly during the time set aside for the provision of business reports on the Agenda for the Annual Assembly.

30.6 A member of the Métis Judiciary Council and any person applying to serve as a member of the Métis Judiciary Council, shall not hold an elected position or an employment position with the Métis Nation of Alberta Association or otherwise be in violation of the Conflict of Interest Guidelines for members of the Métis Judiciary Council as set out below:

- (a) A member of the Métis Judiciary Council, who is a party to a contract with the Métis Nation or has a material interest in any company who is a party to a contract with the Métis Nation, shall fully disclose the nature and extend of his or her interest.
 - (b) A member of the Métis Judiciary Council shall not make or participate in making a decision in his or her capacity where the member reasonably knows that in the making of the decision there is the opportunity to further, directly, or indirectly, their private interest or that of their family which includes spouse, children, parents, brothers and sisters.
 - (c) No member of the Métis Judiciary Council may do work for the Métis Nation, either as an employee or by contract, other than the fulfilment of the obligations of their appointed position.
 - (d) A member of the Métis Judiciary Council shall not conduct personal business while on Métis Nation business or use Métis Nation resources for personal business.
 - (e) A member of the Métis Judiciary Council shall disclose the names of all Boards, Commissions, Councils or other memberships held during their term as well as pertinent information about any compensation received while sitting on any other Boards, Commissions, or Councils.
 - (f) No candidate seeking appointment to the Métis Judiciary Council shall use any resources of the Métis Nation in connection with his or her efforts to seek such appointment.
8. The heading of Article 31 of the MNA Bylaws be rescinded and replaced by the following:

ARTICLE 31 APPEARANCES BEFORE THE MÉTIS JUDICIARY COUNCIL

9. Articles 31.2 and 31.3 be added to Article 31 of the MNA Bylaws to read as follows:

31.2 All meetings and hearings held by the Métis Judiciary Council may be conducted in whole or in part using telephone and/or internet technology and applications in order to alleviate the need of the parties to the hearing, including the members of the Métis Judiciary Council themselves, to be physically present in the same room.

31.3 The Métis Judiciary Council shall have the right to retain counsel to assist with the preparation for and procedural conduct of a hearing as well as with respect to any issues it wishes to refer to counsel in connection with the preparation and publishing of decisions of the Métis Judiciary Council.

10. The Election Bylaws are rescinded and replaced by the amended Election Bylaws, a copy of which are attached as Exhibit “A” hereto.

11. The amendments to the MNA Bylaws and Election Bylaws as described herein shall come into force on the later of:

- a. Registration of this Resolution Amending the MNA Bylaws with the Registrar of Corporations;
- b. The adoption of a Manual of Procedural Rules and a set of Operating Standard & Procedures for the MJC by the Métis Nation of Alberta Provincial Council; and
- c. The selection of members of the MJC in the manner provided for in the proposed amendments.

Moved by Brian Lizotte

Seconded by Louis Bellerose

RESOLUTION DEFEATED

Day 2 – August 12, 2018

Resolutions: Special & Ordinary, continued

Quorum established with 206 registered voters in attendance. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:12 am.

ORDINARY RESOLUTION#1

WHEREAS the Trans Mountain Pipeline has been approved by the Government of Canada, and

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta is fully supportive of the Trans Mountain Pipeline proceeding as planned, and

WHEREAS both levels of government are supportive of Indigenous peoples participation in an equity/ownership initiative, and

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Alberta has already participated at a gathering of officials in Ottawa that focused on the support for the Trans Mountain Pipeline

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Alberta continues to grow and actively seek opportunities for Métis citizens to prosper,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Alberta support the Trans Mountain Pipeline and Indigenous content of ownership, business and community benefits of the Trans Mountain Pipeline, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Alberta explore and seek means for the MNA to be a participating partner in the ownership initiative for Indigenous peoples.

Moved by Bill Loutitt
Seconded by Karen Collins

RESOLUTION CARRIED

ORDINARY RESOLUTION#2

WHEREAS Article 49 of the Métis Nation of Alberta's bylaws outlines:

REMOVAL AND VACANCY OF A REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER 49.1 A member of the Regional Council shall automatically cease to be a Regional Council member if any of the following events occur:

- (a) The death of the Regional Council member;
- (b) If any Regional Council member, without reasonable excuse is absent from three (3) consecutive Regional Council meetings;
- (c) A Regional Council member resigns by delivering a written resignation to the Secretary of the Regional Council;
- (d) If any Regional Council member's right to hold office is suspended in which case that Regional Council member will cease to be a Regional Council member for the duration of the suspension;
- (e) If a Regional Council member becomes registered in a Band list or in the Indian Register according to the provisions of the Indian Act, R.S.C.;
- (f) If a Regional Council member no longer resides in the Region they represent;
- (g) If the Regional Council member is no longer President of a Local Council;
- (h) If the Provincial Council Representative is no longer a member of the Provincial Council.

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Alberta is made up of Local, Regional and Provincial governance;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Alberta is governed by its bylaws;

WHEREAS we are moving toward a Métis Nation constitution, whereas we want a democratic process in place and whereas the bylaws of the Métis Nation, are our current constitution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all governing bodies, who have been elected by the Métis Citizens of Alberta, are given the authority of this Assembly, to legally enforce the bylaws of the Métis Nation of Alberta when violated, and to seek legal opinion when necessary.

**Moved by Ben Howse
Seconded by Corey Ann Pruden**

***RESOLUTION RULED OUT OF
ORDER BY THE CHAIR***

Discussion/Ruling:

It was pointed out to the Chair that discussion is being held about the resolution prior to the resolution being seconded. The resolution was subsequently seconded as noted above.

The Chair indicated that a review of this resolution is required to determine if it is valid and that procedural issues with resolutions need to be dealt with first. He then confirmed that the resolution presented does not include a request for anything and the presenter of the motion may revise the resolution and resubmit it.

ORDINARY RESOLUTION#3

WHEREAS: the Métis Nation of Alberta Association (MNA) bylaws establish the Métis Judiciary Council (MJC) as a foundation for dispute resolutions between MNA members which is fair, just, and impartial;

WHEREAS decisions of the MJC are to be based on a process that honours all parties to a dispute in a manner that is fair, impartial, final, and without appeal;

WHEREAS: all cases before the Métis Nation of Alberta Association (MNA) Métis Judiciary Council (MJC) are currently in abatement;

WHEREAS: all parties to an action before MJC are entitled to be present and heard;

WHEREAS: no MJC decision can take away any MNA member's rights to vote at any general assembly, special assembly, or in an election ("voting rights");

BE IT RESOLVED: that, as of the passing of this motion, any MNA member named as a respondent to a case currently before MJC, but in abatement, have all rights except their undeniable voting rights held in abatement until all parties receive the opportunity to appear before and be heard by MJC.

Moved by Graham Andrews
Seconded by Audrey Kent

***RESOLUTION RULED OUT OF
ORDER BY THE CHAIR***

Discussion/Ruling:

The Chair suggested to stand down the resolution until it can be presented to him in writing for review.

Following review, the Chair ruled the resolution out of order stating that it goes against the by-laws, the *Societies Act* and previous case law on these types of things.

ORDINARY RESOLUTION#4
Resolution on Self-Government

WHEREAS the Métis Nation is an Indigenous people in Canada whose Homeland spans the historic northwest, including the territory now known as the Province of Alberta; and,

WHEREAS consistent with Article 3 of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, the Métis Nation holds the right to self-determination; and,

WHEREAS consistent with Article 5 of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, the Métis Nation has the right to strengthen and maintain their distinct political, legal, economic, social and cultural institutions; and,

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Alberta with its geographical and legal boundaries being the province of Alberta has stood as the representative voice of the Métis in Alberta since 1928, and,

WHEREAS the MNA believes in continuing to build on our foundation for future generations, encouraging Métis participation in building our nation and assisting Métis people to achieve their goals; and,

WHEREAS the Métis Nation and our Métis rights are recognized and affirmed in Section 35 of the constitution Act (1982); and,

WHEREAS the Métis Nation pursuant to direction given at Annual General Assembly's prior through Motions and Resolutions spanning back to 1996, is to pursue the affirmation of its self-government; and,

WHEREAS the Métis Nation requires a Constitution to move forward for self-government; and,

WHEREAS the Métis Nation undertook engagements across the province of Alberta to discuss the Métis Nation of Alberta's Constitution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly directs the Métis Nation of Alberta to continue to work as outlined in the Self-Government Engagement Report, which is to proceed with the drafting of a constitution that will be reviewed and refined by citizens through ongoing engagement.

Moved by Bev New
Seconded by Karen Collins

RESOLUTION CARRIED

ORDINARY RESOLUTION#5
Provisional Youth Council

WHEREAS: Article 1.7 of the MNA Bylaws states that one of the objectives of the Métis Nation of Alberta is “To promote and ensure participation of Métis Elders, Métis Women, ***Métis Youth*** and Métis persons with disabilities in the educational, cultural, political and social development of the Métis Nation of Alberta.”

AND WHEREAS: Métis Youth are the future leaders of the Métis Nation of Alberta and face a unique set of goals, challenges and needs.

AND WHEREAS: The Métis Youth in each region have region-specific goals, challenges and needs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the 90th assembly support the hiring of Youth Programs and Services Coordinators, one in each Region, to work with the Provisional Youth Council representative in their Region to develop and implement region specific youth programming under the Provincial Manager of Youth Programs and Services.

Moved by Brett Chernow
Seconded by Jillian Ekeberg

RESOLUTION CARRIED

ORDINARY RESOLUTION#6
(Revised resubmission of Ordinary Resolution #2)

WHEREAS Article 49 of the Métis Nation of Alberta’s bylaws outlines:

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- (h) If the Provincial Council Representative is no longer a member of the Provincial Council.

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Alberta is made up of Local, Regional and Provincial Council;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Alberta is governed by its bylaws;

WHEREAS we are moving toward a Métis Nation constitution, whereas we want a democratic process in place and whereas the bylaws of the Métis Nation, are our current constitution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the assembly support that the Region 1 Regional Vice President be allowed to fulfill his responsibilities.

Moved by Ben Howse
Seconded by Grace Richards

RESOLUTION DEFEATED

Discussion/Ruling:

The Chair ruled that the resolution is requesting support rather than directing a particular result relating to personnel issues, he will call for a vote.

The Assembly was reminded that if the Metis Judiciary Council was in place, these types of issues would not be brought forward to the Assemblies to be dealt with.

ORDINARY RESOLUTION#7

Graham Andrews moves that the Métis Judiciary Council as set out currently in our current set of bylaws be reconvened as immediately as possible. **Seconded by Brian Hamelin.**

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Discussion/Ruling:

Debate was held for and against the resolution with the show of hands seeming to result in it being defeated. The mover of the resolution noted he was unable to hear the question called and requested that a re-vote be conducted with an official count.

Following the count, the results were:

For: 180 and Against: 126; the motion was passed.

ORDINARY RESOLUTION#8

Regarding the objective to have elders, youth and women participate in the Métis Nation, there should be three separate Ministries rather than include Children and Youth in the Health Ministry.

Moved by Hunter Lacombe
Seconded by Megan Claude

RESOLUTION AMENDED

Discussion:

It was suggested that it should be two separate Ministries not three with Children, Families and Youth as one and Health as the other.

Following discussion, the Mover & Seconder agreed to a friendly amendment:

ORDINARY RESOLUTION#8 (Amended)

Regarding the objective to have elders, youth and women participate in the Métis Nation, there should be two separate Ministries as follows: Ministry of Health & Ministry for Children, Families and Youth.

Moved by Hunter Lacombe
Seconded by Megan Claude

AMENDED RESOLUTION
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion/Ruling:

A comment was made that proper procedure was not followed when voting on this resolution and a challenge was made to the Chair. The member indicated that when the Chair is challenged, that the Vice-Chair is to take over.

The Chair asked the member to cite or read the section that states this.

Another member stated that the first member is correct when he stated that proper procedure was not followed when voting on the resolution and the amended resolution.

The Vice-Chair stated that there is a parliamentary history the MNA has developed over the years and as long as the mover and seconder agree with the proposed amendment we will accept that.

The Vice-Chair ruled that he does not accept the challenge to the Chair and that the meeting proceed.

ORDINARY RESOLUTION#9

Wendy Goulet moves to have a Cree translator at all assemblies. **Seconded by Audrey Andrews.** *Motion Carried*

A member sought additional time to present another ordinary resolution with the Chair ruling that the Resolutions portion of the agenda had concluded and it was time to move on to the next item.

Treasurer – Bev New

Auditor's Report: Financial Statements – 2017 - 2018:

Ruben Jeffery, Auditor with Kingston Ross Pasnak, LLP, Ryan Fleming, MNA's Finance Officer, along with Treasurer, Bev New presented the March 31, 2017 audited financial statements.

The Auditor confirmed that the opinion contained in the Independent Auditor's Report dated July 6, 2018, indicates a clean audit and that *"...the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Métis Nation of Alberta as at March 31, 2018..."*

Highlights included: A five-year comparison of Revenues and Expenses; Overview of operational deficit's and surplus in program areas; The Framework and Tripartite funding were break-even; A five-year wage comparison showing an increase due to the growth of the organization.

<p><i>Motion #7: Walter Andreef moves to accept the Treasurers Report, seconded by Brian Hamelin.</i> <i>Motion Carried</i></p>
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A posed question to the auditor was for a breakdown by percentage of where the revenue comes from (Federal/Provincial/Other). The auditor agreed to include this information in next year's report and presentation.

Candidates Forum

The Candidates Form started with the Provincial Vice-President candidates who are running in the 2018 MNA Elections to provide a 3-5 minute overview of their campaign platforms followed by a 15 minute question and answer period. The Provincial Vice-President candidates are: Bev New, Region 5; Daniel Cardinal, Region 1 and Victoria Norris, Region 3.

The Provincial President candidates Audrey Poitras and Ron Quintal provided an overview of their campaign platforms, following the Vice-Presidential candidates.

President Poitras provided closing remarks to the Assembly and thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 pm.



SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS (2018 – 2019)

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #1

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Article 24.2 is replaced with the following:

24.2 An Annual Assembly shall be held at Metis Crossing every second year beginning in 2021 and in every other Region on rotating years or otherwise determined by the Provincial Council.

Moved by: Paul Bercier

Seconded by: Art Cunningham

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #2

Submitted to the 2019 Annual General Assembly of the Metis Local #125 held in Fort Chipewyan on October *** 2018

WHEREAS: several of the Metis residents of Fort Chipewyan currently do not hold an Alberta Provincial Metis membership card, and

WHEREAS: These Metis residents of Fort Chipewyan are entitled to full membership in the Metis Nation and are known to be Metis through family ties and self-identification

THEREFORE: Be it Resolved that these Metis residents of Fort Chipewyan be granted an ex-officio Metis Local #125 membership card for the purposes of voting in the local elections, access to local Metis programming within the Metis Local #125 of Fort Chipewyan and that this become effective immediately.

Submitted by:

Jacqueline Ladouceur

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #3

WHEREAS the Regional Offices are a fundamental component of the Government of the Métis Nation as outlined in Article 12 of the Bylaws;

AND WHEREAS the agreement entered into with the Government of Canada mandates that the Métis Nation will be responsible for the delivery of vital programs and services to its Métis members;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation will have a duty to deliver these programs and services in a manner that is accountable to its members;

AND WHEREAS the members wish to have their Regional Presidents performing their duties with all due diligence and effort in each of their respective regions;

AND WHEREAS Article 44 of the Bylaws outlines the duties of the Executive Officers;

AND WHEREAS Article 44.1 of the Bylaws outlines the duties of the Regional President as follows:

44.1 The President of the Regional Council shall:


- (a) preside at all meetings of the Regional Council or allow the Vice President to preside at all meetings of the Regional Council in the absence of the President;
- (b) call meetings of the Regional Council when necessary or called upon to do so;
- (c) shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees of the Regional Council;
- (d) shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Regional Council are carried into effect;
- (e) shall be one of the two signing officers required on all documents, including cheques to be signed by the Regional Council or may appoint another Regional Council Member to sign on behalf of the President;
- (f) perform other duties as may be determined by the Regional Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following Article shall be added as Article 44.1(g) of the Bylaws as a duty of the Regional Presidents:

(g) hold office as a full-time position and not be employed elsewhere during the term of office

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