

Métis Nation of Alberta
87th Annual General Assembly



A TRADITION OF INNOVATION

Our Story

2014-2015 Annual Report



OUR VISION

OUR MISSION

OUR GUIDING
PRINCIPLES

Together we will continue to build a strong Métis Nation

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

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



A blue-tinted photograph of a wooden cart wheel. The wheel has many spokes radiating from a central hub. A long wooden handle is attached to the hub and extends towards the top right of the frame. The handle is wrapped with several layers of light-colored tape or cloth. The background is slightly out of focus, showing some wooden structures and a building with windows.

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Audrey Poitras
*President,
Métis Nation of Alberta*



2014-2015 has been an incredibly busy year for the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) and I welcome you all in celebrating our recent achievements at this 87th Annual General Assembly (AGA) in Edmonton, Alberta. At this AGA, we would like to take time to honour the accomplishments of historic Métis families and, in light of the Fort Edmonton-Métis Nation of Alberta Memorandum of Understanding, we turn our gaze toward the fort in highlighting notable Edmonton Métis families whose tireless efforts helped build the great city of Edmonton.

These steps bode optimism for the Métis Nation of Alberta. For the first time in history it appears that our government is adopting a diplomatic approach through negotiations as opposed to their historic combative approach - litigation and court battles. In particular, the Métis Nation of Alberta looks forward to developing a strong relationship with our new New Democratic Party Provincial Government. Considering these developments, I have nothing but hope for the Métis Nation of Alberta and eagerly welcome what 2015-2016 will bring.

Audrey Poitras

Audrey Poitras
President,
Métis Nation of Alberta



GREETINGS FROM THE MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA VICE PRESIDENT

I take great pleasure in welcoming you to the 87th Annual Assembly for the Métis Nation of Alberta. For the past 87 years, we have gathered as a collective and shared our accomplishments and challenges by showcasing our skills and talents and by being proud of our rich heritage and culture. This year we have the pleasure of the host city being the beautiful City of Edmonton.

The City of Edmonton and the surrounding area has a wonderful history of Métis Culture (too much to list) and I encourage you to learn as much as you can about it. I will be doing my best to learn about Edmonton's history now that I reside in Edmonton after living in Calgary for 27 years. My Journey continues to be a an amazing one and I look forward to sharing it with all of you.

As we continue to move forward in building a strong Métis Nation embracing Métis Rights, we must remember that there are always obstacles and hurdles that are put in our path. The key is to never give up and to stay strong throughout our journey.

We may garner strength by looking to our ancestors as well as to our youth for strength to continue onward in our daily lives. We look to our Elders, seniors and Veterans for that inspiration that drives us to continue to fight for our Cultural freedoms. We look to our children and grandchildren for the strength to move forward towards Health, Education and Hunting and Harvesting Rights and so much more. We owe it to ourselves to always hold our heads up high and be proud of who we are and where we come from and nobody can take that pride away from us. We have come so far and have a long way to go, but together we can accomplish anything.



Thank you for all your continued support.

Joseph Pimlott
Vice President,
Métis Nation of Alberta

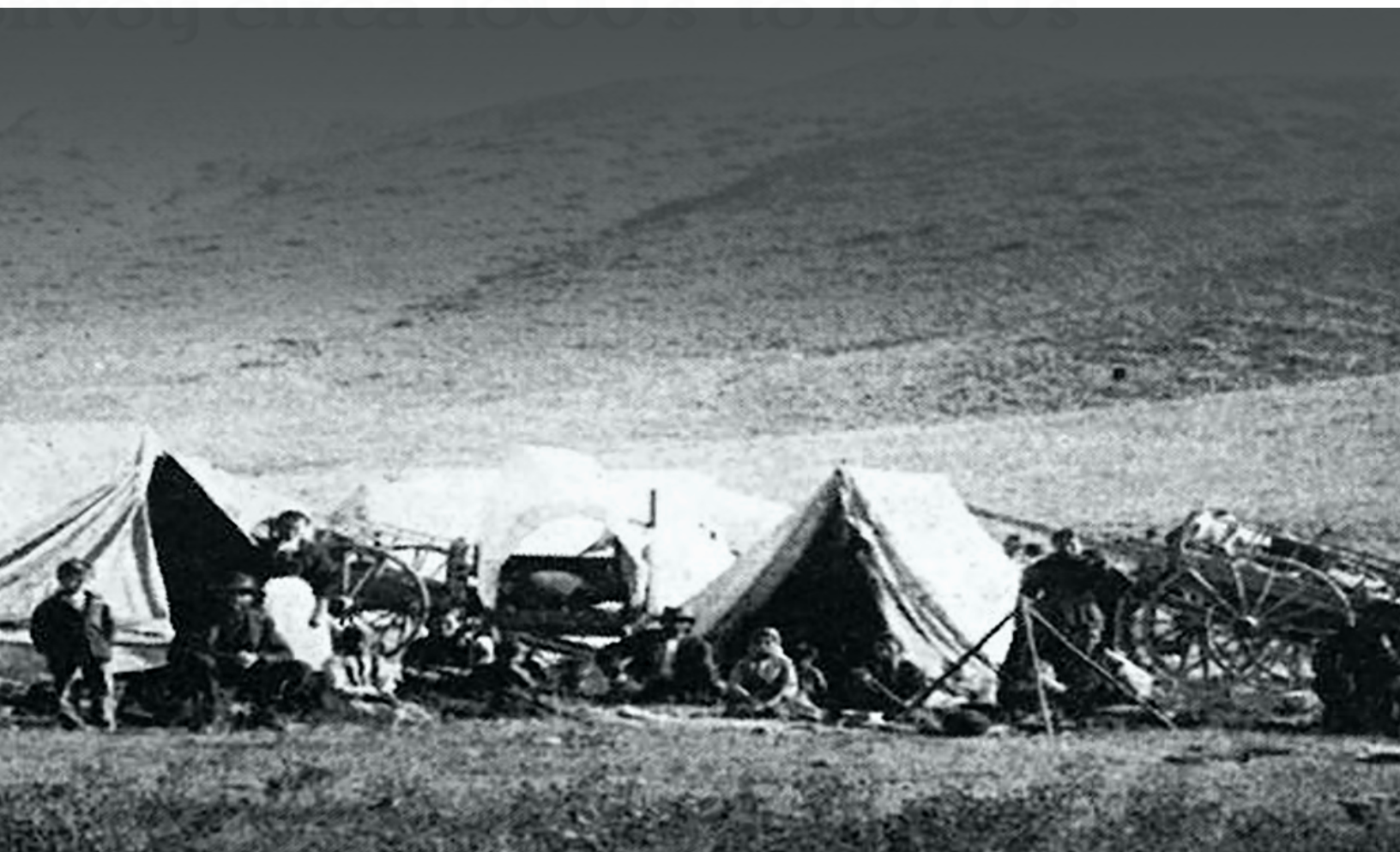


Joe Pimlott
Vice President,
Métis Nation of Alberta





LETTERS FROM DIGNITARIES





PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 87th Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Alberta.

Established in 1928, the Métis Nation of Alberta is dedicated to articulating the needs and aspirations of the Métis people of Alberta. This meeting is an ideal opportunity to reflect upon your many achievements while setting goals for the future. I am certain that you will make the most of your discussions and that you will leave the meeting with valuable insight into the ways in which you can continue to work together to foster positive change and create greater economic opportunities for the community.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable and productive gathering in Edmonton.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Stephen Harper".

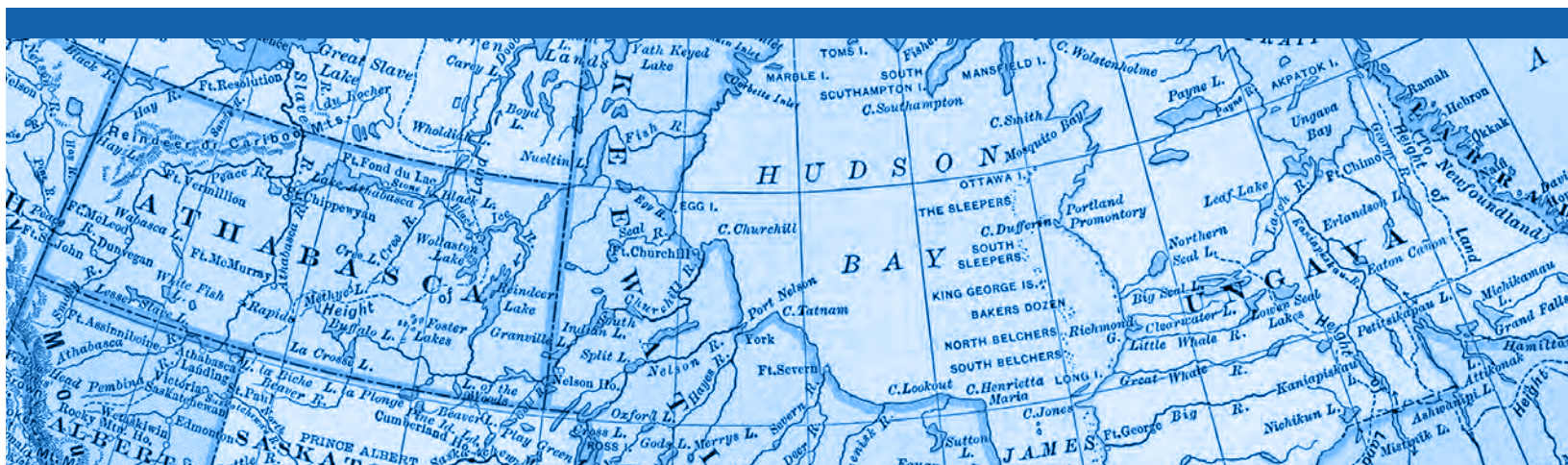
The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.

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The Right Honourable
Stephen Harper
Prime Minister of Canada





Greetings from the Honourable Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

It is with great pleasure that I extend greetings to all those in attendance in Edmonton, Alberta for the 87th Annual Assembly of the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA). I sincerely wish you all well as we celebrate your heritage and achievements and plan for future challenges and opportunities.

Since 1928, the Métis Nation of Alberta Association has advocated on behalf of the Métis in Alberta and has met the needs and aspirations of its people by promoting and facilitating the advancement of Métis people through the pursuit of self-reliance, self-determination and self-management.

The Honourable Bernard Valcourt

Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development



LETTERS FROM DIGNITARIES

In June 2015, our Government appointed Tom Isaac as the Ministerial Special Representative to Lead Engagement with Métis. This initiative is part of Canada's broader commitment to work with partners to develop a new reconciliation framework for addressing Section 35 Aboriginal rights. The goal is to develop shared solutions, provide clarity about ongoing rights and create a more predictable climate for economic investment and increased prosperity for the benefit of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities. The start of this important dialogue with Métis will allow us to move forward together to achieve positive and practical outcomes that advance reconciliation and create jobs, growth and prosperity for the benefit of all Canadians.

Our Government is committed to working in partnership with Métis organizations, provincial governments and Métis people. The renewal of funding for the Powley Initiative demonstrates this commitment and continues to create economic growth, long-term prosperity and improved quality of life for Métis in Canada.

I look forward to a prosperous future together and offer my best wishes for a productive and enjoyable assembly and for another successful year.

Sincerely,

Bernard Valcourt, PC, QC, MP
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development





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August 7, 2015

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Canada's New Democrats, I am pleased to extend warm greetings to the Métis Nation of Alberta as you gather for your 87th Annual Assembly.

The Métis Nation of Alberta is a strong advocate for Métis people. Your work helps to ensure that the Métis perspective is included in government policy development and gives support to your community's goals of realizing greater self-reliance, self-determination and self-management. As well, you ensure that today's Métis maintain a connection to and draw strength from your community's traditions and rich heritage.

New Democrats have a proud tradition of respectful dialogue with Métis, First Nations and Inuit peoples. The words "what we desire for ourselves, we wish for all" is at the heart of New Democrat philosophy and form the foundation of the NDP's commitment to forging a genuine nation-to-nation relationship. We know that respect, real co-operation and meaningful consultation must be the cornerstones of this partnership.

I wish you productive and inspirational meetings. and look forward to continuing to working with you to build a Canada where everyone has the same access to opportunity and lasting prosperity.

Sincerely,

Hon. Tom Mulcair, P.C., M.P. (Outremont)
Leader of the Official Opposition
New Democratic Party of Canada



Justin P.J. Trudeau

Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada
Chef du Parti libéral du Canada



August 7th, 2015

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome everyone to the Ramada Hotel in Edmonton for the Métis Nation of Alberta's 87th Annual General Assembly.

Since its Founding Meeting in 1928, the Métis Nation of Alberta's Annual General Assembly has provided an effective forum for promoting the rights of the Métis as both Aboriginals and citizens of Alberta. Today, participants will gather together to review and celebrate the countless contributions made by Métis from across Alberta, and establish clear goals and direction for the upcoming year.

I would like to thank the Métis Nation of Alberta for organizing this weekend's events, which unite Métis from across the province in celebrating their culture and traditions. Moreover, it is crucial to have events such as their Annual General Assembly; events which bring positive awareness to the importance of supporting our Métis and Aboriginal communities throughout Canada.

Please accept my warmest welcome, and I hope you all enjoy the Métis Nation of Alberta's 87th Annual General Assembly!

Sincerely,

Justin P.J. Trudeau
Member of Parliament for Papineau

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Premier of Alberta

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Message from Honourable Rachel Notley Premier of Alberta

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 87th Annual Assembly of the Métis Nation of Alberta.

For almost nine decades, the Métis Nation has been a representative voice for Métis people in Alberta. I commend you for continually improving the social and economic well-being of Métis people and ensuring that Métis people thrive in all aspects of our society.

I appreciate your work in bringing forward priorities to the Government of Alberta and ensuring issues are heard and understood. In this way, we build a meaningful and positive relationship based on trust and respect. I look forward to continued collaboration with you.

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

I wish the Métis Nation of Alberta and your membership an inspiring and productive meeting.

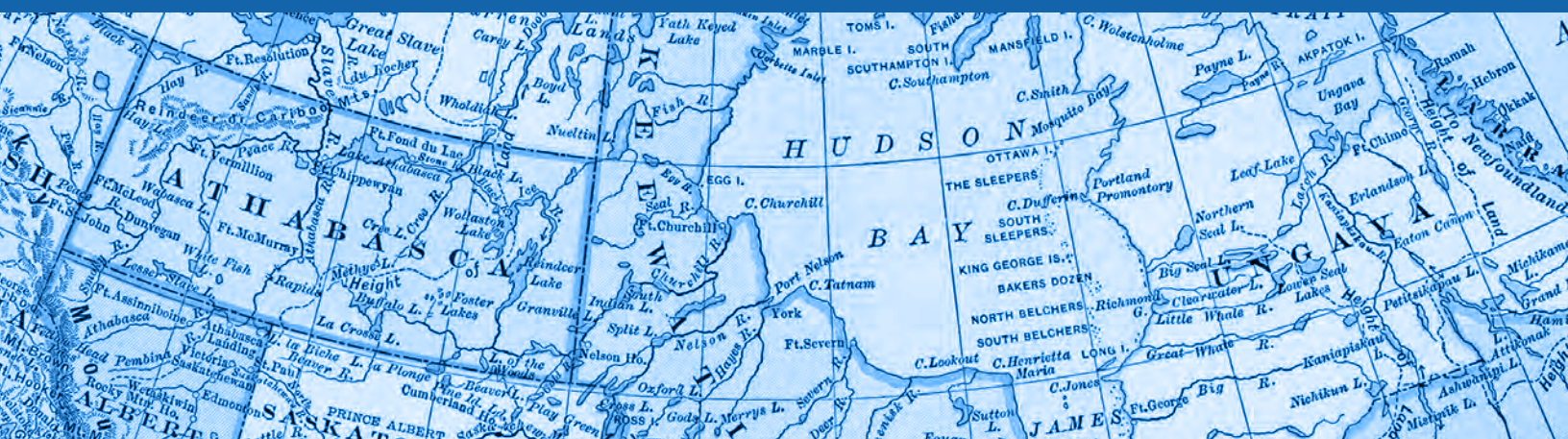
Rachel Notley

August 7, 2015

LETTERS FROM DIGNITARIES



The Honourable
Rachel Notley
Premier of Alberta





Greetings from the Honourable Claudette Tardif, Senator for Alberta

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to the members participating in the 87th Annual Assembly of the Métis Nation of Alberta.

The Métis Nation of Alberta has come a long way since its inception in 1928, and that is because of the hard work, dedication and commitment of its 35 000 members. Our province is a better place because of your extraordinary efforts.

The MNA has had long history of advocacy and support for its members. The Métis community has deep historical roots in our province and the Métis culture has helped shape our province. The Métis community in Alberta has rich traditions which constitute a vital component of our cultural fabric.

This Annual Assembly offers a wonderful opportunity to discuss issues of concern to your community, to celebrate your past successes and to set goals for the future. I am certain that your meeting will be both rewarding and engaging, and that you will find new ways to foster positive change for the Métis people in Alberta through your numerous community events throughout the province.

I extend my best wishes for another successful Annual Assembly,

Sincerely,
The Honourable Claudette Tardif,
Senator for Alberta

Greetings from President Clément Chartier Métis National Council

Congratulations delegates in your participation in the Métis Nation of Alberta's 87th Annual General Assembly, a testimony to the dedication and foresight of our Métis leaders and citizens who had the wisdom in the 1930s to establish the organization which continues to grow stronger each year.



This is an exciting period for the Métis Nation in light of the federal government's recent appointment of a Ministerial Special Representative to address the s.35 Aboriginal rights of the Métis people and seek ways to bring about reconciliation between Canada and the Métis Nation. At the same time, the federal Minister of Aboriginal Affairs recently concluded a Métis Economic Development Accord with us that should enable us to move ahead in the areas of business development, participation in major projects, labour force development, and strengthening Métis institutions to advance economic development.

As you celebrate the successes of the past year and make your plans for the next one, it is comforting to know that the culture and heritage of our people within Alberta is growing stronger and stronger and that the future of the Métis Nation across our homeland is continuing to progress since our last dedicated stand in March 1983 when the leadership of the Métis from the prairie provinces stood up for Métis Nation rights and nationhood.

As we move forward towards the full recognition of our rightful place within Canada, we must continue with our own internal nation-building and invite you to continue to press forward towards the eventual adoption of a Métis Nation constitution and companion federal legislation which affirms our right of self-government through a Canada-Métis Nation Relations Act.

The renewal of the ASETS program in 2017 is also of critical importance to the Métis Nation and its Governing Members, as is the continuation of the registry process of our Métis Nation citizens.

In this connection, I look forward to continued work in collaboration with MNA leadership in the areas of Métis governance, economic development and Métis rights. I extend my sincere best wishes to all Métis in Alberta at your Annual General Assembly and in your ongoing dedication in the pursuit of our existence as a distinct people and nation.

Sincerely,

Clément Chartier, QC
President





Métis Nation of Ontario
Office of the President



A message from Gary Lipinski,
President of
the Métis Nation of Ontario,
to the delegates of the
2015 Métis Nation of Alberta
87th Annual General Assembly

I am pleased to bring greetings from the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) to the delegates of the 87th Annual General Assembly (AGA) of the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA). I would like to thank President Audrey Poitras for inviting me to attend this wonderful event.

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

The MNO greatly admires the work of the MNA in such areas as Métis rights, Métis culture, healing and wellness, governance, registry, economic development and prosperity. I am particularly impressed by the inclusion of the Rupertsland Institute Youth Conference in your agenda as preparing Métis youth for their roles as future leaders of the Métis Nation is crucial. Combining this critical work with celebrations of Métis culture and heritage will make your Assembly a very special event.

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

Sincerely,

Gary Lipinski,
President,
Métis Nation of Ontario

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President Poitras and Metis Nation Delegates,

On behalf of the Manitoba Metis Federation Ministers and Staff, and the Metis Citizens of Manitoba, I want to congratulate you on the occasion of your Metis Nation of Alberta 87th Annual General Assembly.

Our Annual General Assemblies are an integral part of the structure of our Metis governments and the accountability of our Metis democracies. These gatherings have been a part of our cultural traditions since the time of the prairie buffalo hunts and the elections of the captains. These are unsurpassed occasions to receive reports, discuss issues, and debate and decide upon the directions to be taken in the coming year.

The Metis Nation of Alberta continues to take steps forward in our mutual struggle to protect the rights of Metis people and to represent the Citizens of our Nation in the best way possible. I urge all Metis gathered at this assembly to continue to remember the priorities of the Metis Nation as a whole even while you are focusing on important local and provincial issues.

The Metis are one People. Although we are administratively divided by provincial boundaries, the Metis Nation continues to be united as one. We are the people of Cuthbert Grant, Gabriel Dumont, and Louis Riel, to name only a few of our past great Metis leaders. Our Homeland is bound together by our common history, ancestry and struggles protecting our families, our communities, and our Nation. Together, building upon the foundations of our Ancestors, we will make a better future for our children and grandchildren.

I thank you for the opportunity to bring greetings and wish you all the very best of success at this year's Metis Nation of Alberta assembly.

Meeqwetch,

President David Chartrand, LL.D. (hon), O.M.
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Madame President Audrey Poitras
Métis Nation of Alberta

Taanshi Kiyawow, Ta'ta'wow Petigwe, Bonjour,
Bienvenue

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

It is my honour to extend greetings on behalf of the Métis Nation British Columbia
Board of Directors, citizens and staff congratulates you and the Métis Nation of
Alberta on your 87th year of incredible success and sustainability.

With every year passed, Métis Nation of Alberta has overcome many obstacles and achieved many goals and
objectives for the Métis citizens and people of Alberta and still continue to forge on as did our Ancestors who
taught us, perseverance would never be easy but it would one day certainly produce fruits of your labor, and for
reaching a milestone of 87 years in business and service to your communities, Métis Nation of Alberta, your
leadership and support are a true testament to these teachings.

Madame Poitras, your Board, your staff and all of your volunteers are to be congratulated and commended for
the work that has been done to bring you to this day in celebrating this milestone in MNA history.

MNBC Board and Staff value the collaborative relationship with the Métis Nation of Alberta and look forward to a
promising future.

On behalf of Métis Nation British Columbia's Board of Directors and Staff, and our more than 11,000 registered
Métis citizens and nearly 70,000 self-identified registered Métis in the province of BC, I wish you and your
board and your nation a very prosperous AGA and continued success for the year ahead.

Ekoushi maaka!
Ki'nasskoumitinowow!

Bruce Dumont, President
Métis Nation British Columbia

Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) is recognized by the provincial and federal governments and the Métis National Council as the official
governing organization in the province of British Columbia, representing over 11,000 provincially registered Métis citizens and a population of
nearly 70,000 self-identified Métis people.





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CHILDREN AND YOUTH



INTRODUCTION

There has been remarkable progress in our actions to improve the socio-economic conditions of our communities and families. We strive to empower our children and youth so they are driven to embrace their own uniqueness and accomplish their goals no matter how unattainable they may seem. In order to do this, we promote their participation in educational, cultural, and healthy lifestyle choices. Cooperatively, we are partnering up with other community support services and agencies while offering our own connections and support. As a group, we are aiming to obtain a common vision to better serve children and youth in ensuring that healthy, happy families are continuously created and maintained. The following report will provide an update on the strategies, activities, and successes that our Ministry has undergone this last year.

Mandate

The mandate of the Ministry of Children and Youth is to equip Métis children and families with the necessary tools to achieve a successful future. In order to achieve this mandate, the Ministry has prioritized four main objectives:

1. Ensure children remain with their families and in their communities
2. Improve access and deliver services and supports for children and their families
3. Awareness and Education regarding Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)
4. Enhance participation and leadership in policy, planning and decision making

Since 1987, the MNA has worked in collaboration with the Ministry of Human Services to support the needs of children and families involved in the child intervention system. While the goal is to ensure that families remain together and children stay in their community, our Children Services Manager and two Métis Resource staff advocate on behalf of children and families to ensure policies and processes are respected regarding identification, cultural planning, concurrent plans and kinship connections. Over the past year, we have seen our caseload increase and this year alone have continued to support over sixty-five (65) families throughout Alberta.

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Children Services and Métis Resource

Over the past five years, the role of the Métis Resource has been an essential link between the child, family, community and Human Services. The Métis Resource assists Child and Family Services staff in the development of cultural and concurrent plans to ensure that a comprehensive approach to wellness is undertaken. In addition, the Métis Resource has been critical to ensure connection to other care service agencies and social support agencies that dispense appropriate and relevant services in a timely manner.

Moreover, the role has expanded to support our citizens who are not involved with children services to access education, housing, income assistance, training to employment, financial support and medical services. This has been a vast undertaking and has required unsurmountable commitment to develop and maintain partnerships within the community, government and other agencies.

REGISTRATION

Registration for citizenship with the Métis Nation for children in care provides the foundation to ensure the protection and provision of children to promote their development.

Last year we reported that we assisted with the identification and registration of 20 Métis children in care. This year, that number has remained relatively consistent and we have assisted in the identification of 18 children through the registration system process and are now citizens of the MNA.

MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

REGISTRATION CONTINUED

Ensuring that Métis children are identified and receive citizenship with the MNA has been a key priority over recent years. The process for identification and registration for children and individuals involved with the Ministry of Human Services is a vast undertaking and a number of challenges exist which complicate these files. Even though we have encountered major barriers regarding registration, we continually explore ways to assist children services by building the family tree and researching the individual child's records retained by the Ministry. The MNA is currently working with the Ministry for the purposes of identification, genealogy research and permanency options and family planning. A *Letter of Understanding* is being drafted between the MNA and Child and Family Service Region VI with the intent that information will be freely shared with the MNA relative to the identification and case management planning for self-identified Métis children in care.

DATA SYSTEM

The MNA has refined and enhanced service delivery to our citizens through the development and utilization of the Intervention Services Administrative Data System. The system replaces the paper file system and provides the infrastructure to ensure case management is accurately recorded, member information is secure and reporting of activities is facilitated and reported upon accurately. In addition, the System is equipped with functions to store information relative to health – such as immunization records, education, referrals and providers connected within the child's network of care.

PROVINCIAL FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER

Over the past year, the MNA has worked to provide information to support awareness and prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) through information sessions, involvement on Government of Alberta-Ministry of Human Services Committees (FASD Training and Education Council, Awareness and Prevention Council) and service support to individuals and families affected by FASD.

As reported last year, the MNA continues to promote the prevention and awareness campaign. The Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: Tools for Communities was launched in November 2013. Since then, 1,450 packages have been distributed throughout Alberta.

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EDMONTON FETAL ALCOHOL NETWORK (EFAN) AND THE MÉTIS RESOURCE

The Métis Resource supports the diagnostic and service support needs of individuals who may be suspect or diagnosed with FASD. This is done through referral, advocacy and support planning to ensure issues with FASD are taken into consideration. Participation in various committees including the EFAN, CFS Permanency meetings and the Aboriginal Coalition meetings increases the awareness and knowledge of other service providers in the work the MNA does.

Currently, the Métis Resource works with seventeen (17) individuals and families in the Edmonton area. Upon assessment, the Métis Resource is able to determine if the individual may need FASD diagnostic services. At this time, the MNA is assisting six (6) individuals through this process. The MNA is currently developing FASD process guidelines for families that will lead them through a step-by-step procedure and timeline of events through the diagnostic process.

The Ministry continues to seek out opportunities that assist our children and youth to become strong and capable citizens. To this end, the Ministry will continue working on initiatives that support our children, youth and communities at large.

Sincerely,

Carol Ridsdale
Minister of Children and Youth

Ministry of

CULTURE AND RECREATION



It is with great pleasure that I present to you the report on the Ministry of Culture and Recreation for the 2014-2015 year.

Culture and heritage is the cornerstone of our community. Over the past year, I have worked hard to continue to support this foundation. We have prioritized building upon our repository of research material, genealogical information and photos to support and promote cultural continuity and longevity. We have also worked to host a number of community gatherings, celebrations and events throughout the year.

Over the past four years, the MNA Cultural Team has worked to find innovative and contemporary actions to promote the uniqueness of our history and culture. The Team continues to expand research materials including Hudson Bay Company records, journals of fur traders and travelers from the Provincial Archives of Alberta, the Glenbow Museum and various libraries throughout Alberta. Over the four year period we have developed a series of fact sheets, which we share with our friends, family, government partners and academia. Each year, we circulate approximately 1500 cultural information packages throughout Alberta and Canada. All of the research and artifacts are stored in the Genealogy Research Centre (GRC) in the provincial office in Edmonton, and as always, we welcome and encourage visitors to stop by to tour the centre.

We would like to thank you all for your continual support of the MNA Calendar. Our calendar has proven to be a unique and practical way to share our history and the legacy of the Alberta Métis. This year, we have chosen to honour and remember Louis Riel and his sacrifice to see that Métis were recognized and respected as a distinct people with their rights assured.

We work very hard throughout the year to support the needs of our citizens. Opportunities to connect with family, friends and our partners in celebration are a wonderful time to relax, enjoy great food and be entertained by our talented artists. For the first time, the MNA hosted the Métis/Scottish Family Reunion at historic Métis Crossing. Over 100 guests attended the weekend event, which included a fiddle and jigging contest, entertainment, community potluck, and genealogical displays. A great time was had by all.

Métis Week is a very special time for us all. Métis Week takes place in November of every year, and is a time to celebrate our accomplishments, remember and recognize our heroes, and showcase our culture. Highlights of events hosted by the provincial office included the 4th Annual Louis Riel Commemorative Walk, which is a six kilometre trek through the beautiful roads near East Hastings Lake in memory of the journey of Riel's family, friends and soldiers to his funeral. The walk was followed by a mass at St. Margaret's Church and a light lunch and children's crafts at Deville North Cooking Lake Hall.

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Another key highlight of the week was the Louis Riel Commemoration in the Legislature Building Rotunda. The commemorative event included representatives from the RCMP, veterans and members of the Canadian Armed Forces, City of Edmonton and Edmonton Police Service and Members of the Legislative Assembly. This was followed by the MNA Open House at the provincial office where Métis artist displayed their work and entertainment was provided by the very talented Gary Pruden. New this past year was the lighting of the High Level Bridge, and a special spot on CTV Morning News which featured a lesson in Bannock making. We are busy planning for this year and could not be more excited.

Other events throughout the year included:

- Senior's Luncheon
- Business Mixer
- Children Services - Stony Plain Aboriginal Day
- Back to Batoche
- K-Days
- 86th Annual General Assembly

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

James Atkinson
Minister of Culture and Recreation

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ECONOMIC AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT



Although the price of oil has fallen somewhat over the past year, The Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) has remained busy in the areas of economic development and industry relations. With the price of oil down, some people are worried about the economic outlook of this province. The MNA is certain that our people will continue to be resourceful and participate in the economy to the best of their abilities. The MNA will continue to do the best we can with the resources we have to support the economic aspirations of our Citizens.

The Historic Northwest has held the pulse of Industry since the late 1600s and the Métis have since that time acted as the catalysts that drove its success. While the fundamentals of economic development have changed over this period the drive, and determination of Métis people to participate fully in the economy has not.

Industrial Relations continue to be an important activity to the MNA. Once again, we are happy to report that activities with MNA's best industry partner TransCanada Pipeline continue to flourish this year. The MNA has resigned another MOU with TransCanada that provides capacity for a Community Liaison Officer position at the MNA Provincial Head Office.

The Community Liaison Officer, among many other things, works with MNA Regions and Locals to develop project specific work plans to ensure adequate consultation occurs with the Métis Community on TransCanada projects. The Community Liaison Officer position is extremely busy and necessitates regularly assisting Regions and Locals with consultation matters related to other industry proponents as well as assisting our various citizens who are negatively affected by industry in maintaining their connection to the land.

The Community Liaison Officer is also tasked with engaging industry proponents in the development of similar agreements with the TransCanada MOU to bring in more capacity to the MNA's Industrial Relations department. At the time of this report no other agreements have been finalized, but it is our expectation that we will be able to announce more industry agreements at the 88th Annual General Assembly in 2016.

The Crowns' duty to consult and accommodate regarding Métis Rights and interests still remains a challenge in this Province. Although the Provincial Government still does not have a Métis Consultation policy, some industry proponents, such as TransCanada, are consulting with the Métis while other industry proponents are not.

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Up until this point, the Government of Alberta has committed to a process to develop a Métis Consultation Policy. To date the MNA and the GOA have worked together to develop a draft Terms of Reference outlining a process to arrive at a Métis Consultation Policy. The MNA is intent on engaging Métis Citizens on the development of this Policy.

The MNA is currently working with the Government of Canada on the development of a Consultation Protocol Agreement. This agreement will provide the MNA with non-project related funding to ensure that the MNA has capacity to engage the Federal Government on any project where the Métis have established, or asserted Aboriginal Rights. The Federal consultation process will include consultation with respect to decisions, or activities concerning Crown land, water, natural resources and Reserve creation or additions. It is also our intent to have human resource capacity within this agreement to act as a conduit of information and consultation directives between the Crown, Industry, Regions and Locals.

The MNA is very proud of our rich history of economic development and proud of the role that MNA Citizens play in Alberta's economy. This along with our rich culture will be front and centre in the forthcoming \$7 Million enhancement to our Métis cultural site, Métis Crossing. As reported to this Assembly in Previous years, the MNA was successful in negotiating a \$3.5 Million matching grant with the Federal Government's Department of Infrastructure. In the past year the MNA was able to match the Federal Government's \$3.5 Million dollars. \$1 Million of which came from the Provincial Government. Métis Crossing is the MNA's 500 acre historical and cultural site on the banks of the North Saskatchewan River near Smoky Lake, AB.

While the aforementioned case studies do not represent an exhaustive list of industry activities and initiatives, they serves to reflect the overall vision and direction of past and future activities within this portfolio. Certainly, this report is not intended to encapsulate all of the wonderful activities happening at the Regional and Local levels, or with our Affiliates such as Apeetogosan and Rupertsland Institute.

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EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH



ECONOMIC OUTLOOK: IMPACTS TO RUPERTSLAND INSTITUTE MÉTIS TRAINING TO EMPLOYMENT

Hello again,

As part of our annual planning cycle, the Rupertsland Institute (RLI hereafter) completed a trends analysis of projected labour market forecasts in Alberta (please review the RLI annual report for our economic review to March 31st 2015) to assist Métis Training to Employment services and senior management direction on RLI projects. For such purposes, RLI usually takes a community-by-community review of all those areas in the province where Métis tend to reside. Our analysis extends to demographic characteristics of the Métis population in each of the four service delivery regions of RLI. Because each region of the province has a distinct demographic and economic profile, it is important that RLI regional staff understand the dynamics of a community prior to planning and scheduling labour market activities in the upcoming year.

At the end of December 2014, it became clear that OPEC's decision to maintain current oil production levels would have an impact on North American oil and that these would have far-reaching effects on other aspects of the economy including the stock market. In Alberta, the prolonged period of low oil prices has led to reduced employment or cancellation of major project investments which affects the number of jobs created throughout the province.

The spin-off effects on industry where Métis employment tends to reside has led to lay-offs and we expect to see climbing unemployment in all sectors. When this happens we usually see more clients approaching RLI for services because our people tend to get laid off first due to their positions in the lower echelons of industry. RLI is monitoring the employment trends within the four regions and is prepared to adjust planned projects if necessary.

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RLI MANDATES

RLI conducts operations under the three essential mandates of education, training and research. Below are some excerpts from the RLI Annual Report:

(1) Education

K-12

You may remember from my last report that Alberta Education (under its former Minister) had cut the RLI K-12 budget by 100% in June 2013. However, after a period of emails, meetings and letters written, I am pleased to announce that Alberta Education has re-stored the K-12 funding as of December 2014. Since then, RLI has conducted research on several K-12 options and has produced a paper on the subject entitled *Métis Education in Alberta: K-12 Policy Discussion Paper*. The paper has been approved by the RLI Board and will serve to launch at least two education initiatives including a formalized Métis Education Council. There are many venues under which RLI and the Métis Education Council will have input in the near future respecting the Alberta education system and I find it especially promising that we will do this under a new NDP government.

At the moment however, the funding cut did leave collateral damage in terms capacity as we have had no financial or human resource base to conduct K-12 activities for the Métis Nation since June 2013.

POST-SECONDARY

In stark contrast to the K-12 mandate, we have made significant headway into the realm of supporting post-secondary studies. As recent as 2008, the MNA did not have an endowment portfolio to support Métis students across Alberta. Today I am proud to say that we do! Although creating endowments is one thing, RLI and the MEF make sure that the endowments run smoothly once they are set up. This is done through Terms of Reference or Memoranda of Understanding with the post-secondary institution involved. For example, last fall, the Métis Education Foundation (MEF hereafter) and RLI held a partnership meeting with all post-secondary institutions that carry a MEF endowment. The partners were all pleased to have the opportunity to meet with RLI/MEF and to learn about best practices and to learn from the successes of other endowment holders.

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RLI staff discussed the importance of obtaining Social Insurance Numbers from student recipients in order to fulfill (mandatory) ASETS information requirements. Despite early apprehensions regarding students' personal information, it appears that all institutions are now willing to work with RLI on this matter. This will also allow RLI to build a database for all those who access MEF endowments.

RLI is also looking to update Terms of Reference (TOR) under each Endowment Agreement. The terms vary from institution to institution and in some cases pose a challenge when it comes to collecting recipient information and/or reporting data. RLI has committed to meet all partners individually to discuss possible revisions to TORs. On the marketing side, RLI also agreed to work more closely with our partners to create advertisements, posters and brochures specific to Métis Scholar Awards at each institution.

A more exciting venture this year has been the MEF Board decision to create a unique endowment specifically within the MEF itself which will be administered by RLI along with the MEF Board. The two million dollar (\$2M) endowment will focus supports for Métis students in the arts, music, sports and dance at various post-secondary institutions and may support students attending school outside the scope of the current MEF endowments. Foundational documents including revision of MEF Bylaws are still under development. Scotiabank will house the new MEF endowment trust fund and will be invested in the market based on MEF investment policies which are also being developed.

The chart below illustrates the total MEF endowments created to date:

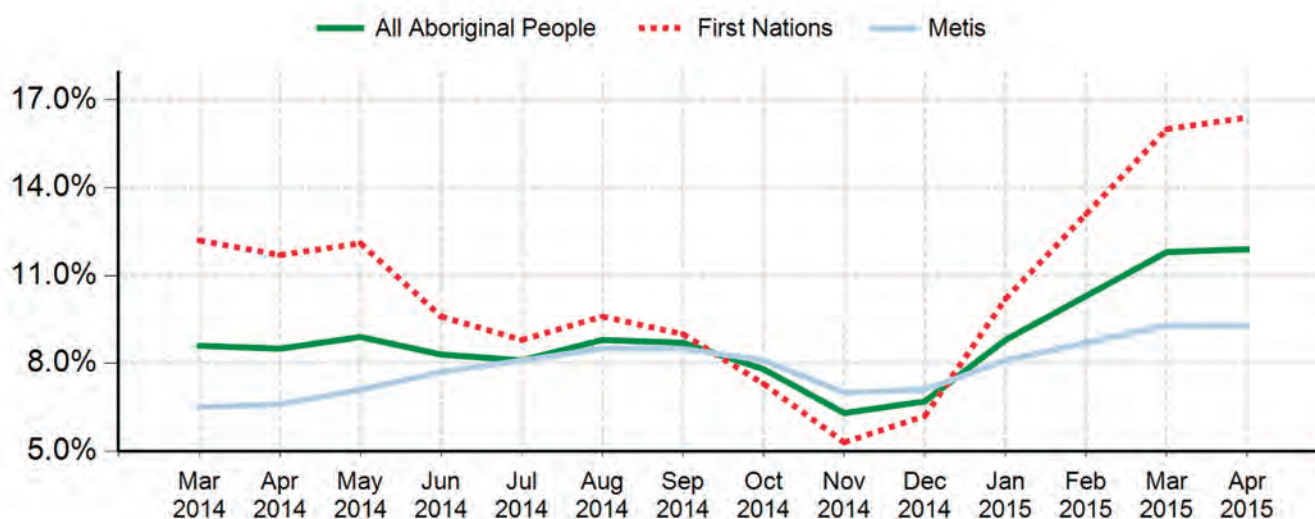
	<i>RLI/MEF Endowments 2015</i>	<i>Original Portfolio</i>	<i>Current Portfolio</i>	<i>Established</i>
1	MacEwan University	2,500,000	2,500,000	2008
2	University of Alberta	4,000,000	4,000,000	2008
3	NorQuest College	750,000	850,000	2008
4	Northern Alberta Institute of Technology	2,140,000	2,800,000	2009
5	Portage College	1,000,000	1,000,000	2009
6	Grande Prairie Regional College	500,000	500,000	2011
7	University of Calgary	2,000,000	2,000,000	2012
8	Mount Royal University	500,000	500,000	2012
9	Lethbridge University	1,000,000	1,000,000	2012
10	Lethbridge College	500,000	500,000	2013
11	Athabasca University	400,000	500,000	2014
12	Northern Lakes College	200,000	200,000	2015
13	Lakeland College	130,000	130,000	2015
14	Bow Valley College	400,000	400,000	2015
15	MEF Endowment Trust Fund	2,000,000	2,000,000	2015
Total Endowment Value		18,020,000	18,880,000	
Potential Distribution @ 5% ROI >			944,000	

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(2) Training

The training arm of RLI has been in the business for the past 18 years. The charts below reflect Métis unemployment rates over the past year:

ALBERTA ABORIGINAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY POPULATION GROUP
(UNADJUSTED 3-MONTH MOVING AVERAGE)



(Data Source: Statistics Canada: Labour Force Survey)

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RLI client targets for 2014-2015 were set at 900 successful outcomes (clients employed) with actual results showing 933 as successful client outcomes between April 1st 2014 and March 31st 2015.

CLIENT OUTCOMES PER RUPERTSLAND INSTITUTE REGION: 2014-2015

RLI Region	NW	NE	Central	South	Total
Number of Clients Funded in Training	154	115	259	195	723
Number of Clients Assisted with Employment Procurement	206	43	60	64	373
Number of Clients Successfully Employed	247	97	227	143	714
Number of Clients Returned to School	78	25	69	47	219
Total Successful Outcomes	325	122	296	190	933

PROJECT BASED TRAINING

A total of 21 training projects were held in the regions with 263 clients participating.

(1) North-East Region: Office Administration, Truck Transport, Heavy Equipment Operator, Chainsaw Safety (41 clients funded).

(2) North-West Region: Workplace Essentials, Trades Work (2 intakes), Junior Forest Rangers, Exploring Future Careers (52 clients funded).

(3) Central Region: Tradewinds to Success, Payroll Administration, Medical Office Administration, Kids in the Hall, Employ Abilities – (37 clients funded).

(4) South Region: Heavy Equipment Operator, Bookkeeping Skills, Regional Youth Conference (22 clients funded).

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(3) Research

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES

During this reporting period, RLI's Research, Policy and Strategic Partnerships division has completed a number of reports but most of these are created for planning purposes and/or are related to policy options produced for internal use at RLI. Some of these include the following:

- Economic Impacts and Labour Market Trends 2015
- Review of the Alberta Métis Funding Split and the RLI Budget Constraints. The paper looks at the historical split and expands on the current fiscal challenges resulting from an increased Métis population and a budget that has remained frozen since 1999.
- The Métis Education in Alberta: K-12 policy position paper has been completed and is waiting for review.

FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Other research documents have had public release and are made available to you on RLI website.

ALBERTA POLICY ENGAGEMENT – WORKFORCE STRATEGY

Aboriginal Workforce Strategy (AWS) – It appears that for much of the year that the Government of Alberta (GOA hereafter) has met with different Aboriginal groups separately rather than in an open forum to discuss the AWS. Notably, on several occasions RLI met with government officials and expressed its desire to have a provincial strategy that included predictable long term funding agreements and that included clearly stated measurable outcomes and deliverables. RLI suggested its support for a constituency-based approach, rather than a pan-Aboriginal approach and strongly supported a Métis funding set aside with multi-year arrangements.

As such, one of the greatest challenges in trying to develop an Aboriginal workforce strategy is working with the GOA itself. There are constant personnel/officials/ministerial changes in the department of Human Services which poses constant challenges in trying to work with GOA process. During the course of three meetings RLI met with three different sets of individuals at the administration level and at times stumbled on the fact that new people had assumed the AWS file – the GOA was not forthright with this information with its Aboriginal partners. The latest information received indicates the GOA is ready to reconvene a meeting with all stakeholders and it is projected that the meeting will take place during the next reporting period.

Best Wishes,

Karen Collins
Minister - Education, Training and Research

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ENVIRONMENT AND WATER



Improving the state of the environment remains a critical priority for our governing body. Métis Nation of Alberta has worked alongside three critical stakeholder groups, which are industry, government and communities. By working with these groups, Métis Nation of Alberta will ensure the consideration of a diversity of perspectives with regard to environmental considerations. The below Ministry of Environment and Water report lists case studies that detail MNA involvement with industry, government, and community with regard to environmental considerations.

(1) Industry

- The Provincial Community Industry Liaison (PCIL) assisted the Environment Minister to engage in Trans Canada Pipeline (TCPL), Traditional Land Use Studies (TLUS) and Traditional Environmental Knowledge (TEK) projects.
 - Northern Gateway Community Advisory Board (CAB) sessions: The MNA conducted environmental concerns and assessments
 - Access Pipeline: The MNA provided TLUS - TEK assistance
 - Riverdale Mining: Federal & Provincial Environmental Assessment
 - Trans Alta Midstream Generating Station: Environmental Assessment
 - Heartland Generating Station: Environmental Assessment
 - Ryley Toxic Dump: Environmental Assessment
 - Fort Saskatchewan Rail Facility Project: Environmental Assessment

(2) Government of Alberta (GoA Hereafter)

- GoA - The MNA was a North Saskatchewan Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RAC) participant. Major conservation emphasis on environment, air, land and wet lands biodiversity. The MNA also reviewed the Alberta Land Stewardship Act.
- GoA - Alberta Environmental Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Agency (AEMERA) biodiversity initiative participation: MNA identified opportunity for TEK component.
- Federal Government – Douglas Eyford – West Coast Energy Project – Environmental component: The MNA worked to establish a joint initiative with Aboriginal groups for environmental stewardship and habitat enhancement to address concerns about cumulative effects.
- Federal Government Caribou Recovery Strategy: Conducted a participation work group.
- GoA - Provincial Fisheries Act Regulations Revision: Conducted stakeholder engagement surveys and promoted MNA Citizenship card in place of GoA fishing licence.
- GoA - Provincial Wildlife Act Regulations Revision: Conducted stakeholder engagement survey and promoted MNA Citizenship card in place of GoA hunting licenses.
- GoA – Provincial Biodiversity Management Policy: Conducted stakeholder engagement survey and included habitat degradation, invasive species, overharvesting, climate change, pollution and cumulative effects.

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(2) Government of Alberta (GoA Hereafter)

- GoA - Water Conservation Act, Policy Advisory Group Member: The MNA participated in Multi Stakeholder Water Conservation Advisory Group planning sessions. Outcomes of the sessions include environmental net effects, non-saline water sources, water management cumulative effects and water short areas.
- GoA - Water Conservation Policy for Upstream Oil & Gas Operations workshop participation. The purpose of the workshop is to achieve an environmental balance and water conservation in Oil & Gas Operations.
- GoA - Oil Sands Monitoring Session of Aboriginal Community participation: The MNA reviewed GoA Integrated Resource Management System, reviewed the Lower Athabasca Regional Planning (LARP) outcomes and developed Oil Sands monitoring strategies also known as Joint Oil Sands Monitoring (JOSM).
- GoA – Alberta Energy Regulator Policy workshop participation: Three formerly distinct entities were merged into one: Environment, Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) and ERCB to form Alberta Energy Regulator (AER). The MNA participated in the Penn Program on Regulatory Excellence.

(3) Community

- Beavers Hills United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Biosphere nomination: This is a conservation area with proposed Métis historical ties to the land TLUS – known as the Cooking Lake Moraine
- The MNA participated in the Obed, Hinton mining disaster workshop at the Uof A, reviewed assessment and sediment recovery containment efforts from tailing pond failure dumping into the Athabasca River and participated in a solids and waste removal plan discussion. The MNA recommended need for environmental impact assessment concerning: land, water, fisheries and environmental protection.
- The MNA Investigated Land Resource Development disturbance and impacts on Métis trap lines and helped Métis trappers mitigate infringements on their trap lines by GoA and Companies who had disturbed trap lines and infringed upon their Aboriginal rights.

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS



It is with great pleasure that I respectfully submit the report on the Ministry of Health and Wellness for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Over the past four years, I have provided oversight of this portfolio and am pleased with the progress we have made. Predicated on the principles of fairness, equality and inclusiveness, the mission of the Ministry of Health and Wellness is to provide culturally appropriate, self-directed health and wellness opportunities to address the mental, physical, emotional and social requirements of Métis individuals, families and communities. We continue to work diligently on three strategic priorities- namely, programs and services; health research, data-collection and analysis; and community and stakeholder engagement.

Program and Service Delivery for Métis Albertans- Métis Nation of Alberta Health Clinic

Over the past three years, the MNA and Alberta Health have worked cooperatively through our Information Sharing Agreement (2010) to generate quantitative research relative to the health of Métis Albertans. The evidence indicated in the report reveals disparity in terms of overall health and wellbeing in comparison to non-Aboriginal Albertans. This disparity in health and well-being is particularly significant in regard to chronic conditions. Based upon the information generated through our collaborative work, the MNA has developed a plan to meaningfully participate in the service provision of health and social service supports- something which has not been contemplated previously in the Province and will be the first Métis health clinic of its' kind in Canada.

Last year I reported that the MNA had solicited engagement in the Government of Alberta's Family Care Clinic priority. Our proposal included the vision of a 'medical home' as a place where our citizens are supported by an integrated team of physicians, nurses, and social support personnel to ensure all health and social needs are addressed in a unified approach.

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On May 1st, 2015, former Minister of Health, Fred Horne, announced that the MNA was one of the nine (9) applicants to move forward with a clinic. It was early mornings, late nights and countless phone calls, meetings and community engagements for the next seven (7) months and in November 2014 a three year, comprehensive business case was presented to the Ministry of Health

Our model was not simply a clinical approach. It combined social support, clinical expertise and physician learning and teaching and promised to be a landmark initiative for both the MNA and the Province of Alberta. The MNA's health clinic incorporates innovative strategies to provide primary health care relative to the needs of Métis Albertans. Our targeted approach sought to improve access to primary health care services by providing clinical and social support for Métis Albertans through localized and provincial supports and linkages.

Our clinic was to be staffed by interdisciplinary teams of professionals including physicians, nurses, mental health therapists and dieticians specializing in supporting the primary care needs of our community. Métis Health Navigators and Community Outreach workers would be available to support patients and families as an advocate, and support them through the health care system to ensure timely access to appropriate health care and follow-up.

Along with this integrated team of professionals, our approach proposes to consolidate pharmaceutical care, lab support in-house thus removing any barriers to accessing these services.

We will also focus on health promotion and injury and disease prevention through specialized clinics, which will move our families forward in the future. Our clinic is proposed to offer mobile services to support our family and friends by managing complex health and social challenges and providing links to services locally.

In addition, the MNA and the University of Alberta, Faculty of Medicine were working on solidifying a partnership to notarize the MNA clinic as a centre of learning with the MNA providing a supporting learning environment and clinical experience for Medical residents and other health practitioners, such as registered nurses, social workers, and psychologist, thus addressing the lack of health care practitioners trained in an Aboriginal setting.

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In May, 2015, we were advised that the clinical model had been put on hold by the Ministry. Like Alberta health, it is our commitment that Métis Albertans receive exceptional health care services through innovation and excellence in service, research and learning that is built upon the strengths of our partnerships and Métis communities. We will continue to work hard to ensure that our health clinic moves forward in some capacity. Overall, we know that the MNA has been recognized nationally and internationally for our pioneering spirit, our creativity in the design and delivery of services for Métis people in areas of education, housing and finance.

We have served as the governing body for Métis Albertans since 1928 and demonstrate service excellence in program design and service delivery to a standard unlike any other Aboriginal organization in the country. Our success has been predicated upon our capacity to engage our community to solicit input and feedback for the services we provide, and our capacity to deliver services, which uphold the distinctiveness of Métis history, customs and culture. Extending this firm relationship and trust through the design and delivery of health care proposed through an MNA clinic, we are now well positioned to achieve another milestone in the area of health and will continue to work toward this end.

HEALTH RESEARCH, DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

The MNA continues to work with Alberta Health to develop Métis-specific health research relative to chronic diseases. Two years ago, MNA released the report Health Status of the Métis Population of Alberta. Our report provided new data in the Province of Alberta relative to the information on health status and health service use. The information collected provided the necessary evidence to inform the need for our health clinic. This year, we have worked on data relative to the incidence and prevalence of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease(COPD), Cancer, and Injury. The results will be forthcoming.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

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A health and wellness workshop was held at our last AGA and was an opportunity to share information about the work we are doing and learn first-hand from our members about some of the challenges and successes happening regionally and locally.

GOING FORWARD

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

Sincerely,

Marlene Lanz
Minister of Health and Wellness

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HOUSING



Métis Urban Housing Corporation (MUHC) was created on November 26, 1982. The original incorporators were the Métis leaders of the day, Sam Sinclair, Henry Houle and Clifford Gladue who oversaw 25,000 shares issued to the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA).

MUHC was created to provide affordable, adequate and suitable housing to low and moderate income Aboriginal families. MUHC currently has 525 units in 14 urban centres under the Urban Native Housing Program funded by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

The 525 housing units under MUHC are subsidized through financial transfers from CMHC. These financial transfers allow for low to moderate income Aboriginal families to have subsidized rental rates based on their gross household income.

It is important to note that the CMHC only provides subsidies for a certain period of time which is set-out in each unit's operating agreement. When the operating agreement expires, MUHC loses the housing subsidy and is no longer able to provide subsidized rent. Upon expiration, the ownership of the property is transferred over to MUHC sister company, Métis Capital Housing Corporation (MCHC).

MCHC was established in 2007 and is owned by the MNA. Unfortunately due to the cost of administering and maintaining these homes, MCHC is unable to base rent on family income. MCHC rent is instead based on 80% of the market rental rate.

To date, MCHC has acquired 341 units in 5 urban centers throughout the province. In addition to this residential program, MCHC also operates the Family Reunification Centre and a Senior's Lodge in Edmonton.

The Family Reunification Program (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.

MCHC is providing the program in cooperation and agreement with Government of Alberta Ministry of Human Services. 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

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The Nighi seniors Lodge is a 40-unit fully-serviced, assisted living facility in north-central Edmonton. Meals, laundry and cleaning are provided to its residents.

As mentioned previously, both MCHC and MUHC are wholly owned by the MNA. Its current Board of Directors are:

REGION ONE REPRESENTATIVE – FRED FRASER

REGION TWO REPRESENTATIVE – ISABEL MYSHANIUK

REGION THREE REPRESENTATIVE – JEANETTE HANSEN

REGION FOUR REPRESENTATIVE – DOREEN POITRAS-HAYS

REGION FIVE REPRESENTATIVE – GERALDINE DECOINE

REGION SIX REPRESENTATIVE – KENDA DODDS

MNA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE – AUDREY POITRAS

This seven person Board is made up of largely new representatives appointed by the MNA Regions. Upon the completion of changes in key management, the Board has taken on a significant role in ensuring that MUHC and MCHC are operated in the most successful manner possible.

In a short period at the beginning of the 2015 fiscal year, the Board had a number of issues to deal with related to an operational and financial review undertaken by MUHC funder, Canada and Mortgage Housing Corporation. The review pointed to a number of operational and governance deficiencies as well as opportunities for increased efficiencies.

A key focus of the Board and current management is ensuring a positive working relationship with MUHC funder CMHC and systematically dealing with all the issues brought forward by CMHC as well as issues brought forward by new and current management. The corporation has historically struggled to comply with various funding requirements of CMHC. However, MUHC is now fully compliant with CMHC operating guidelines and the Board and staff have taken on extra responsibilities and have established a Finance and Audit Committee as well as a Maintenance Committee. MUHC/MCHC Board and staff are committed to open and transparent operations and have implemented a tendering process on all contracts for maintenance and renovations.

The Board has also established a Replacement Reserve Fund. The Replacement Reserve will be funded by CMHC to ensure the availability of funds for property upkeep and maintenance when homes transition to MCHC from the subsidized MUHC side.

Ministry of JUSTICE



Tansi Members of the Métis Nation of Alberta

It has been my sincere pleasure to have held the Justice portfolio for another year and I hope that I have done this Ministry Justice so to speak. I have had time to reflect on the different ideas of what Justice means to different people. Whether they be political, professional or personal; all people believe Justice to be important for preservation of our Métis Nation and we must stand together to make sure that Justice (no matter what the topic is) is preserved, implemented and maintained for generations to come.

As reported in the past I have been working with the "Remembering the Children Society", which currently focuses on the Indian Residential School (IRS) in Red Deer. Over the past year there has been much discussion on expanding to gather information on other potential sites. This has been a very important issue for the society and we will continue to work towards these goals. The Society is looking at ground penetrating radar (GPR) equipment and funding to be able to survey the land without harming the soil in order to identify possible grave sites. As we all know, this takes time but we are very confident that we will accomplish our goal soon enough.

In addition to that work on the IRS, the society is designing a City Cemetery Grave Marker in Red Deer in honor of the children identified at the cemetery. Finally after so much hard work by the Society, the City of Red Deer has deemed June 11 to be "Remembering the Children Day". It is through devoted people that these amazing accomplishments are being met and I have been honored to work with them thus far.

The Calgary Legal Guidance Clinic that is housed at the MNA Region Three office continues to function quite successfully. They are open once a month and have an average of three to five individuals come in to seek advice on various topics. As per the program, we are utilizing the University of Calgary Law Program students when it pertains to letter-writing. As this program continues, I hope that more can be implemented all over so that our Métis people can obtain good solid advice when needed.

I am pleased to announce that Muriel Stanley Venne sits on the National Aboriginal Advisory Committee to the Commissioner of Prisons (NAAC). Some of the key topics that are being discussed include ensuring that Métis elders are involved to help and assist both male and female Métis prisoners throughout their imprisonment.

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Additional topics of discussion include eliminating solitary confinement as a form of punishment and to curb the issues of Métis women being treated unfairly in the prisons. These and many more topics are of ongoing concern for our incarcerated Métis men and women and Muriel also continues to fight for the rights of women through the Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women (IAAW) and the fight for the Inquiry for Missing and Murdered Aboriginal women.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission came to a close and delivered its 94 recommendations to the Federal government offering the Métis Nation a glimpse of what comes next on the Métis Rights agenda. What will the outcome of TRC report be and will these recommendations be implemented? The Métis Nation must ask ourselves what can we do to continue to support our survivors and the generations of families that were affected by the Residential School system. One thing is certain, this Métis Nation is strong and I know that we will come together to take care of those that need us. We will come together to do what needs to be done to continue to overcome the hardships and issues that have been put in our path. We will come together and show those that stood in our way that even though they tried to erase us, we are going nowhere and we are stronger than ever. We are the Métis: proud and strong forever.

There are so many issues that we face as Métis on a daily basis, either issues that are in the public eye or in the media, or issues that we face on a personal level, or in our communities. The one thing that is the common denominator is that we do not give up. We continue to fight for Justice no matter what the topic is and only then can we be successful. The term Justice is very broad and I feel that the term overlaps many other agendas and projects within our communities. The road ahead has many winding paths and it is up to each of us to find the one that leads us to the Justice we seek as a Métis Nation.

Joseph Pimlott
Minister of Justice

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MÉTIS RIGHTS and REGISTRY

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

The biggest change in Registry came on August 1, 2014 when the former registrar retired and a new registrar was put in place. The new registrar is continuing with the established registry processes and continuing to move the department forward.

In the current fiscal year, our main focus will be to register our children and youth. The Registry department is encouraging all new applicants to register their children, regardless of age, so they are captured in the database. Métis ID numbers are issued to children and youth, with the parent having the option of whether they wish to have a Métis ID card issued for their child.

The Métis Nation Registry has had the opportunity to attend several functions in 2014-2015 to assist regions with member registration for their AGMs, as well as membership drives sponsored by Métis locals.

Whenever possible, the Registry is available to attend regional or local functions to assist with member registration for meetings or to do membership drives, however, we do look at cost-sharing options whenever possible.

To maximize time and cost, a genealogist is always present at membership drives, along with an intake officer to assist with the membership application process. For the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015, the Genealogy Research Centre assisted 558 individuals with their family trees. In addition to walk in applicants, the GRC attends several cultural events throughout the year in order to provide research services to applicants and members who otherwise might not be able to visit the GRC located at the Provincial Office in Edmonton. The GRC provides invaluable resources when helping people determine their historic Métis ancestry, often leaving people in tears when they've made that historical connection, thereby confirming their Métis identity.

The statistics contained in the tables to the left reflect the status of membership applications received in the Provincial Office by both walk in and mail. It is important to note that pending or denied files remain in the secure filing room and are accessible at any time should an applicant have additional information to support their application for membership.

MINISTERIAL REPORTS

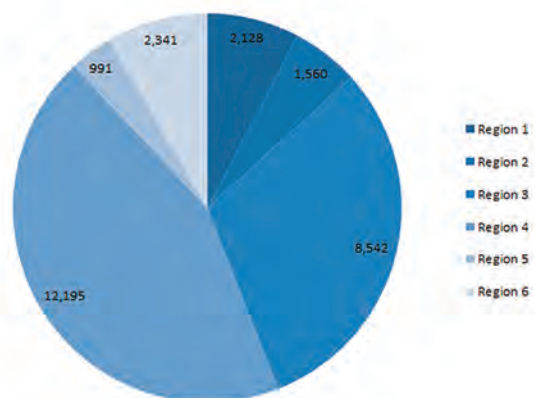


2014-2015 REGISTRY STATISTICS

I look forward to providing direction and guidance to the Métis Nation Registry staff and continuing to be the leading registry among our counterparts across Canada.

Sincerely,

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



REGISTRY DATA OVERVIEW

YTD statistical results to March 31, 2015		
	2014	2015
Total number of applications received	33,400	35,094
Number of applications completed	25,760	27,995
Number of applications in progress	584	765
Number of applications pending/denied*	6226	6,331
Number of Métis ID cards issued	22,205	24,611

MNA Member Totals as of March 31, 2015	
	Count
Region One	2,128
Region Two	1,560
Region Three	8,542
Region Four	12,195
Region Five	991
Region Six	2,341
Totals	27,757

Ministry of SENIORS



The Ministry of Seniors has been incredibly busy in the past year with several events and workshops taking place. I would like to stress that it has been a hard year for many families throughout Region One and the rest of the province due to the unfortunate passing of a significant number of our senior citizens.

As in previous years, Region One along with our Locals have been hosting workshops through the Alberta Seniors Assistance Program, which helps our seniors stay aware of programs available throughout Alberta. Currently over 434,000 seniors reside in Alberta (July 2012 stats) and there is a net increase of about 1,000 new seniors each month. The Seniors Assistance Program promotes and increases the accessibility of the below senior-specific programs:

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

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

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

MINISTERIAL REPORTS



WHAT'S NEW!!

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

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

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

Thank You,

Diane Scoville
Minister of Seniors



Ministry of

VETERANS



Our Veterans inspire and encourage us to respect and remember the importance of the commitment and sacrifices made throughout our history. As such, our Veterans will always hold a special place in our memory and hearts.

The Ministry of Veterans mandate is to honour, respect, support and provide advocacy for our Métis Veterans. One of our most precious resources is our Veterans and we will continue to honour their efforts. Over the past year, the MNA made special efforts to recognize and honour our heroes. Last year during Back to Batoche the Métis Veterans Memorial Monument was unveiled. The monument honours all Métis who served in wars and is a symbol of their accomplishment and sacrifice.

On Wednesday, September 17, Veteran Edmond Gagne was presented with France's highest decoration, the Legion of Honour. Friends, family and fellow veterans gathered at the Kipnes Centre for Veterans to watch Gagne receive the appointment in recognition of his significant contribution to the liberation of France on D-Day in 1944.



MINISTERIAL REPORTS



We were also very saddened to learn of the loss of Bertha Clark Jones. Bertha served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War. Bertha leaves a legacy which has had incredible influence and impact on our community. Bertha's accomplishments included co-founding of the Native Women's Association of Canada and the Voice of Alberta Native Women's Society. In 2007, Bertha received the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation's 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award.

As always, we would like to thank and recognize our Veterans for their commitment to supporting and honouring special events in our community including MétisWeek, MNA Seniors Tea, our Annual Assembly and of course Back to Batoche.





FORT EDMONTON AND THE MÉTIS

Fort Edmonton, originally named Edmonton House, was founded in 1795 by the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) close to the North West Company's (NWC) Fort Augustus, near Fort Saskatchewan. The Fort was eventually moved upstream to present-day Rosedale flats in 1802-1806 (near the present-day Alberta Legislature building) only to be moved downstream again in 1810 to a location near Smoky Lake. In 1813, the Fort was once again moved back to the Rosedale Flats location. Following the amalgamation of the NWC and HBC in 1821, Fort Edmonton emerged as the leading centre of the Saskatchewan fur trade.

The Métis are the children of the fur trade, and as such continually maintained contact to trading centres. Although by the mid-1800's the Métis were well-established in the communities of Buffalo Lake and Lac Ste. Anne, many Métis families chose to settle in river lots around the Edmonton House HBC fort or in the Métis community of St. Albert.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

MADE BETWEEN

MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA & THE FORT EDMONTON MANAGEMENT COMPANY

WHEREAS, The Métis Nation of Alberta represents all Métis people in the Province of Alberta with the objective of promoting the cultural, economic, educational and social development for Métis citizens;

AND WHEREAS, The Métis people have been part of the development of the rich, vibrant history of Fort Edmonton, contributing to the pioneering spirit of establishing a place of harmony, balance and commerce along the banks of the North Saskatchewan River.

AND WHEREAS The Fort Edmonton Management Company operates Fort Edmonton Park on behalf of the City of Edmonton and provides engaging living history experiences reflecting Edmonton's early days;

AND WHEREAS The Fort Edmonton Management Company and the Métis Nation of Alberta wish to ensure that the historically accurate and culturally appropriate narratives and depictions of the Métis occurs at Fort Edmonton Park.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties affirm:

- That Fort Edmonton Park and the Métis Nation of Alberta will work collaboratively and in good faith to ensure the diversity, richness and integrity of Métis history and culture is incorporated into cultural programming accurately.
- That the Métis Nation of Alberta and their citizens are included in capital development processes of Fort Edmonton Park when it impacts the historical and cultural narrative of Métis peoples of this territory, and that the building of experiences at the park is a shared endeavor.

HONOURING OUR EDMONTON HERITAGE

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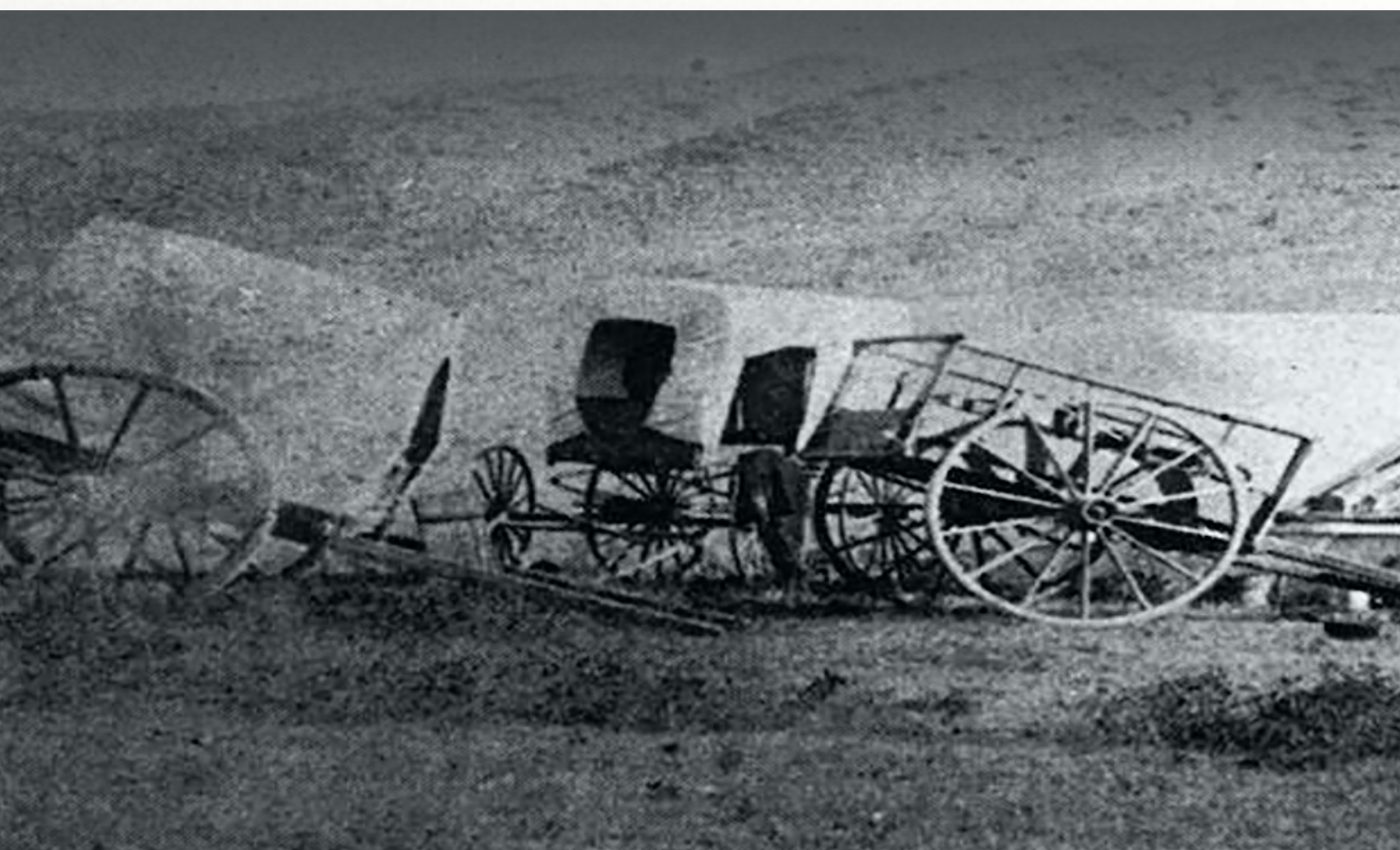
AND COMMIT to the following:

- That both parties are committed to ongoing respectful dialogue that is open to the various perspectives and world view of all peoples.
- Ensuring the historical recognition of each party's histories, cultures and contributions through acknowledgments, communications, and other forms of recognition as opportunities arise.
- As part of future planning and in recognition of the contribution of Métis citizens, Fort Edmonton will fly the Flag of the Métis Nation of Alberta.
- That both parties are committed to inclusive access by all peoples of all generations for participation in celebrations and portrayals of histories and cultures at Fort Edmonton Park.

FORT EDMONTON FAMILIES

Due to Fort Edmonton's prominent position as a trading hub, Métis families would homestead around the Fort on river lots. Métis families that were born, lived and received scrip at Fort Edmonton include:

COLIN FRASER
WILLIAM BORWICK
LAURENT GARNEAU
JOSEPH MCDONALD
GEORGE GULLION
PHILIP TATE
WILLIAM ROWLAND
WILLIAM BIRD
GEORGE DONALD
JOHN ANDERSON
HENRY FRASER
BERNARD GAUTHIER
PIERRE DELORME
GEORGE HUDSON/HODGSON
OLIVER LADEROUTE
JOSEPH BRAZEAU
JOHN FOLEY
MALCOM GROAT
JOHN NORRIS



REGIONAL REPORTS



REGION 1 ACTIVITY REPORT



Diane Scoville

Region One President



Dan Cardinal

Region One Vice President

REGIONAL REPORTS



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2014-2015 was a very challenging year, however, the challenge was mitigated by our innovative team that continues to grow and learn in many different ways. The Métis Nation of Alberta Election 2014 has brought a new vision to the Region; Daniel Cardinal was elected as Vice President and Diane Scoville was elected as President. Upon reflection, I feel that we have accomplished stability by having individuals in new roles to serve the interests of our members. It is ethically important to keep partnership with industry players considering the many challenges we face with protecting our traditional way of life. The vision for our community is very important for keeping up strength and this persevering vision has led us to become a proud and successful region working in harmony with educated youth, involved Elders, and a supportive membership in order to preserve our traditions and our way of life.

Keeping in mind our strategic plan, we identified the need for a Community Industry Relations Officer and the position is being ratified. Shona Lameman joined our team in October of 2014 as the receptionist. Shona is effective in managing office documents and the energy with her position is balanced. She is very creative in helping us with realizing our objectives to better serve the needs of our membership both now and in the future. Shona is additionally effective in balancing her administrative duties with attending to the needs of visitors.

Through our developing relationships, which include Good Neighbor Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding with Industry, we have also been able to renegotiate agreements with companies that want to give back to the community such as Clean Harbours, MEG Energy and Trans Canada just to name a few. These partnerships allow us to start generating money to put on community events, scholarships, elder projects and workshops, which all help to keep our Métis drive alive.

REGION ONE

With the majority of major industrial projects happening in Region One, it is important that we stay up to date and informed about what is happening. We have started participating in regional initiatives to better understand the impacts that development will have on our Region. This has included participating in Cumulative Environmental Management Association (CEMA), Alberta's Environmental Monitoring Evaluation and Reporting Agency (AEMERA), and the Lower Athabasca Region Landscape Management Plan (LMP). Our region was granted participation funding through the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) and talks began with the Fire Light Group and the region attained this group in January of 2015 as consultants in the Federal Regulatory Process for Teck Resources and Shell Pierre River Mine projects.

The Teck Resources and Shell Pierre River Mine projects are two very important projects and we were able to secure the very best in the industry. I believe that these project's founding principles of quality work, fairness, respect and social return align very closely with our region's vision, and I am very excited to see where this relationship leads. We were able to explain to our industry partners that projects should not go forward without Métis input, and that we are an Aboriginal People of Canada whose voice cannot be ignored! While the Governments approve many projects, they must include many of our recommendations such as the need to include Traditional Knowledge, the need for meaningful negotiations, and the greater need for Métis consultation. We are currently evaluating our options and deciding on next steps.

We are also excited to have created the Traditional Knowledge Study document in which community members have also participated. This project has included specific studies where Métis biologists helped gathered vital information from our region's ecosystem. The biologist's findings have been synthesized into a living, breathing document for future references to help better understand the potential impacts of human activity on our land. We were also able to complete a study on the Caribou in and around Lac La Biche, which in turn is being used by the Government of Canada to develop a Caribou recovery strategy. We hope that we can continue this work in 2015/2016, while also supporting the Métis Locals that also undertake important projects in the region.

Through the year we also came to recognize the importance of the Métis Locals' partnership with our Region. With the results of sponsorship, the Locals were able to establish very needed and important workshops and events, such as Fire Arms Safety, Trappers Course, Local 92 Union dues, and Scrap Booking through Métis Eyes to name a few. It is programs such as these that involve the elders and youth working together and developing stronger relationships to ensure our Region meets the needs of our members while simultaneously keeping our Métis Traditions alive.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Throughout the year we have had our losses and gains. The losses largely affected staff and members throughout the Region. With the support of the Métis Nation of Alberta, the Region's families were aided financially and emotionally through their heartache. I am proud to say that the Region One staff and leadership have been able to support those members who have lost loved ones and those who are suffering through expensive treatments and surgeries. We have donated many fundraisers and benefits and do our absolute best to attend events and funerals of all those who pass on. It is an honour to have the opportunity to serve the members of Region One in these times and we anticipate carrying on this position of support.

The Region has supported education by attending graduation ceremonies and continuing to provide the traditional sash for both the head start and the high school programs. Region One has also been able to develop educational partnerships by offering scholarships for post-secondary education. Education is something that we strive to continue advancing by breaking the barriers for continuing education. Additionally, Region One was able to successfully provide a Cree Language Program, which has taken place at the local Portage College.

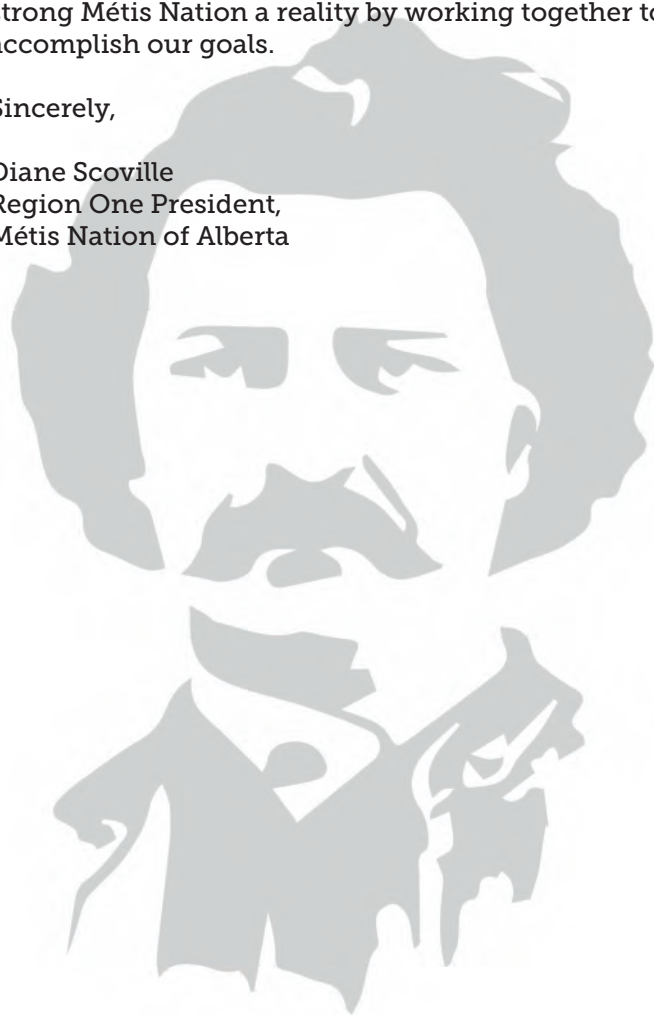
*"I have nothing but my heart
and I have given it long ago to
my country."*

-Louis Riel

It is my hope that we will strive to work together in developing stronger relationships with industry and government while ensuring to meet our Regional goals and vision. The only way that we will be able to take advantage of the great opportunities that are in front of us is if we work together as one Métis Nation, just like Louis Riel envisioned it. I look forward to working with you all to build an even stronger Nation. Sometimes it felt like one very long meeting and it was tough to see progress, but it was exciting to see the Locals in the region continuing their work and becoming self-sufficient. It is also uplifting to witness the array of activities that occur throughout the year. I look forward to 2016 when we can begin to make our vision of building a strong Métis Nation a reality by working together to accomplish our goals.

Sincerely,

Diane Scoville
Region One President,
Métis Nation of Alberta



REGION 2 ACTIVITY REPORT



Karen Collins

Region Two President



Duane Zaraska

Region Two Vice President

REGIONAL REPORTS



Greetings!

It is the first of a four year term for our new Vice President, Duane Zaraska. The learning curve for Duane has been a new experience for him. The operations of a regional office and the provincial responsibilities seem overwhelming at times, however, Duane has taken all challenges in stride and continues to learn in his role. As an entrepreneur, he maintains his business and assumes the required commitments to the Vice President role. There is much to learn about the Métis Nation and the governing duties and Duane eagerly welcomes this new knowledge.

This is an opportune time to ensure that the Métis are heard and accepted as the government of a collective people.

The Métis Nation of Alberta is in our 87th year of governing, advocating for and advancing the Métis in this province. Our progress over these years is evident in tangible and organizational growth. As a government for a Nation, the work required for a continued movement forward to protect Métis rights and culture as a distinct people, calls for a collective approach from all levels of our governing bodies.

Our previous leaders of eight decades embarked on the path, which leaders who followed continue on now. The current leadership elected in September 2014 are mandated to ensure that the Métis Nation of Alberta maintains a collective approach in that it considers all levels of our governing bodies. There is a new government in this province, the New Democrat Party (NDP), which the Métis Nation government must engage, negotiate and build a relationship with. This is an opportune time to ensure that the Métis are heard and are accepted as the government of a collective people.

REGION TWO

There remain a number of outstanding crucial elements of our rights-based agenda. The Duty to Consult must be addressed with the Alberta Government and include a Métis Nation of Alberta Consultation Policy. Additionally, Métis Harvesting Rights and the Framework Agreement must be addressed with this government. The funding agreement of the Framework process must be addressed as it has not received an increment since its inception. Our current leadership has our work cut out for us. We must all roll up our sleeves in order to take advantage of new windows of opportunity opened by the new majority NDP government; the MNA has the unique chance to table MNA positions with the new NDP government. New relationships will be nurtured with the newly elected MLAs within the region in order to maintain communication with the NDP government and Wildrose opposition party.

In many instances, the lack of both financial and human resource capacity make performing required tasks a challenge. In our circumstance, like many of our regions, it is difficult to retain qualified professionals on staff when adequate funds are not available for consistent growth at each level of our governing system. The lack of sufficient funding is felt at all three levels; provincial, regional and local. Nonetheless, we all face the challenge and do the very best we can with the limitations.

PROGRAMS

Region Two continues to provide services, programming and engagement for the membership. The presentations on Métis culture, heritage and government are provided to schools upon their request. The presentations vary based on grade level and what the students are currently covering in the curriculum on the Métis. Our thanks to Linda Boudreau-Semaganis who not only assists with the school presentations but also is very often invited as an elder to do presentations for various organizations, agencies and groups.

Thank you, Linda.

Our office works very closely with the Alberta government in order to bring seniors' programming information to our elderly members. We have hosted a number of workshops to showcase information pertinent to services and programs for seniors. This has been helpful for many as we provide assistance in ensuring the process is understood and followed for accessing the program. We also, for the first time, hosted a flu shot clinic at our office. The flu shot clinic was such a success that we have been asked if our region will re-open the clinic for the next flu season.



Linda Boudreau-Semaganis and Region Two Elder, Francois Dumais pose for a photo op!

REGIONAL REPORTS

We remain a member of the Bonnyville Bingo Association and receive funding by hosting bingos to assist members in instances that are allowed by the Alberta Gaming Commission. Our thanks to Roy Dumais for his coordination of the volunteers required to work the bingos. To the many volunteers from both the membership and friends of the Métis, we offer our heartfelt "Thank you" for their commitment, time and energy! An Appreciation Dinner was hosted and volunteers received recognition with certificates and gifts.

The annual Family Boxing Day Talent Show was well attended and the crowd was pleased with the exhibition of the contestants with their singing, the fancy footwork for the Red River Jig and the fine tunes of the fiddling category! In the fiddle category, our youngest contestant was 9 years old and the oldest was 89 years young! Our meal was catered by a Métis family who provided a delicious and nutritious supper enjoyed by all in attendance. Our thanks and appreciation to our industry partners, community businesses and our joint venture partner, Major Projects Group for the generous contributions of cash and prizes. Once again, our sincere appreciation and "Thank you" to the many volunteers who make this annual event a success!

Four students were beneficiaries of the bursary offered through the funds raised at the Andy Collins Annual Golf Tournament! The bursaries disbursed were timed to assist the students at Christmas time in hopes of offsetting their costs of school and gifts! The golf tournament received 20 entries with all golfers enjoying the beautiful day, an awesome course and scrumptious steak dinner.

Once again our many partners, friends and community business gave generously in ensuring there were interesting prize packages for all! Perry Collins and Carol Persley (children of the late Andy Collins) continue to sponsor the Hole In One prize of \$25,000.00! The tournament cannot be hosted without the help and assistance of our volunteers... Hats off to them! Region Two is grateful that all of our aforementioned donors, continue to support our golf tournament and we are pleased to receive such generous donations for students who deeply benefit from the financial assistance. "Thank you so much!" This year the tournament will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at the Grand Centre Golf and Country Club!

REGION TWO



Golfing at the Andy Collins Annual Golf Tournament.
Region Two thanks all the donors and volunteers who
make the tournament possible.

REGIONAL REPORTS



The Kikino Dancers show off their fancy footwork at the Region Two National Aboriginal Day Celebration in 2014.

REGION TWO

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Our part of the province is indeed experiencing the state of the economy. Many development projects have been delayed, postponed or cancelled. Although the agreed upon community work plans and agreements remain intact. These funds assist in the funding of a number of regional activities, functions and attendance to pertinent meetings as per the agreements. The ongoing communication with proponents and industry representatives continues for updates and review of project status. Every opportunity for employment, training ideas and new initiatives is tabled and discussed for its potential to enhance services to members.

Region Two Regional Council has extended the joint venture agreement with Major Projects Group and this initiative continues to flourish in its growth. The consortium of business partners continues to grow with 12 partners having signed on at various stages. There is a three stage gate process to sign up and different parties continue to express interest in joining. We have now engaged a number of First Nations communities who have embraced the model as there is a clear need for separation of governance and commerce. The requirement for an arms-length society to disburse funds is a component that is attractive for proponents, industry and many communities.

This initiative has required time, energy and attention to ensure ongoing growth and maintenance of relationships. Discussions continue for proposed projects and project proponents will file applications for their planned future development and/or the upgrading of existing projects. Over the past few years, in the process for engaging proponents to embrace our idea, there has been positive development to our joint venture in terms of ensuring that prequalification requirements are met. Many representatives have provided feedback that has allowed for the joint venture to take the time to implement and address the concerns raised by representatives. The Region Two Métis Nation of Alberta-Major Projects Group is now receiving Requests For Quote (RFQ) documents and are therefore very close to realizing the success of our hard work! We are encouraged by this and are engaging our consortium partners for their input and participation for their area of expertise.

A very successful open house was hosted by the joint venture in February in which the partners spent the day together to strategize prior to engaging in an evening dinner event with the community. There were more than one hundred people in attendance for the business mixer with representation from project proponents, industry, Métis entrepreneurs, community and membership. An update was provided as well as an introduction to a number of the consortium partners in attendance. Many attendees were informed of the joint venture initiative and informed about how they could be involved as a business or individual.

REGIONAL REPORTS

In terms of human resources development, Region Two is excited to welcome back Brittani Cox who has returned to work at the regional office with funding received from the Rupertsland Institute Summer Student project. Brittany has contributed in numerous aspects with administration, planning and implementation of programs. She has become very familiar with operations, the membership and services offered through the office. We wish her the very best as she continues on her path of university studies.

The Region continues to participate on the various boards, committees and meetings. Duane, our Vice President, has taken on the responsibility of the Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA) and the environmental committee meetings. The provincial government has invited our involvement concerning processes that result from the Land Use Planning initiatives. Additionally, Region Two attended a number of meetings for the North Saskatchewan Regional Plan and will continue to participate as the process continues.

CLOSING REMARKS

We express our sincere gratitude to the members who willingly volunteer to represent our Region on their respective board, or committee. Each representative was supported by the members in attendance at the annual general meeting following the 2014 elections and are therefore appointed for a four year term as per the bylaw stipulations.

It is with optimism that we go forward with relationship building on all levels of government, industry and community to ensure that the Region Two Regional Council and the Métis Nation of Alberta are a part of the advancement of this great province.

On behalf of the membership in the region, we wish you all safe travels and God bless.

Sincerely,

Karen (KC) Collins, President
Duane Zaraska, Vice President

REGION 3 ACTIVITY REPORT



Marlene Lanz

Region Three President



Lawrence Gervais

Region Three Vice President

REGIONAL REPORTS



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Region Three continues to pursue economic development opportunities through a variety of venues. This year we hosted an award ceremony in recognition of Métis entrepreneurial success, and hosted a number of business mixers for new and experienced entrepreneurs.

May 8th marked the day of the 17th Annual Entrepreneurial Awards for Region 3. The event serves to award Métis individuals and organizations for their outstanding entrepreneurial achievements. Congratulations to Tim Brabant, Hope Henderson, Randy Fedderson, Dale, Sandra Sutter, Métis Calgary Family Services, Native Network, and Bob Grey.

Region Three is diligent in hosting monthly Business and Professional Mixers. The Business and Professional Mixers are going well with thirty to sixty people attending each one. These mixers are beneficial to our starting Métis entrepreneurs by offering an opportunity to meet and learn from more experienced business people.

17TH ANNUAL ENTREPRENEURIAL AWARD WINNERS

Entrepreneurial Leadership Award	Tim Brabant - Skyline Concrete, Chestermere, AB
In Recognition of your success in the Corporate World	Hope Henderson
In Recognition of your success and contribution to the Métis Business Community	Randy Fedderson - Fedderson Agencies Inc.
	Dale - DL Petroleum Engineering & Consulting
	Sandra Sutter – Sutterink II
In recognition of your contribution and support To the Métis Community	Métis Calgary Family Services
In Recognition of your Support and Service to the Métis Community	Native Network , Calgary, AB
Humanitarian Award	Bob Grey – Work with Veterans

REGION THREE



Left: The 17th Annual Entrepreneurial Leadership Award Recipients represent the pinnacle of success in business. Congratulations to all!

Centre: The Youth Mentoring Program offers cultural mentorship to Region Three youth.

Right: Region Three elders pose for a photo at a Halloween celebration.



Programs

Region Three is dedicated to providing programming for our youth and seniors. Over the past year, we have provided an ample selection of programming for both our youth and seniors, which will be outlined in the below section.

We offer our youth a comprehensive Youth Mentoring Program, which offers mentoring meetings wherein youth aged eight to eighteen gain insights into careers and life skills from experienced mentors. Mentors involved in this program include seniors and experienced entrepreneurs who all offer distinct perspectives to the program. The youth program includes many field trips and the youth had the opportunity to visit the zoo and heritage days and additionally volunteered at summer events.

REGIONAL REPORTS



Furthermore, youth involved in the program went to Stettler to participate in the Métis Nation Annual General Assembly Rupertsland Institute youth conference. This Program changed this year and we now only offer the mentoring part of the program as the program funding was handed over to the Friendship Centre

Our seniors programs include bi-weekly seniors' lunches and cribbage tournaments. The lunches are attended by thirty to sixty seniors who join us at the Regional Office for a home-cooked meal, friendship and fellowship. The cribbage tournaments are also well-attended and are held at the Native Network (Ephram Bouvier) building.

Region Three is additionally dedicated to assisting our Métis Veterans and Métis Veteran Bob Gray is a dedicated advocate for the veterans. Bob is incredibly helpful in assisting our Métis Veterans and can be seen delivering food and other essentials to the veterans on a regular basis.

At Region Three, we encourage intergenerational interactions in order to pass down knowledge from one generation to the next. We ensure this through mentoring programs such as the aforementioned Youth Mentoring Program, which encourages elders to share their stories with youth in an attempt to preserve Métis cultural knowledge. We also created educational CDs, which contain the stories of certain elders. These CDs are made available to anyone interested in learning about the stories of our Métis elders.

*The Métis Nation of Alberta
Region 3 strives to transfer and
preserve Métis Elder knowledge
and wisdom to current and
future generations*

REGION THREE

Culture and Events

Region Three is very active in the continual promotion of our Métis culture by hosting events, supporting Métis artists, and by marketing Métis culture via communications materials.

MÉTIS WEEK

Métis Week in Region Three was also a colossal success with many of our Region's cities participating in flag raising ceremonies. Cities that participated in the flag raising ceremonies included Calgary, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Red Deer and Pincher Creek. MNA Vice President, Joe Pimlott and Region Three President, Marlene Lanz alternated locations in order to attend. In addition to flag raising ceremonies, plenty open houses were hosted for the duration of Métis Week with locations including: the Miywasin Center, Red Deer Local 492, Lethbridge Local 2003, the Calgary Aboriginal Friendship Centre, and Métis Calgary Family Services.

In terms of festivities, Region Three hosted two major seniors dinners - one in Calgary and one in Medicine Hat. The Calgary event was at maximum capacity and the Medicine Hat event was well-received.

During Métis Week, Region Three additionally hosted a Family Fun Day with contests, prizes and a traditional Métis supper and dance. The event took place at the Crossroads Community Centre and was filled to capacity.

CULTURAL PROMOTION

Region Three takes a very active role in promoting our Métis culture. This year our Region supported the Calgary Métis Cultural Dancers who performed at open houses, the Métis week flag raising, social functions and have also traveled throughout the Region to perform at Big Valley, Lethbridge, Rocky Mountain House, the Stampede and other Parades. The youth dancers attended and competed in the 2014 Back to Batoche Celebration.

We continue to send out our "Who Are The Métis" brochures to all municipalities, town and city offices, friendship centers and career centers, agencies and public businesses

The Métis Local #8 put on the Hills Are Alive Culture Celebration in collaboration with the Miywasin Society. This is an educational celebration where participants learn to play fiddle, guitar, bagpipes, banjo, and keyboard. Participants are also taught beading and moccasin-making, hand weaving, and drum making. The celebration offers youth programs, jigging, and senior's events and activities. The celebration in June was a great success

In addition to these events, the Pincher Creek Cultural and Fiddle Fest was a success. The festival featured an abundance of music, crafts, storytelling, and games. Furthermore, the Lethbridge Local 2003 continues to host successful monthly potlucks in collaboration Family Ties. Region Three assisted with the Hivernant Cultural Society's Métis Celebration in Big Valley on August long weekend. The Society is in negotiations with the Village of Big Valley to develop a permanent Métis Village and they now have the Red River Cart mounted on display at the Métis Village Site and the Métis flag flies proudly.

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Top: A photo of the Métis Week senior's dinner that took place in Calgary.

Bottom Left: Family Fun Day at Métis Week

Bottom Right: Traditional Métis supper cooks prepare a scrumptious feast during Métis Week.

REGION THREE



Top: The Region Three Toonie Dance and Jamboree was a great success! The hall was filled to capacity.

Bottom Left: High spirits at the Share the Spirit Christmas dinner.

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

In addition to hosting regular events, Region Three is dedicated to promoting awareness about Métis culture through tourism development. Region Three has a five year contract for the Buffalo Lake Recreation Area and we hired an excellent manager who continues to exceed all expectations. We have had many meetings with government to strategize methods for improving the Buffalo Lake Recreation Area.

Furthermore, Region Three continues to operate Tail Creek Campground near Stettler, Alberta. The campground has many return tourists who use the site for their annual vacations. We were also fortunate to receive a grant to devise a business plan for Tail Creek.

The Métis Interpretive Program, which started in 2004 at the National Historical Site in Rocky Mountain House, was handed over from Region Three to Local 845 in 2008. Included in the offer was teepee camping at the Riverside campground and there are also traditional Métis trappers tents available for groups and families. Proceeds from the campground benefit the Local. Parties interested in camping at the site are urged to contact Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site for information. The Local also hosted a Métis Celebration called "Baston & Bones", which Region Three assisted with and participated in.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Region Three hosted our 13th Annual Region Three Golf Tournament on June 22, 2014 with our presenting sponsor, EnCana.
- Region Three hosted our third Stampede Pancake Breakfast on July 11, 2014. It was a huge success.
- Region Three hosted the 86th Annual General Assembly in Stettler, Alberta. It was a successful event and received many positive comments.
- Region Three hosted a Share the Spirit Christmas dinner to feed the entire community
- Region Three hosted a Toonie Dance in February. The event filled the hall to capacity.
- Region Three regularly receives and fields phone calls each day pertaining to harvesting rights and membership issues. Our Region is additionally active in providing advice on Métis Nation of Alberta programs and services offered within our region.

REGION 4 ACTIVITY REPORT



Cecil Bellrose

Region Four President



James Atkinson

Region Four Vice President

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome Elders, Guests and Members. I would like to start by saying thank you to the members, Métis Locals, staff and individuals who have supported throughout the year. It was a very busy year and only through the work of many were we able to achieve all of our goals and work toward a better future for the Métis Nation in our region.

Over the past year we have once again worked towards the objectives on our business plan and tried to achieve measurables that would have us succeed in meeting our goals. In addition to this, we have been working on some very significant initiatives through our economic development sector to address the overwhelming work and capacity that we need to engage with industry and government in addressing the effects and impacts that happen as a result of the fast paced industrial activity in Alberta.

I would like to take this opportunity to have individuals who live in our region bring forward their names if they are interested in any of the issues or activities that we are involved with. We are often looking for volunteers who can help guide the direction in many of the portfolios that are being worked on in our province.

I look forward to seeing you all at this year's events.

Respectfully,

Cecil Bellrose,
President of Region 4

REGION FOUR

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Edmonton and the Métis Nation of Alberta's 87th Annual Assembly hosted by Region Four of the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) and the Edmonton Locals. This weekend we have a great opportunity to highlight the business of the past year and come together as a community to celebrate our Métis culture and history.

I am continuing to work with the MNA to build, or establish a Métis Cultural Centre here in Edmonton. I welcome feedback and input for suggestions for the Centre.

Thank you to all the staff for all their hard work in planning this year's assembly, and all the volunteers who put countless hours in planning events and social activities for the year.

Respectfully,

James Atkinson
Vice-President of Region 4

Welcome to Edmonton and once again thank you to all the Elders, youth, members, affiliates, locals, government and industry on their participation in helping to make the Métis Nation of Alberta's 87th Annual Assembly a success!

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STRATEGIC PLANNING

Governance

(1) CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT IN MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA AND ITS GOVERNING STRUCTURES:

- a. The elected President and Vice President of Region 4 participated in all Provincial Council meetings and were involved in their provincial portfolios.

(2) MÉTIS COMMUNITY

- a. Métis Regional Council through Métis Opportunity Inc. works with several industrial developments to represent the interests of the Métis community throughout our Region. We have continued to acquire Traditional Land Use Studies in some of the areas so that there is an understanding of how the various proposed projects may benefit or impact our communities and lifestyle.
- b. We hosted Métis activities throughout Métis Week in November that highlighted a flag raising ceremony and proclamation at City Hall to start the week.

(3) INDUSTRIAL ENGAGEMENT

- a. Through activities with industry, we have engaged in several meetings or discussion in an attempt to ensure Métis interests are addressed and that opportunities will be available for our communities in the future.
- b. The following is a list of companies that we have met with or have worked with in an attempt to build relationships:
 - Coal Valley Resources
 - Northern Gateway Pipeline
 - Enbridge Pipeline
 - TransCanada
 - Kinder Morgan
 - And other corporations from time to time

(4) COMMUNICATION

- a. Communication seems to be one of the greatest challenges that we face in keeping members informed and current with information. We would encourage ideas and recommendations on new communication strategies.

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These photos depict the Region Four flag raising ceremony that took place at Edmonton City Hall in celebration of Métis Week. Métis Veterans hoist the Infinity Flag, the Aboriginal Veterans Society of Alberta Flag and the Canadian Flag in honour of Métis Week 2014.



REGION 5 ACTIVITY REPORT



Bev New

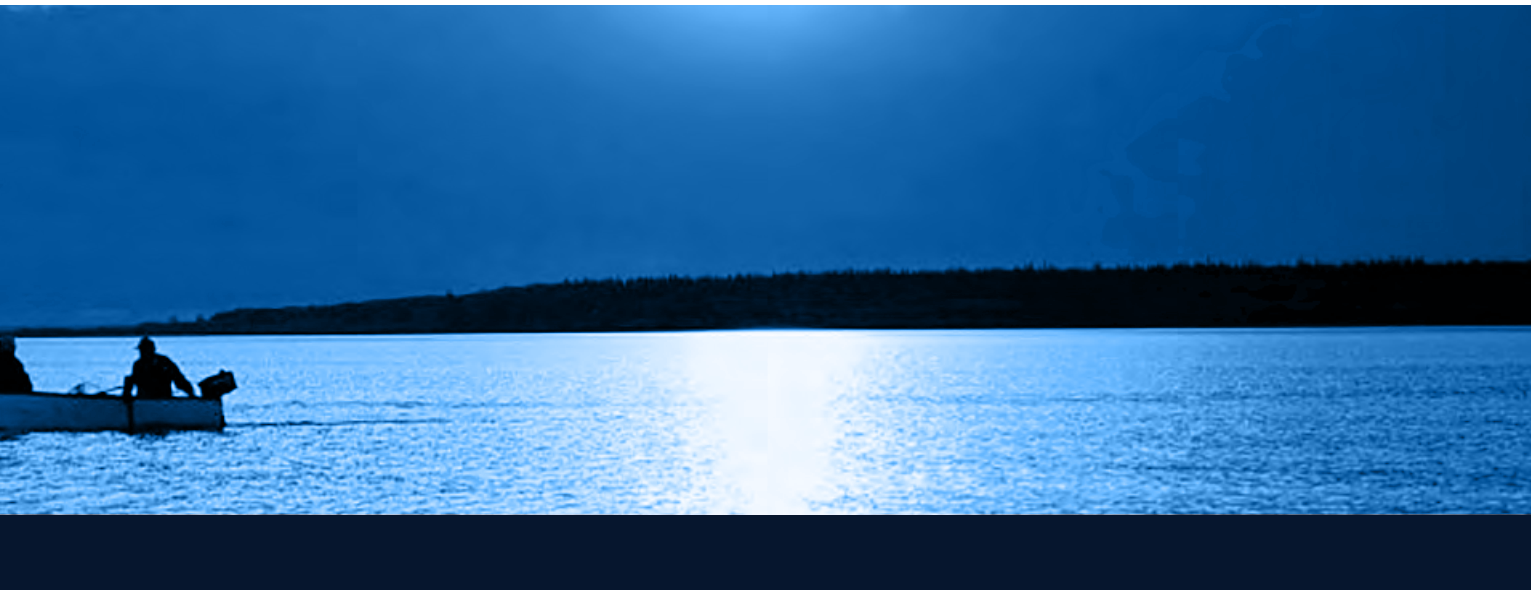
Region Five President



Elmer Gullion

Region Five Vice President

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ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

We have been very busy in the Region 5 Office because we are dedicated to moving our Region forward. The Regional Office has assisted our members in different areas. Our office appreciates the support from many of our Métis people throughout our large region. We continue to engage our membership here at the office and we are always looking for members to help us. We are incredibly grateful to our members who remain involved and interested in Region Five ongoing; thank you to those members who come to talk and engage with us on a regular basis. We continue to strive toward open and clear communication with our members by regularly sharing the information from government and other community stakeholders.

In terms of acquisitions, we have bought the NLC building in Faust and there are no funds owing on it. We are looking at opportunities for that building, which include senior housing, community offices, public library and a computer lab. The Gym and cafeteria will be utilised as recreation spaces by the children, youth and other community members.

We held two business mixers in Region Five in order to forge new business relationships and we invited industry representatives to these mixers in order to meet with Region 5 office staff us and interested MNA members. These business mixers offer our members the opportunity to meet personnel from the companies that Region Five works with.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Our region consistently seeks opportunities for growth. For example, we continue to work with oil and gas as well as forestry. We own 25% of S-11 Logging and we have work plans signed with Industry for further future collaborations. We will continue to meet and seek opportunities for our members. In terms of economic development, our members have the opportunity to involve themselves by participating in environmental and field studies.

REGION FIVE

Top: Region Five President, Bev New and Region Five Elder, Herb Anderson pose with the Region Five youth.

Bottom Left: Building Red River Cart Wheels at a cultural workshop

Bottom Right: Region Five attends a parade!



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REGION FIVE



Top: Region Five staff working hard on projects and initiatives!
Bottom: Region Five youth enjoy stew and bannock.

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PROGRAMS

YOUTH AND SENIORS

Region Five continues to offer comprehensive programming for our youth. We had stew and bannock every second Wednesday at our office where the high School students and teachers would come to visit with the seniors. This was meant to bring our schools, seniors and youth together. We will re-commence these stew and bannock gatherings again on Sept 9, 2015 and these meetings will occur each month on every other Wednesday.

In addition to the stew and bannock gatherings, we hosted fiddle classes for our youth for ten weeks. We will start them again on September 21, 2011 for a second ten week time period.

We continue to assist the seniors with applications and other matters as needed such as tax preparation and seniors benefits programs.

EDUCATION

Our Affiliate, The Rupertsland Institute, has been a big help to the Métis students in Region Five. We continue to support our youth in different areas and we look forward to this year's activities, which are set to include fiddle lessons, beading, and other workshops that share cultural skills and knowledge

HOUSING

There is a great need for more housing in Northern Alberta. In Northern Alberta communities, it is very common for multi-generational families to live together because of the shortage of homes. Region Five expects to continue work on addressing housing shortage issues in order to provide adequate housing to suit our population's needs

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We have participated in various parades in the Region 5 area which would include Faust, Kinuso, Slave Lake, and High Prairie. We continue to require assistance setting up the float and we welcome any help that could be offered by our community. We additionally welcome community feedback regarding the execution of these parades in order to best represent our community at such public festivities.

CULTURE AND HERITAGE

The most notable culture and heritage activity undertaken by Region 5 this year was the decision to work alongside the Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre (SLNFC) in hosting a National Aboriginal Day Celebration. This opportunity offered a chance to showcase Métis culture and raise public awareness about Métis people in Region 5.

Because 2014 was the Métis Nation of Alberta election year, we will work hard for this term. All members of Region Five are invited to stop in the office, get involved, and offer suggestions for culture and heritage opportunities. Engaging our membership will help us grow as a governing body as well as better serve the needs of our membership.

REGION 6 ACTIVITY REPORT



Sylvia Johnson

Region Six President



Carol Ridsdale

Region Six Vice President

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Region Six is very proud to bring you their 2015 Annual Report. This year has been an exciting one of new initiatives as we have provided great opportunities to our Aboriginal people through numerous training and employment opportunities. We focus on creating opportunities for our children and youth, as well as the advancement of all our members.

REGION SIX ESTABLISHES & MAINTAINS PARTNERSHIPS, SPONSORSHIPS & JOINT INITIATIVES INCLUDING:

SPF – Region Six President Sylvia Johnson & Federal Government & Industry Initiative.

This huge project was put together when I saw the opportunity to access federal government funds to train and employ Aboriginal people for the workforce. A team of industry leaders were persuaded to contribute, and along with government funding this initiative was very successful.

The project booked over 500 appointments and assessed over 270 participants. We have trained Class One drivers, safety ticket training, heavy equipment operator training, St. John's Ambulance EMR training, Welding Inspector – Canadian Welding Bureau, Heavy Duty Mechanics and Power Engineers. Resumes were submitted to the Federal Government, who hired Beverly Turner as Project Manager. She, in turn, hired two job coaches: Dionne Orr and Susan Tanner. The project ran from August 2014 to March 2015.

There was also an advisory board of directors in place that met once a month. This was made up of seven members, representing Shell, Woodland Cree First Nations, PennWest, AECOM, ClearStream, JV Driver, Region Six Métis Nation and Region Six Elder presiding. Guests from other industry representatives were always welcome and invited. Northwest Development Society was the broker for the project with SPF federal government administration.

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INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS

Our main company for twenty five years has been Bison Contracting Ltd. This partnership has brought us the bulk of our revenue for Nesokmahtan and is an ongoing employer of labourers and janitors at DMI and also, now at Shell Canada. This was a partnership with Cobra and Maintenance for many years, and now with ClearStream. Nesokmahtan Enterprises Inc., has two serving board members representing Neso.

TransCanada/NGLT

Region Six Métis Nation has eight workplans with TransCanada in our Region. Our Locals as well as our membership have benefited from these engagements. These include, monitoring, traditional land use studies and meetings in Fairview, Peace River, Grande Prairie and Cadotte Lake. Interviews were conducted with Valleyview and Cadotte Lake members. Whenever we engage with TC/NGLT we ensure that the Locals, as well as the membership receive compensation for their time. Community investments have been a great help to our Locals.

Shell Canada

Our relationship with Shell has been very beneficial to our Region. Not only were they major stakeholders in our SPF project, but they have also given us the opportunity to engage and be included in their activities. They have supported our children and youth and made it possible for workshops and parties.

USERFUL COMPUTER PROJECT SPONSORED BY SHELL CANADA

Region Six was fortunate enough to find out about a project to support rural areas to gain internet and computer access where there otherwise was none. With consulting firm BDLS we wrote a proposal to the federal government and were approved for \$100,000 to buy computers. The only problem was that we had to find an industry sponsor. Shell stepped up to the plate and gave us \$100,000 to support this project. We used this funding to purchase computers, lap tops, printers and a multi-platform system with a server. The beneficiaries of these computers are Mamawintiwini Hall in Cadotte Lake, Ground Level Youth, Region Six Youth Moving Forward program, AirSafe orientation and safety tickets and Local 78 Peace River. This has been an immense benefit to the communities, especially the children and youth.

NCSG Partnership

Region Six Métis Nation and NCSG Crane and Heavy Haul Service Ltd., signed an agreement, which will include training and employment opportunities for Métis People in Region Six. This will open doors for people in the North, looking for employment and training with the crane industry. We are pleased with this opportunity and partnership.

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REGION SIX MÉTIS NATION CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS

- MS Trail Ride (ten years of sponsoring Ambrose Parenteau)
- Awareness film on Aboriginal Women
- Youth Hockey Tournament in Halifax (3 years of sponsorship)
- National Aboriginal Day (six years of sponsorship)
- Royal Canadian Legion (Remembrance Day) (twelve years of sponsorship)
- Cadotte Lake Christmas, Halloween and Easter Party
- Elders Caring Shelter Christmas Party (ten years of sponsorship)
- Native Hockey Provincials (15 years of sponsorship)
- Grande Prairie Local 1990 (15 years of sponsorship)
- 2013 and 14 Aboriginal Gathering & Pow Wow
- Peace Pole, May Peace Be With You written in Michif
- 2014 Wagon Train (Cadotte Lake to Lac St. Anne)
- Bereavements (15 years of sponsorship)
- Silent Auction/ Peace River Pow Wow Gala 2013 and 2014
- Valleyview Local (15 years of sponsorship)
- Fairview Local (15 years of sponsorship)
- Honoring our People
- Elders Caring Shelter Mortgage Burning
- Cadotte Lake Local
- School Activities (sponsorship of trips to Edmonton)
- Fire Victims
- Homeless children assistance



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Top: A jovial atmosphere at the Region Six mortgage burning event for the Elders Caring Shelter
Bottom: Region Six youth enjoy opportunities created by the Useful Computer Project

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COMMUNITY, CULTURE & EVENTS: (VOLUNTEERING AND DONATIONS)

- Tipi Village June 2014 Métis Awareness- Trappers Tent, Jigging, Métis history
- Jigging & Fiddling Contest at Annual Gathering & Pow Wow in Peace River 2014
- National Aboriginal Day in Grande Prairie
- Métis Week : Jigging Workshop at Sagitawa Friendship Center with Beverly Lambert. Métis Fun Night (Mochikun Night) Louis Riel Celebration (Grande Prairie Métis Local), Métis Awareness at Springfield, T.A Norris, Berywn School
- Remembrance Day Celebration at T.A. Norris in Peace River (Remembering the loss of our War Veterans Leo Goulet, Charlie St. Germain & Bertha Clarke Jones
- Elders Abuse Awareness Workshop in Peace River 2014
- Family Christmas Free Swim, Peace River, 2014
- School tours and presentations throughout Region VI
- Aboriginal Career Fair at Grimshaw Multiplex 2014
- Interagency Meetings: Annual Sisters in Spirit Walk 2014, Highway of Tears Fundraiser 2015
- AIDS Walk 2014
- Attended Friendship Center AGM & Banquet 2014
- Halloween Gathering at Region Six office, gave out Treat Bags and hotdogs to children and youth
- Canada Events, Peace River 2014
- Elders Retreat at Camp Artaban hosted by Sagitawa Friendship Center, Volunteered in kitchen.
- Indigenous Leadership Development Workshop hosted by Shell Canada, Peace River 2014
- Membership Drive in Grande Prairie & Cadotte Lake 2014
- Alberta Native Women's Society Christmas Supper 2014
- Advocacy for Members – letters for Housing, Funding, Harvesting connection to Métis Community



MNA Region Six celebrates paying off the mortgage on the Elders Caring Shelter

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Additional notable developments pertaining to social programming include paying off the current existing mortgage of the Elders Caring Shelter in Grande Prairie. Region Six Regional Council, at the suggestion of President Sylvia Johnson, decided that the Region pay off the existing amount on the current mortgage which was \$42,653.84. By paying off the mortgage, President Angie Crerar has a greater chance to expand the Elders Caring Shelter with both help of government and Industry.

Additionally, Region Six ran a very successful CCAY youth project throughout the North and held workshops in High Level, Manning, Peace River, Fairview and Grande Prairie. We were told that our proposal to support youth in the work force was the most successful and was used as a guide for other submissions. This was \$150,000.00 initiative that lead up to this next big youth project we now have underway.

URBAN PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM - "YOUTH MOVING FORWARD"

UPP- Region VI & Alberta Native Friendship Center Association (Feb 2015 – March 2016)

"Youth Moving Forward" is an initiative that will strive to increase Aboriginal youth's participation in today's workforce. We will achieve this by providing life skills development, educational supports, and skills acquisition through workshops, training, business and industry, tours, mentoring, and summer camp experience. Youth Moving Forward will create options and reduce barriers for our youth to enter into today's economy.

Region Six is pleased to announce that we have been successful in obtaining funding for two different proposals to assist youth and increase Aboriginal youth's participation in the workforce. We are pleased that our hard work has paid off for our youth in Region Six resulting in \$350,000.00 in funding!

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INVESTMENT PROPERTIES AND REVENUE

As most of you know, we bought four lots in upper west Peace River and the building Sure Start. We now rent the property out for \$1,500 per month triple net. All renovations were done by AirSafe and include two bathrooms, offices, training classroom and shop.

Renovations to the main office included new blinds, laminate flooring in offices, new furniture, a lighted sign over the front door, alarm system, painted interior, and the installation of a mezzanine over the storage space for a high, dry place for our records and old files. We purchased a new photocopier this year and new office furniture.

These are the highlights of our year. Region six would like to note that our most important goal is to support the youth who are attending post secondary education. We have donated \$1,000.00 to fifteen students over the course of the year.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Assembly in Edmonton. The best part of the Assembly is the gathering of our Métis people.

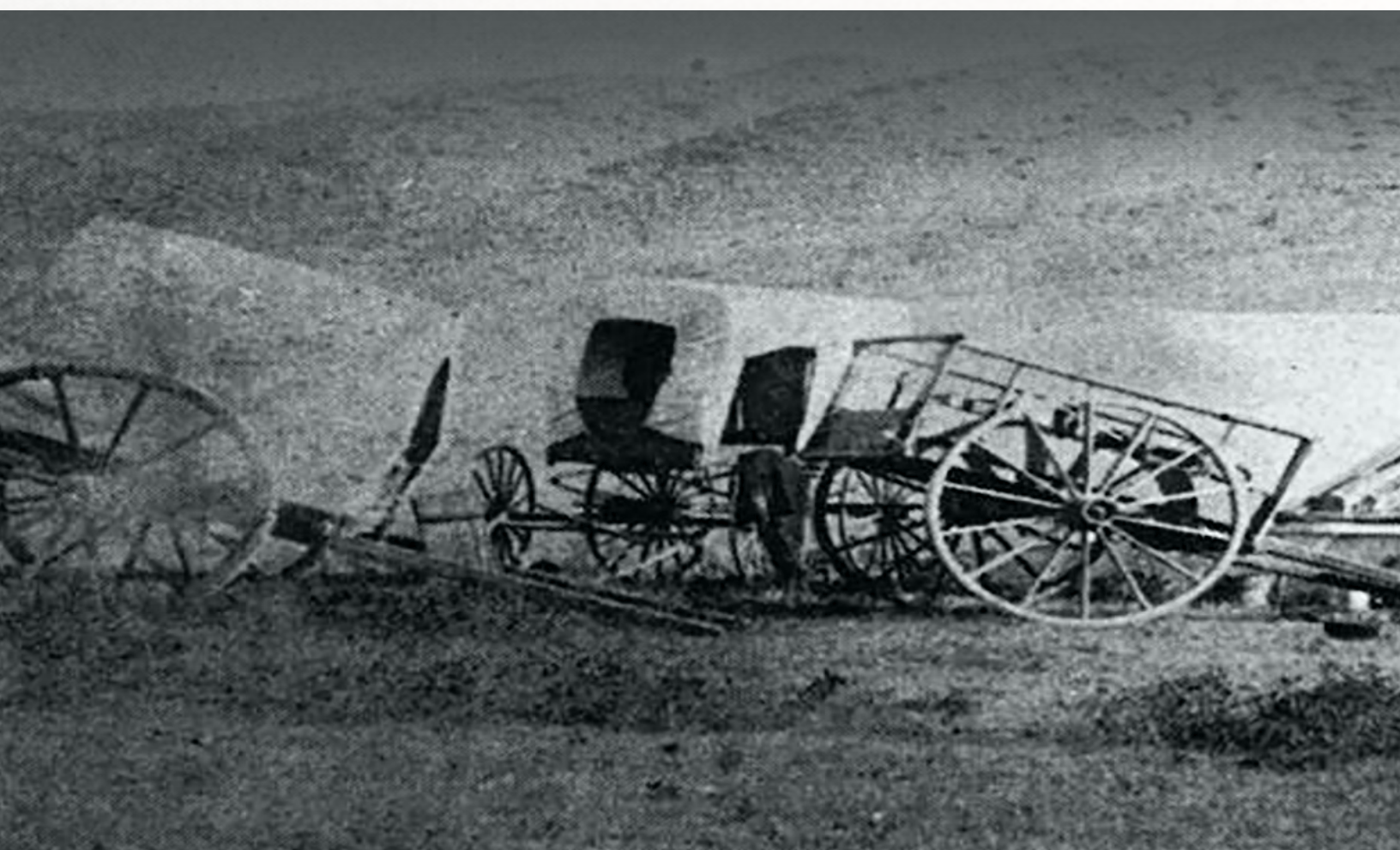
Have fun and be safe.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Johnson
Region Six President,
Métis Nation of Alberta



A new awning at the Region Six main office is just one of many improvements to the space.



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ALBERTA MÉTIS HISTORICAL SOCIETY



As in past, the Alberta Métis Historical Society continues to work closely with the Métis Crossing Foundation to deliver programming at our Métis Crossing site near Smoky Lake, Alberta. The objective of the programming is to create awareness and to promote the retention of our Métis culture and history in a fun and stimulating learning environment.

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

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

During 2014-2015, the Alberta Métis Historical Society participated in various fundraising events associated with Culture, History and Youth

Thank you,

James Atkinson
President

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MÉTIS NATION HOLDINGS LTD.



INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

In 1997, the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA hereafter) 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 on Kingsway Avenue and 50% of the Métis Veteran's Building on 111 Ave in Edmonton. The Métis Veteran's 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. This report will list and detail Métis Nation Holdings activities with regard to all of its properties.

11738 Kingsway Avenue - MNA Provincial Office, Delia Gray Building

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 serious concern from the MNA.

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

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After several months of research, a deal was concluded on the purchase of the building on Kingsway Avenue, which is now occupied by the Provincial Office. The MNA acquired the building by assuming the existing mortgage without having to make a down payment. The MNA now holds clear title to the Delia Gray Building after paying off the mortgage in September of 2004.

Renovations undertaken in February and March of 2005 have increased the amount of office space usable for program delivery and created more hospitable and welcoming space for our members and guests. Modest renovations continued during 2006-2007 designed to provide more efficient file storage and additional office space. During 2007-2008 building modifications were begun with the intention of increasing energy efficiency. 2008-09 saw the completion of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning repair & replacement as well as the beginning of the final phase of office modifications designed to maximize the available office space within the building.

Building renovations were completed during 2010-2011. The 2011-2012 fiscal year saw modest upgrades to the building exterior as well as the ongoing operation and maintenance. 2012-2013 continued with the exterior upgrades program, paint and finish within the interior, some modifications to the air conditioning for the server room as well as ongoing operation and maintenance. Similar to the preceding year, 2014-2015 saw exterior and interior upgrades as well as ongoing operation and maintenance. Additionally, the Delia Gray building is expected to house a family health clinic as part of a MNA Health and Wellness Services initiative.

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11922-121A STREET - LARRY DESMEULES BUILDING

On May 1, 1999, Métis Nation Holdings completed the purchase of the building occupied by Métis Urban Housing Corporation (MUHC hereafter). This purchase was prompted by the proposed sale of the building by the previous owners. Due to the foresight of the MUHC Board, the MNA was provided the right of first refusal. The building was financed through the assumption of a mortgage and a loan to Métis Nation Holdings from the Royal Bank. Once again, no MNA program funding was used in the purchase. Lease payments cover all costs associated with the building, which was a requirement put down by the MNA Board. The building has a clear title as of May of 2009.

Future plans called for additional renovations to help with increased growth of MUHC and Métis Capital Housing Corporation (MCHC hereafter). During 2008-09, conceptual drawings for the addition of an administrative wing were developed and a development permit was obtained. During the fall of 2010-11 zoning issues were negotiated, a building permit was granted and construction began in October of 2010 on a 10,000 sq. ft. addition. The addition was completed in April of 2012.

More renovations were undertaken between 2012 and 2013 including the demolition of the old warehouse and the partial demolition of old office space, the addition of an upgraded and insulated warehouse with sprinkler system, and the conversion of old office space into file storage space. In addition to these changes, 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 at the request of MUHC management. This action was consistent with the MNA mandate of assisting affiliates wherever possible to achieve stability in program delivery.

APEETOOGOSAN (MÉTIS) DEVELOPMENT INCORPORATED



HISTORY

Apeetogosan (Métis) Development Inc. (AMDI) was created in 1984 under a Federal Government contribution agreement with the Native Economic Development Program, an initiative promoted by Industry, Science and Technology. The total committed funds for the creation of AMDI was \$8,800,000.

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 \$60 million since 1988 and helped in the creation of 1,000 Métis owned businesses throughout the Province of Alberta, while maintaining our capital base of \$8 million. Our success is largely due to our clients who have successfully capitalized on their opportunities. And, we know we have succeeded when many of our clients transfer their loans to banks or credit unions, only to learn later that they wished they would have remained with us. 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.

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Photo taken June 17-18, 2015 at the National Aboriginal Capital Corporation Association Awards Night in Kamloops, BC

Left to right: Shelly Anderson, Chair of the Board of Directors (AMD), Francine Whiteduck, CEO (NACCA), Ken Pawlyna, Director (AMD), Warren Sault, Chair of the Board of Directors (NACCA), and Michael Ivy, General Manager (AMD)

APEETOOGOSAN

REPORT ON OPERATIONS

During the period April 2014 to March 2015, AMDI approved \$4.2 million in funding assistance to new and existing business, constituting a 9% increase over one year. A total of \$1.25 million in loans authorized were from applicants in Regions One, Two, and Three, while a total of \$3 million in loans authorized were from applicants in Regions Four, Five, and Six. Most of the new loan applicants this year took advantage of the Métis Entrepreneurs Assistance Program (MEAP) because the contribution serves to substantially reduce debt servicing costs associated with acquiring assets required for the business's operations. Loans to businesses included, but were not limited to, oil and gas construction, engineering, transport, steel fabrication, and ancillary service sector spin-offs. It should be noted, however, that while oil and gas related projects generally comprise the bulk of our lending in most years – usually 60% or more, this year we conducted just \$601 thousand in demand loans in oil and gas.

Our current work in progress stands at \$713 thousand as of April 1, 2015, and we expect many of these opportunities to translate into new projects for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

OTHER INVESTMENTS

Métis Entrepreneurship Fund Inc.

In conjunction with the Métis National Council, the three Métis Capital Corporations in Western Canada and the Federal Government have established a loan pool that is shared between Louis Riel Capital Corporation (Manitoba), Sask Métis Economic Development Corporation (Saskatchewan), and Apeetogosan (Métis) Development Corporation (Alberta) on a project by project basis. The purpose of the loan pool is to enhance each of the three Métis Capital Corporations lending capacity to be able to consider loan sizes in excess of current loan limits. We have established and incorporated the entity, its Board, and its by-laws. For the 2014-15 fiscal, no loans were conducted out of the Métis Entrepreneurship Fund (MEF) Fund. The existing loans on the Corporation's books are current and all are projects that AMDI generated through its own loan activities in prior years. However, none of the Métis Capital Corporations in the Prairie Provinces have needed to utilize MEF and have instead financed their projects completely on their own.

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Moreover, given the extent of uncertainty in Alberta's economy we do not expect take up of MEF to be much more than it is already. Unless and until asset values correct some, we think entrepreneurs will elect to wait until such time as asset values are more in line with the revenue growth such assets are expected to generate. Of course we are excited about taking advantage of the available loan capital that MEF provides so that we can participate with the more established Métis entrepreneurs who are taking on larger opportunities, but we are recognizing that the demand from our Métis entrepreneurs is highly sensitive to the major activities being shelved within both the oil and gas and construction industries.

Métis Entrepreneurs Assistance Program (MEAP) Renewal

For over 20 years, Apeetogosan has provided external delivery services to Aboriginal Business Canada's business development program. As part of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) new Aboriginal Economic Development Framework, one initiative is to increase the delivery capacity of its external partners.

AMDI has served as a key delivery arm to AANDC for over 20 years with demonstrated success. As a consequence of this relationship AMDI continues to serve as Program Delivery Partner to AANDC's small business development program. For the 2015-16 fiscal year and the 2016-17 fiscal year, AMDI will be responsible for direct delivery of \$2 million in equity, which is the result of a two-year renewal of AANDC's equity program.

Now called the Métis Entrepreneurs Assistance Program, or, MEAP, AMDI provides all Alberta Métis entrepreneurs the single window of access to equity and commercial finance capital. As you might imagine, this means a lot to AMDI as it ensures better service to our clients and solidifies expectations on timing and capital availability. We often speak of AMDI's single window delivery model. A single window delivery model involves everything aspiring entrepreneurs need in one convenient place. Direct delivery of the small business equity program for Métis entrepreneurs serves to enhance our single window model even further.

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Pinnacle Business Services LTD.

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

During the 2014-15 fiscal, Pinnacle Business Services Ltd. assisted in the development of twenty-five business plans for clients, of which twenty-three attracted commercial financing from AMDI while the remaining two leveraged commercial financing from other banks or financial institutions. The direct involvement of Pinnacle helped support a total of \$2.1 million 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.

Métis Entrepreneurs Assistance Program

The Métis Entrepreneurs Assistance Program (MEAP) is a Program Delivery Partnership arrangement we have had with the Federal Government for over 20 years. Since inception, our office has delivered over \$12M in contributions to Métis clients comprising equity assistance for business planning, aftercare, and equity towards the capital costs associated with starting or expanding their businesses.

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For the 2014-15 fiscal, our MEAP administrator completed 33 commercial/business plan/aftercare project authorizations with a total committed dollar amount of \$1.3 million averaging approximately \$53,843 in non-repayable contributions to Métis entrepreneurs. AMDI participates as much as possible with AANDC's Contribution Program as program criteria have become more inclusive in terms of eligibility, and looking forward to 2015-16, our MEAP administrator has identified work-in-progress of \$750,000. Accordingly, we look forward to continuing this relationship and expanding our activities by aggressively marketing the opportunities that the renewed Program Delivery Partnership provides. If you would like to learn more about what products and services the Métis Entrepreneurs Assistance Program offers, I encourage you to contact our office.

Alberta Entrepreneurship Workshops

In partnership with the Province of Alberta, Settlement Investment Corporation, and the Ballard Consulting Group, we delivered six, two day entrepreneurship workshops in 2013-14 and four more in 2014-15. We designed the workshop around the idea of demystifying entrepreneurship through a highly interactive approach, while focusing on basic fundamental attributes of entrepreneurship such as defining what an opportunity constitutes, demonstrating commercial viability through the market's willingness-to-pay and recognizing that accommodating incentives are key factors to successful entrepreneurs.

We also provided attendees with a break-even tool that they can readily use to evaluate any opportunity they might consider – a skill that they could understand and forever have with them – beyond the workshop classroom.

The workshop was conducted at six locations in 2013-14: High Prairie, Lethbridge (two), Fishing Lake Métis Settlement, High Level, and Grande Prairie and in 2014-15 we focused on the Métis Settlements. Both years brought an average class size of just over fourteen participants per workshop. Course reviews and comments found the workshop "engaging", "useful", "inspiring", "unintimidating", and "really helped to equip me with tools that I could easily use and understand." Under the same partnership we hope to be conducting another four workshops in the Fall of 2015.

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Participation in the National Aboriginal Capital Corporation Association (NACCA)

AMDI has also taken a lead role in many of the activities at the National Aboriginal Capital Corporation Association (NACCA), which is an association comprised of fifty-four Aboriginal Financial Institutions across Canada. Michael Ivy, this year's winner of NACCA's General Managers Performance Award, has been involved with the Technical Advisory Group, an advisory committee that was struck to deal with the technical issues associated with the implementation of new and changing programs and services at NACCA for the betterment of all Aboriginal Capital Corporations, Aboriginal Financial Institutions, and in particular, Aboriginal entrepreneurs across Canada. Shelly Anderson who has been an AMDI board member since 2010 is the Alberta representative for NACCA; in her role as the NACCA Vice-Chair we are kept apprised of policy changes that are occurring at the national level where any of our developmental lending needs are voiced. And finally, Don Sieben (our Auditor) has been representing AMDI on the Aboriginal Entrepreneur Program committee (AEP) which is a standing committee of NACCA that provides advice and guidance on program design, processes, procedures, and policy and in making decisions with respect to program administration for several components of the Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Program.

CLOSING REMARKS

It was, overall, a fantastic year for AMDI with continued loan growth and positive net earnings. Our portfolio is now over \$6.5 million. AMDI, along with its clients appears to have taken advantage of the growth that occurred in both the oil and gas and construction industries. This is reinforced as AMDI continues to position itself as the preferred lender of choice among increasingly repeat business. There are headwinds on the horizon of course, such as a depressed oil price and pullbacks in the two key industries in Alberta: oil and gas and construction. And there is talk of interest rate hikes coming as early as September 2015. But, this will have the effect of cooling asset prices, which in our opinion will reduce the startup/expansion costs and thus reduce our clients' debt servicing costs as they endeavor to take advantage of opportunities that arise in any economy that is up or down. Lower prices have always been a silver lining to an economy that is or may be headed for recession.

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In the meantime, we continue to take advantage as well as contribute to the development of new Program initiatives with other Métis capital corporations and the Federal government such as the Métis Entrepreneurship Fund (MEF), and additional developmental lending support spearheaded by the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association (NACCA). These initiatives will serve to enhance and compliment AMDI's long-term growth initiative, providing further sustainable and durable support to Métis entrepreneurs seeking to capitalize their commercial endeavors.

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

If you would like to know more about the Programs and services that AMDI offers, you can reach us through our FB page or our website: <http://www.apectogosan.com/>.

CREE PRODUCTIONS (1992) LTD.

ABOUT

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 of the centre's materials.

Cree Productions has been very active and has over eighty copyrighted resources. The most noteworthy publications are the Dr. Anne Anderson Cree/English resources, which include a Cree dictionary.

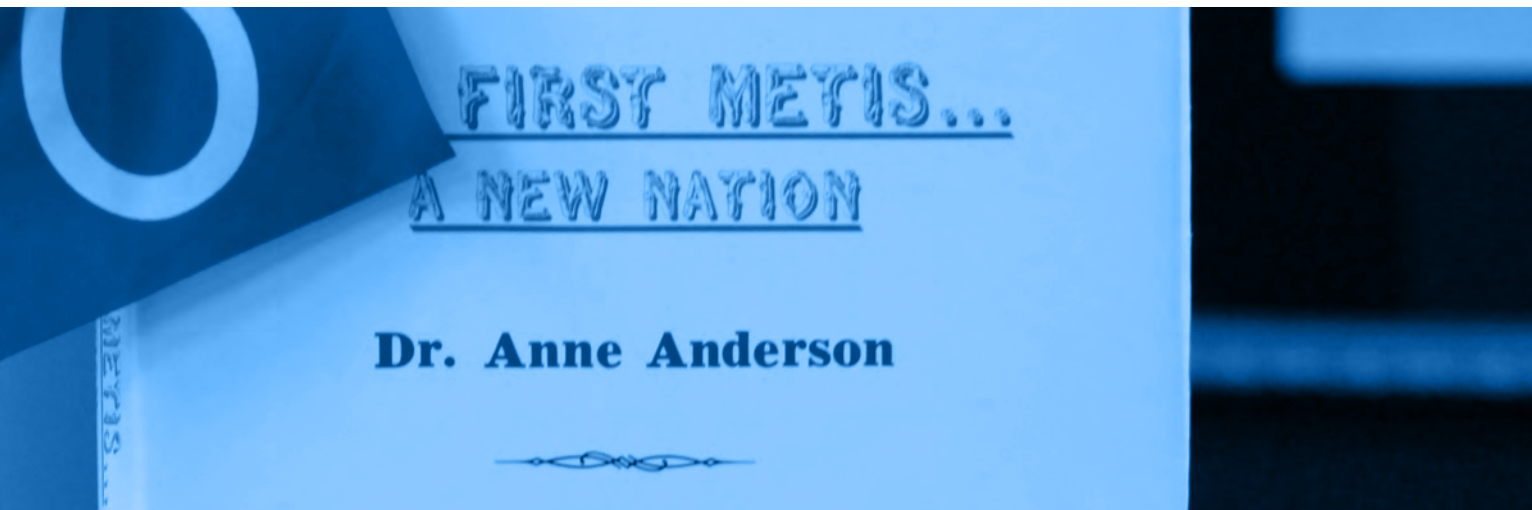
In 1997, the Métis Nation of Alberta, in partnership with Alberta Learning, redeveloped and published fifteen beginner Cree/English books. These beginner Cree/English books are available through the Métis Nation of Alberta. All the learning resources have received authorization from Alberta Learning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

In 2008-09, Cree Productions added a display case at the MNA Head Office to showcase Cree Productions wares. Métis Crossing also has Cree Productions stock on hand for sale. In 2014-15 MNA staff continue to manage the business and attended a number of events to market items.

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

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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

Cree Productions (1992) Ltd. is based out of the Métis Nation of Alberta Provincial Office. Cree Productions resources may be accessed by contacting:

Métis Nation of Alberta - Cree Productions
#100-11738 Kingsway Avenue
Edmonton, AB
T5G 0X5

Phone: 780-455-2200
Toll Free: 1-800-252-7553
Fax: 780-482-7213



The works of Dr. Anne Anderson represent a major component of the Cree Productions (1992) LTD. collection.

MÉTIS CROSSING



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INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

Our ninth season of operations started on June 1st, 2014 and we closed the campground on October 30th, 2014 for the season. We opened the site one time during the winter in order to put on the Kayas Achimowin Project through the MNA - CCAY in partnership with Buffalo Lake and Kikino Métis Settlements as well as Dreamspeakers Festival Society. The Kayas Achimowin Project project was comprised of a series of participatory workshops for Métis youth that were intended to relay occupational skills directly related to museum practices and the cultural arts sector. With an emphasis on mentoring research skills, interview techniques and technical documentation, the Kayas Achimowin Project utilized film-making, photography, literary arts and publishing to create a small series of shorts films on Métis culture as told by Métis Elders and recorded by Métis Youth.

Métis Crossing management transitioned in late May to a couple, Leon Boychuk-Hunter and Phoebe Surana'Mehit, who live on-site year round.

The 2014 Site Maintenance Crew included Neil and Terry Andrews who lived on site from June until mid-September

Farm Property is currently under lease to a local farmer (Ryan Franchuk) on a cash rent basis. The lease term ends on Dec 31, 2017. The rental rate is \$35 per acre for 310 acres.

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SITE REFURBISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE

The year 2014 was dedicated to refurbishing and maintaining the site; renovation activities that emphasized site beautification and function were undertaken. The below section charts some of the developments at Métis Crossing.

WASHHOUSES

The plumbing was completely redone due in part to inadequate winterization the year before. Paint, flooring and fixtures were refurbished where necessary. A new tankless hot water system was installed in order to reduce heating costs. Research into pay showers was explored but not implemented as of yet. Additional water storage organized with old truck and water tank to make efficient use of full water truck deliveries.

CAMPGROUND

The tables and fire pits in both the upper and lower campgrounds were repaired where required and gravel installed around fire pits to further safeguard against accidental fires.

EQUIPMENT

An exhaustive inventory was performed to track all equipment, which was repaired where possible, and discarded where not possible. An additional inventory was performed for all tents, teepees, and Red River carts. The shelter structures were evaluated for structural integrity and repaired as needed. A new ride-on lawn mower was purchased and made keeping up with the grass much easier. Two large (20X40) party tents have been purchased and will be available this year for use at large events. A large diesel generator has been purchased and will make supplying power to the site much easier.

FIREWOOD

A large firewood stockpile was gathered for the season and processed for retail purposes. The firewood is available to campers for a reasonable price.

NATURE TRAIL

To ensure clarity along the trails, signage was repaired. The walking paths were also evaluated, repaired and maintained. Regular mowing was also conducted on a regular basis in order to enhance the trail's aesthetic and functional appeal.

GROUNDS

Regular mowing was performed on a schedule to ensure a well-manicured visual presentation.

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STAGE

The stage was renovated to include a new floor. The stage structure was additionally inspected for structural issues and weatherproofed. Electrical maintenance was also performed to ensure compliance with safety standards.

RED BARN

The ground floor of the historic red barn was cleaned out and decorated to act as meeting area. It includes a central circular conference table surrounded by chairs and additionally boasts audio-visual equipment including speakers, a projector and a pull-down screen to allow for presentations. Pictures and art adorn the walls of this room and are framed to ensure proper display. The barn upper floor contains an arrangement of Métis artifacts including a homage to our Métis Veterans, beaded garments and moccasins, Hudson's Bay Company attire, a Catholicism display, and informative sign boards that offer historic and contemporary information about Métis culture. The barn was also patched in areas in need of aesthetic upgrading.

HOUSE (ADMINISTRATION BUILDING)

The house received a complete painting of the interior and exterior. The old carpet was replaced with laminate/hardwood flooring. The garage was developed into an office and the reception area was reconfigured with updated cultural products and information displays. The basement was also cleaned and painted, and household fixtures were replaced or repaired as required.

TREES AND SHRUBS

The trees and shrubs around the Métis Crossing grounds were trimmed and maintained. Particular care was given to greenery surrounding the buildings as they occupy places of visual significance.

WHITE GARAGE

The equipment was inspected and repaired, and tools and supplies were sorted, repaired, and stored neatly, or discarded as necessary.

RED BUILDING

The red building contains a Kiln and pottery making equipment, which were thoroughly cleaned and arranged in a sensible manner.

OUTBUILDINGS

The outbuildings were cleaned out and organized for easy access.

CONCESSION BOOTH

The booth's roof was repaired, cleaned and painted for use at rodeo, the Métis Family Reunion, and similar events.

HORSESHOE PITS

The horseshoe pits were cleaned and repaired after years of neglect and are now ready for use by campers and by event patrons. The repaired horseshoe pits make a great addition to the site as a fun and easy game that is accessible for all visitors.

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GARDEN

Small demonstration garden developed.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS

In addition to the historic red barn, the Métis Crossing site boasts two historic farmhouses. The farmhouses have been cleaned and prepared for visitors, and have additionally been populated with displays of historic museum materials.

FARM PROPERTY

Métis Crossing has ensured regular meetings with the farmer leasing the property to confirm plans for events. Four new gates have been installed, Five gates have been repaired and a half mile of fence was replaced in order to ensure unauthorized access is eliminated.

PLAYGROUND

The playground was cleaned after years of neglect.

ZIPLINE

The zipline remains in disuse. New regulations put in place now require engineered drawings prior to licensing and insurance being issued. The preliminary bid came in at \$30,000. Métis Crossing staff are currently exploring alternative avenues for the production of drawings including the employment of NAIT engineering students. In the meantime, the zipline equipment is being properly stored.



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Left: Métis Crossing in the summertime.
Right: The Kikino Dancers performing at the 2015
National Aboriginal Day Celebration at Métis Crossing.

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Photos from the National Aboriginal Day Celebration at Métis Crossing in 2015. The event was a success and is expected to take place in 2016.

Top Left: (Left to Right) MNA Region Four Vice President, James Atkinson, MNA Region Two President Karen (KC) Collins, and Métis Settlements General Council (MSGC) Vice-President, Stan Delorme.

Bottom Left: Making bannock for National Aboriginal Day at Métis Crossing.

Middle: Visitors viewing the Métis genealogy exhibit at Métis Crossing.



MÉTIS CROSSING

ACTIVITIES

In addition to the regular campsite rentals, visitors, school group tours, the following events were held:

RODEO

On June 21st, a Rodeo and Métis Music Jamboree was held over the Aboriginal Day weekend in partnership with Swamp Cats, MNA Region 1, MNA Region 2 and a number of other sponsors. Bad weather played a negative role but participants were encouraged enough by the attendance to plan another weekend this year. Application to Canadian Heritage has been submitted for this year.

MÉTIS FAMILY REUNION

Métis Crossing was the site of a successful family reunion event organized by the Métis Nation of Alberta Cultural Team. The Cultural Team is interested in organizing another similar event, but will await confirmation from Métis Crossing Foundation.

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY RACE

Area finals with over 300 participants were held in mid-October at Métis Crossing. The organizers were very pleased with the event..

WEDDINGS

Two separate weddings were held out at MétisCrossing this year and both wedding parties were extremely pleased with the grounds and facilities.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

A small music festival consisting of one hundred individuals was held on a trial basis in September 2014. Participants and organizers were pleased with facilities and no problems were encountered.

RIVER TOUR CAMPS

A group of campers canoeing the river were hosted at our lower rustic campground and we hope to encourage this type of activity for the upcoming year.

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The facilities and programs at Métis Crossing for the 2015 season will include the following:

- Historic Village
- Barn interpretive Centre
- Barn meeting area
- RV Campground
- Rustic Campground
- Picnic area
- Horseshoe pits
- Gift shop
- Outdoor stage
- Playground
- River's Edge Nature Trail with interpretive signage
- Visitor services (washrooms, parking lots, showerhouse)
- Zip Lines - Subject to structural review and certification
- Farm Machinery Display
- 2 Restored Homesteads
- Floating Dock in River
- Cross Country Trail

Programs planned for 2015:

- Rodeo and Music Jamboree
- Métis Family Reunion
- Two Small Music Festivals

DAILY OPERATIONS

The Crossing will be open every day from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm for the season. Tours are available upon request and will be given as required. There is no official tour schedule at this time. The zip line will re-open depending on whether Métis Crossing receives approval for it's operation. Métis Crossing is interested in finding a partner, or business to run the zip line on a rental basis.

PRICING

Some pricing amendments were made as follows.

Regular Site Admissions for the Season	
Family	\$15.00
Adult	\$7.00
Youth/Elder	\$4.00
Age Six and Under	Free

Camping	
Powered RV Site	\$25.00
No Power RV Site	\$20.00
Tent Site	\$17.00

MÉTIS JUDICIARY COUNCIL



PREPARED FOR: MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA; PROVINCIAL COUNCIL FOR THE 87TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

To: The Members of the Métis Nation of Alberta:

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

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

The Judiciary Council reviews and decides all matters pertaining to the following:

- Membership where there is a dispute;
- Election Bylaws where there is a dispute;
- Suspension and reinstatement of rights of Métis members;
- Matters concerning conflict of interest;
- Matters regarding whether a member of Provincial, Regional or Local Council shall remain in office due to a criminal conviction or indictable offence;
- Providing Provincial, Regional, Local Councils' or any Métis Nation of Alberta member in good standing a written opinion;
- Review of any matter directed from Provincial, Regional and Local Councils';
(To obtain a full listing of the MJC mandate please see MNA Bylaws)

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

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

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

This term, the MJC sat from July first (1st) of 2014 to June thirtieth (30th) of 2015. There were eleven (11) complaint submissions and two (2) requests for opinion concerning the MNA Bylaws this term. This has developed into ten (10) Dockets in which the MJC is in the process of reviewing, awaiting a Hearing, or for parties to provide further information. All of this is done to assist the MJC in coming to Final Decisions.

There were a supplementary forty-seven (47) volunteer days during the 2014-15 year given by the MJC Chair to meet with MJC support personnel to assist with ensuring the integrity of the Judiciary Council and Métis Nation of Alberta were upheld. The complex nature of the ten (10) Dockets made it necessary for the Chairman to put in the extra volunteer time to ensure all matters before the Judiciary Council were handled fairly, without prejudice and to make certain that Natural Justice was followed.

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As well during this past year the MJC has moved offices. During the months of February through to April of 2015 the MJC has relocated from the third (3rd) floor to the first (1st) floor of the Métis Veterans Building, 123 Street & 111th Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta.

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

Respectfully submitted this thirty (30th) day of June in the year two-thousand and fifteen (2015).

Current Métis Judicial Council Members

REGION I MJC MEMBER – VACANT
REGION II MJC MEMBER – ROBERT COWDEN
REGION III MJC VICE-CHAIR – JOHN PHILLIPS
REGION IV MJC CHAIR – DALE FRIEDEL
REGION V MJC MEMBER – KEN SHAW REGION
VI MJC MEMBER – MARVIN BELCOURT

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SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

FROM THE 86TH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY



SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

- MOTION # 1** *Marcel Proulx moves to cease nominations for Chair, seconded by Bev New.*
Motion Carried.
- MOTION #2** *Karen Collins moves to cease nominations for Co-Chair, seconded by Bev New.*
Motion Carried.
- MOTION #3** *Brian Hamelin moves to adopt the agenda as circulated, seconded by Bev New.*
Motion Carried.
- MOTION #4** *Karen Collins moves to accept the Resolutions Committee as appointed by the Regions, seconded by James Atkinson.*
Motion Carried.
- MOTION #5** *Sylvia Johnson moves to accept the President's Report, seconded by Muriel Stanley-Venne.*
Motion Carried.
- MOTION #6** *Brian Hamelin moves to accept the Vice President's Report, seconded by Marcel Proulx.*
Motion Carried.
- MOTION #7** *Brian Hamelin moves to accept the Summary of Motions from the 85th Annual Assembly held in Cold Lake, Alberta, as read by Secretary Lanz, seconded by Wally Garrioch.*
Motion Carried.
- MOTION #8** *Wally Garrioch moves to accept the Audited Financial Statements to March 31, 2014, seconded by Karen Collins.*
Motion Carried.
- MOTION #9** *Toby Racette moves to adjourn the meeting at 2:59 pm August 9, 2014.*

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MOTIONS

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

#1

RESOLUTION
DEEMED
INVALID

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Bylaws Article 16.3 and 61.3 be amended.

HEREAFTER Article 16.3 and 61.3 shall read as follows:

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

MOVED BY DONALD MCCARGAR
SECONDED BY SHARON PASULA

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ORDINARY RESOLUTION

#1

RESOLUTION DEFEATED

UNDERSTANDING GOOD GOVERNANCE

WHEREAS, sound and transparent governance is essential to maintain the validity of the Métis Nation of Alberta as a responsible government; and

WHEREAS, the Métis Nation of Alberta elected Provincial Council are to provide responsible and professional leadership; and

WHEREAS, elected Provincial Council members will benefit from a refresher regarding understanding of good governance and any changes to the Métis Nation of Alberta Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, of the funding provided by the Framework Funding Agreement, \$522,672 goes to the central Métis Nation Head Office to provide funding towards the core operations of the Métis Nation of Alberta, inclusive of its registered members in good standing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The entire Provincial Council shall within ninety (90) days of each election year, provide and attend at an education Board Governance workshop regarding Governance of the Métis Nation of Alberta and its Bylaws, including training in Robert's Rules of Order.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Each Local Council shall within ninety (90) days of each election year, provide and attend, in its entirety, an educational Board Governance workshop regarding Governance of the Métis Nation of Alberta Bylaws, including training of Robert's Rules of Order.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

In order to be cost effective, every attempt shall be made to use the Alberta Governments free Community and Culture's Board Governance Training Facilitators.

MOVED BY ATHENA MCKENZIE
SECONDED BY MERLENE CROSSEN

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ORDINARY RESOLUTION

#2

RESOLUTION
DEFEATED

ACCOUNTABLE & TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE

WHEREAS, the Métis Nation of Alberta is intended to continue the process of self-determination; and

WHEREAS, the Governments of Alberta and Canada have participated in a tripartite process with the Métis Nation of Alberta since 1992 to, amongst other things, promote the well-being of Métis people and Métis communities; and

WHEREAS, as part of the tripartite process, the Métis Nation of Alberta has signed a Framework Funding Agreement with the Alberta Government and, since 2008, the Alberta Government has provided \$1.5 million annually to the Métis Nation of Alberta; and

WHEREAS, of the Framework Funding Agreement funding, \$522,672 goes to the central Métis Nation Head Office to provide funding towards the core operations of the Métis nation of Alberta, inclusive of its registered members in good standing; and

WHEREAS, the Métis Nation of Alberta's registered members in good standing require accountability for the funding the Métis Nation receives from other jurisdictions and governments; and

WHEREAS, other governments in Canada are undertaking more transparent and accountable governance for their people and their communities; and

WHEREAS, we the Métis Nation people believe in our guiding principles of honesty, integrity, and professionalism.

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SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

ORDINARY RESOLUTION

#2

RESOLUTION DEFEATED

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Métis Nation Provincial Council shall provide the following at each Annual Assembly:

- i. An audited annual consolidated financial statement;
- ii. A separate annual "schedule of remuneration" that details the remuneration (salaries, wages, commissions, bonuses, fees, honoraria, dividends and expenses – including transportation, accommodation, meals, hospitality and incidentals) paid by the Métis Nation and any entity, including Métis Nation-owned or affiliated companies of the Métis Nation Provincial Council, to its President and each of its Provincial Council members in their professional and personal capacities;
- iii. An auditor's written report respecting the consolidated financial statements; and
- iv. An auditor's report respecting the schedule of remuneration; and

And for each of the documents listed in above, the Métis Nation Provincial Council must provide the document(s) upon request by any of its Members within twenty-one (21) days of receiving such a request.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Métis Nation Provincial Council shall provide the following at each Annual Assembly:

- i. An audited annual consolidated financial statement of every Métis Nation-owned or affiliated company;
- ii. A separate annual "Schedule of Remuneration" that details the remuneration (salaries, wages, commissions, bonuses, fees, honoraria, dividends and expenses – including transportation, accommodation, meals, hospitality and incidentals) paid to each Board member and Chief Executive Officer (or whatever title the top management position is called) in their professional and personal capacities:

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#2

RESOLUTION
DEFEATED

- iii. Each affiliated company's auditor's written report respecting the consolidated financial statements; and
- iv. Each affiliated company's auditor's report respecting the schedule of remuneration.
- v. This audit shall be paid for through each respective affiliate's funding;

And for each of the documents listed above, the Métis Nation Provincial Council must provide the document(s) upon request by any of its Members to the Member within twenty-one (21) days of receiving such a request.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Every Regional Council shall provide the following at each Annual Regional Meeting:

- i. (i) An audited annual consolidated financial statement;
- ii. (ii) A separate annual "schedule of remuneration" that details the remuneration (salaries, wages, commissions, bonuses, fees, honoraria, dividends and expenses – including transportation, accommodation, meals, hospitality and incidentals) paid by the Region and any entity, including affiliated companies controlled by the Region, to its President and each of its Regional Council Members in their professional and personal capacities;
- iii. (iii) An auditor's written report respecting the consolidated financial statements; and
- iv. (iv) An auditor's report respecting the schedule of remuneration; and

And for each of the documents listed above, the Métis Nation Regional Council must provide the document(s) upon request by any of its Region's Members within twenty-one (21) days of receiving such a request.

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Every Regional Council shall provide the following at each Annual Regional Meeting:

- i. An audited annual consolidated financial statement each year for any affiliated company controlled by the Regional Council;
- ii. A separate annual "Schedule of Remuneration" that details the remuneration (salaries, wages, commissions, bonuses, fees, honoraria, dividends and expenses – including transportation, accommodation, meals, hospitality and incidentals) paid to each Board of Governor member and Chief Executive Officer (or whatever title the top management position is called) in their professional and personal capacities;
- iii. Each affiliated company's auditor's written report respecting the consolidated financial statements;
- iv. Each affiliated company's auditor's report respecting the schedule of remuneration; and

And for each of the documents listed above, the Regional Council must provide the document(s) upon request by any of its Region's Members to the Member within twenty-one (21) days of receiving such a request.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Every Local Council shall provide the following at each Annual Local Meeting:

- i. An audited annual consolidated financial statement;
- ii. A separate annual "schedule of remuneration" that details the remuneration (salaries, wages, commissions, bonuses, fees, honoraria, dividends and expenses – including transportation, accommodation, meals, hospitality and incidentals) paid by the Local Council and any entity, including Métis Nation Local Council affiliated companies owned by the Métis Nation Local Council, to its President and each of its Local Council Members in their professional and personal capacities;

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- iii. An auditor's written report respecting the consolidated financial statements;
- iv. An auditor's report respecting the schedule of remuneration; and

And for each of the documents listed above, the Local Council must provide the document(s) upon request by any of its Local's Members to the Member within twenty-one (21) days of receiving such a request.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Every Local Council shall provide the following at each Annual Local Meeting:

- i. Each affiliated company owned or controlled by a Local Council shall provide its audited annual consolidated financial statement;
- ii. A separate annual "Schedule of Remuneration" that details the remuneration (salaries, wages, commissions, bonuses, fees, honoraria, dividends and expenses – including transportation, accommodation, meals, hospitality and incidentals) paid to each Board of Governor member and Chief Executive Officer (or whatever title the Lead Management position is called) in their professional and personal capacities;
- iii. Each affiliated company's auditor's written report respecting the consolidated financial statements; and
- iv. Each affiliated company's auditor's report respecting the schedule of remuneration.
- v. This audit shall be paid for through each respective affiliated company's funding; and

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And for each of the documents listed above, the Local Council must provide the document(s) upon request by any of its Local's Members in Good Standing to the Member within twenty-one (21) days of such a request following the Annual Local Meeting.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Failure to provide the required audited financial statements to the respective Annual meetings regarding all the information set out in these resolutions shall constitute a breach of fiduciary duty to the Members by the respective Council and that Council shall have thirty (30) days to rectify the situation and provide the required financial details to the Members.

MOVED BY TRACEY FRIEDEL
SECONDED BY LEO MONCRIEFF

ORDINARY RESOLUTION

#3

RESOLUTION DEFEATED

RESPECTFUL RESEARCH

WHEREAS, the Métis Nation of Alberta signed an Agreement with Alberta Health Services and the Alberta Centre for Injury Control & Research to conduct health research on all Métis nation of Alberta Members; and

WHEREAS, not all Métis nation of Alberta Members signed consent forms allowing the Métis Nation of Alberta Executive Officers to undertake health research on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, allowing research relating to Members without their individual consent may breach applicable rules of moral and ethical conduct and laws respecting the confidentiality of information; and

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WHEREAS, it is imperative that any and all research on or relating to Members of the Métis Nation of Alberta follow the ethical standards already established which in the guiding ethical principles outlined in the Tri Council Policy Statement, including the highest values of respect for persons, and concern for welfare and justice.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Any and all research of any Member of the Métis Nation of Alberta or their ancestors will have to be agreed upon by each Member it applies to or for.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT

That all and any research undertaken by the Métis Nation of Alberta at a Provincial, Regional or Local level shall follow the ethical standards already established in the Tri Council Policy Statement.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT

When research is to be conducted in relation to constitutional rights or accommodation of Métis communal rights then the Local Métis Community, Local Métis Historical Community, or communities impacted will be involved in all discussions and the consent of the impacted community or communities will be required.

MOVED BY LEO MONCRIEFF
SECONDED BY ATHENA MCKENZIE

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RESOLUTION DEFEATED

PROMOTING DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

WHEREAS, the Métis Nation's mandate is to provide Métis people an opportunity to participate in government's policy and decision-making process including providing resolutions to the Métis Nation Annual Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Métis Nation's mandate is to promote and facilitate the advancement of Métis people through the pursuit of self-reliance, self-determination and self-management; and

WHEREAS, it is the right of all Métis Nation of Alberta Members is to participate in the cultural, economic, educational, political, social and spiritual activities of the Métis Nation; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize our traditional practices, such as selection of Chairs at Annual Assemblies, and to ensure a fair process so all Métis Nation of Alberta members are allowed to be heard at Annual Assembly; and

WHEREAS, all Métis Nation of Alberta members must have an opportunity to be heard at an Annual Assembly to allow for the proper "rule of democracy" and a trained and professional Chair will help to accomplish this; and

WHEREAS, in order for good, transparent and inclusive governance of the Métis Nation of Alberta that all Special Resolutions and Ordinary Resolutions are presented and voted on by all attending Métis Nation of Alberta members at Annual Assembly; and

WHEREAS, it is unreasonable and unfair to expect all Métis Nation of Alberta members to have an extensive understanding of the Métis Nation of Alberta Bylaws or the complexity of the governance rules; and

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WHEREAS, it is unreasonable and unfair to place an expectation upon Members to determine if a Special Resolution or Ordinary Resolution is proper or out-of-order with the Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the Métis Nation of Alberta has its own Métis Judiciary Council whose objective is to provide an unbiased (fair) decision making body which is independent of the political process of the Métis Nation of Alberta; and

WHEREAS, the Alberta Societies Act, includes the provision that "no rescission or alternation of or addition to a bylaw has effect until it has been registered by the Registrar".

SO, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

In order to provide a fair and professional engagement for all Métis Nation of Alberta members the Chair(s) for the Métis Nation Annual Assembly shall be selected through the following process:

- a. The "certified" (trained) Chair or Co-Chairs of each Métis Nation Annual Assembly shall be nominated and voted on by the attending Métis Nation members; and
- b. In order to qualify for Chair or Co-Chair, an individual will be required to have "formal certification" in the proper procedure of Chairing Meetings, such as the National Association of Parliamentarians, which includes training with Robert's Rules of Order; and
- c. The Métis Nation Provincial Council Executive will ensure that a contracted individual who has "certification" regarding proper procedure of Chairing meetings, such as the National Association of Parliamentarians, is available at each Métis Nation Annual Assembly;
- d. In the case where none of the Métis Nation members qualify to be nominated, then the contracted "certified" individual will Chair the Métis Nation Annual Assembly; and
- e. In the case where a contracted "certified" individual is to Chair the respective Métis Nation Annual Assembly, a Métis Nation member shall be nominated and voted on to sit as Co-Chair; or

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- f. In the case where only one (1) Métis nation member who has certification in proper procedure for Chairing Meetings is nominated and selected to Chair the Métis Nation Annual Assembly, a second (2nd) Métis Nation member will be nominated and voted to sit as Vice-Chair.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- a. Every question or Special Resolution or Ordinary Resolution proposed by a Member or Local shall be heard on the floor of the Métis Nation Annual Assembly;
- b. No ad-hoc resolution committee shall be used at an Annual Assembly;
- c. Every question or Special Resolution or Ordinary Resolution shall be decided by a majority of votes of Members present unless otherwise required by these bylaws or by the Societies Act;
- d. In the event of an equality of votes, the question or resolution shall be considered lost;
- e. Each Special or Ordinary Resolution passed at an Annual Assembly shall be forwarded to the Métis Judiciary Council within twenty-one (21) days of the Annual Assembly to determine its appropriateness and merit in accordance with the Métis Nation Bylaws; and
- f. The Métis Judiciary Council shall determine and forward to the Métis Nation Provincial Council Secretary their decision(s) within forty-two (42) days of receiving the Resolutions.

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DEFEATED**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

In order to provide a fair and professional engagement for all Métis Nation of Alberta members the Chair(s) of a Métis Nation Special Meeting shall be selected through the following process:

- a. The "certified" (trained) Chair or Co-Chairs of each Métis Nation Special Meeting shall be nominated and voted on by the attending Métis Nation member; and
- b. In order to qualify for Chair or Co-Chair, an individual will be required to have "formal certification" in the proper procedure of Chairing Meetings, such as the National Association of Parliamentarians;
- c. The Métis Nation Provincial Council Executive Officers will ensure a contracted individual who has certification regarding proper procedure for the Chairing meetings, such as the National Association of Parliamentarians, is available at each Métis Nation Special Meeting so that in the case where none of the Métis Nation members qualify to be nominated, then the contracted "certified" (trained) individual will Chair the Special Meeting; and
- d. In the case where a contracted "certified" individual is to Chair the respective Métis Nation Special Meeting, a Métis Nation member shall be nominated and voted on to sit as Co-Chair; or
- e. In the situation where only one (1) Métis Nation member who has certified in proper procedure for Chairing Meetings is nominated and voted to Chair the Métis Nation Special Meeting, a second (2nd) Métis Nation member will be nominated and voted to sit as Vice-Chair.

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Secretary of the Métis Nation of Alberta shall register with the Registrar of Corporation of Alberta all special resolutions of an Annual Assembly or Special Meeting within twenty-one (21) days of having received the decision(s) for each special resolution from the Métis Judiciary Council.

MOVED BY MEHGAN OMENIHO
SECONDED BY TRACEY FRIEDEL





SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS



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SPECIAL RESOLUTION

#1

WHEREAS, the Métis Nation of Alberta bylaws should be as easy to follow as possible, and Whereas certain Articles are not consistent in their wording as they progress through their order, Therefore be it resolved that the following Articles be changed to read as follows :

Article 25.6 - Reverse "resolution or question" to read "question or resolution".

Article 25.6 - Add "question or" in front of "resolution" in both locations in the remainder of this Article.

Article 51.6 - Reverse "resolution or question" to read "question or resolution".

Article 51.6 - Add "question or" in front of "resolution" in both locations in the remainder of this Article.

Article 70.6 - Reverse "resolution or question" to read "question or resolution".

Article 70.6 - Add "question or" in front of "resolution" in both locations in the remainder of this Article.

MOVED BY BRIAN J. HAMELIN
SECONDED BY PAT RONALD

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#2

WHEREAS, past practice has shown the process for choosing the Chairperson and Co Chairperson at Annual Assemblies has been undemocratic and prejudicial, and

WHEREAS, every single vote cast by a Métis Nation of Alberta Life Member should be of equal value, and

WHEREAS, an Ordinary Resolution passed by the Assembly in the past outlining the exact following proposal was arbitrarily and unilaterally discarded by the President at several previous Assemblies,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT A NEW ARTICLE BE ADDED TO ARTICLE 24 "ANNUAL ASSEMBLY" TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Article 24.6 The selection of Chairperson and Co-Chairperson of the Annual Assembly shall be conducted as outlined below:

- a. Nominations for Chairperson/Co-Chairperson must be made and seconded from the floor
- b. Nominees will be asked if they will let their names stand in reverse order
- c. Where only one nominee remains for position of Chairperson, that person shall be acclaimed to the position. Nominations will now be accepted for position of Co-Chairperson
- d. Where only two nominees remain for the position of Chairperson/Co-Chairperson, voting shall firstly be conducted by show of hands. A secret ballot vote shall be conducted if requested by five (5) Lifetime Members if demanded within three (3) minutes of the announcement of the results of the vote by show of hands. The nominee with the most votes shall be the Chairperson and the nominee with the second most votes shall be the Co-Chairperson. If the election is for the position of Co-Chairperson only, the nominee with the most votes shall be Co-Chairperson

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- e. Where more than two (2) nominees remain for the position of Chairperson voting shall be conducted by secret ballot. The nominee with the most votes shall be the Chairperson and the nominee with the second most votes shall be the Co Chairperson

MOVED BY BRIAN J. HAMELIN
SECONDED BY PAT RONALD

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

#3

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 4.8 defines a Local Community as a Métis Local affiliated with the Métis Nation of Alberta Association and means:

(a) A minimum of ten (10) Métis Lifetime Members in good standing:

- i. who have obtained the consent of the Provincial Council to use the name "Métis Nation" in its name; and
- ii. who have obtained the consent of a majority of the members of their Regional Council at a meeting of the Regional Council; and
- iii. who are presently incorporated pursuant to the Societies Act of Alberta; or

BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Bylaws Article 4.8 be amended by removing 4.8 (a) (iii) and replacing it with and adding 4.8 (a)(iv):

(iii) who shall provide copies of their incorporation documents as required by the *Societies Act, RSA 2000, c S-14* when requested to do so by the Métis Nation of Alberta; and

(iv) who shall provide a list of their Métis Local members who have met the Métis definition of Article 6 when requested to do so by the Métis Nation of Alberta.

MOVED BY: NORMA SPICER
SECONDED BY: BEATRICE DEMETRIUS

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#4

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 6.1 states 'The Métis Nation shall consist of the following categories of membership:

- (a) Métis Lifetime Member; and

WHEREAS, Article 6.1 states 'The Métis Nation shall consist of the following categories of membership:

- (a) The full name and residential address;
- (b) The date of which the person is admitted as a member;
- (c) The date on which the person ceases to be a member;
- (d) The class of membership of the person

BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Bylaws Article 10.2 be amended by removing 10.2 (d) in its entirety.

MOVED BY: NORMA SPICER

SECONDED BY: BEATRICE DEMETRIUS

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#5

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 6.1 states "The Métis Nation shall consist of the following categories of membership:

- (a) Métis Lifetime Member; and

WHEREAS, Article 10.3 states 'All applications for membership shall be processed at the Métis Nation membership office;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Bylaws Article 10.3 be amended by removing "at the Métis Nation membership office" and replacing it with "by the Métis Nation of Alberta Registry"

MOVED BY: NORMA SPICER

SECONDED BY: BEATRICE DEMETRIUS

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

#6

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 10.5 states '*upon approval of membership the Métis Nation shall issue a membership card*'

BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Bylaws Article 10.5 be deleted and replaced with *upon approval of membership the Métis Nation Registry shall issue a Métis ID number.*

MOVED BY: NORMA SPICER

SECONDED BY: BEATRICE DEMETRIUS

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#7

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 10.7 states 'any Métis who has been accepted as a Member must sign and take an oath of membership to the Métis Nation'; and

WHEREAS, Article 10.8 states 'the oath of membership shall be attached as Schedule "A" to these Bylaw and shall form a part of these Bylaws'

WHEREAS, the Métis Nation of Alberta Registry is totally automated and a Certificate is generated automatically and issued to the applicant;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Bylaws be amended by deleting Articles 10.7 and 10.8 in their entirety.

MOVED BY: NORMA SPICER

SECONDED BY: BEATRICE DEMETRIUS

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#8

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 12.1 states 'The Government of the Métis Nation shall consist of the following but not limited to:

- a. Provincial Council;
- b. Regional Council;
- c. Local Council.'

BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Bylaws Article 12.1 be amended by deleting 'but not limited to;' hereinafter to read: 'The Government of the Métis Nation shall consist of the following:

- a. Provincial Council;
- b. Regional Council;
- c. Local Council.'

MOVED BY: NORMA SPICER
SECONDED BY: BEATRICE DEMETRIUS

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#9

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 12.3 states 'The Regional Council shall consist of the following Métis Lifetime Members:

- a. Regional President elected to the Provincial Council for the Region; and
- b. Regional Vice President elected to the Provincial Council for the Region; and
- c. The Presidents of each Local Council within the Region'

BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Bylaws Article 12.3(a) be amended by deleting 'the Provincial Council for'; Article 12.3(b) be amended by deleting 'the Provincial Council for' and Article 12.3 (c) be amended by adding 'who have met all the requirements of Article 4.8 of the Métis Nation of Alberta Bylaws.'

HEREINAFTER to read:

- a. Regional President elected to the Region; and
- b. (Regional Vice President elected to the Region; and
- c. The Presidents of each Local Council within the Region who have met all the requirements of Article 4.8 of the Métis Nation of Alberta Bylaws'

MOVED BY: NORMA SPICER
SECONDED BY: BEATRICE DEMETRIUS

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#10

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 14 delineates the POWERS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL; and 14.1 states 'each Regional Council shall govern the affairs of their Region'

BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Bylaws Article 14 be amended by adding:

14.1(a) Each Regional Council shall ensure each Métis Local meets all the requirements of Article 4.8; and

14.1(b) Each Regional Council shall request on an annual basis, evidence of active registration as per Societies Act, RSA 2000 as amended from time, and

14.1(c) Each Regional Council shall request on an annual basis a list of the Métis Lifetime Members of the Local; and

14.1(c) Each Regional Council shall confirm with the Métis Nation of Alberta Registry that all Métis Local members have met the requirement of Article 6.2

MOVED BY: NORMA SPICER
SECONDED BY: BEATRICE DEMETRIUS

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#11

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 15 delineates the POWERS OF THE LOCAL COUNCIL; and 15.1 states 'each Local Council shall govern the affairs of the Local Community`

BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Bylaws Article 15 be amended by adding

15.1(a) Each Métis Local shall provide evidence of active registration as per Societies Act, RSA 2000, c S-14 as amended from time to time` `and

15(b) on an annual basis provides a list of Métis Lifetime Members of the Local as per Article 6.2 to the Regional Council.`

MOVED BY: NORMA SPICER
SECONDED BY: BEATRICE DEMETRIUS

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#12

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 17.1 defines the Executive Officers of the Métis Nation shall consist of the following:

- a. President (elected Province Wide)
- b. Vice-President (elected Province Wide)
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Bylaws Article 17.1 be amended by adding elected Province Wide to 17.1(c) and 17.1 (d):

- a. President (elected Province Wide)
- b. Vice-President (elected Province Wide)
- c. Secretary (elected Province Wide)
- d. Treasurer (elected Province Wide)

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these changes will be effective at the 2018 Métis Nation of Alberta elections and thereafter.

MOVED BY: NORMA SPICER
SECONDED BY: BEATRICE DEMETRIUS

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#13

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 states – 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 the Provincial Council member;
- b. If any Provincial Council member, without reasonable excuse is absent from three (3) consecutive Provincial Council meetings;
- c. A Provincial Council member resigns by delivering a written resignation to the Secretary of the Métis Nation;
- d. 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;
- e. If a Provincial Council member becomes registered in a Band list or in the Indian Registry according to the provisions of the Indian Act, R.S.C.;
- f. If a Provincial Council member other than the President or Vice President no longer resides in the Region they represent.

WHEREAS, Provincial Council members are all elected in a ballot box election process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Article 23.1 be amended by deleting 23.1(b) in its entirety and renumbering Article 23.1.

MOVED BY: NORMA SPICER
SECONDED BY: BEATRICE DEMETRIUS

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#14

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 25.3 (a) states – Each Lifetime member shall be entitled to vote at the Annual Assembly provided:

- a. The Lifetime member is personally present at the Annual Assembly; and
- b. The Lifetime member has registered at the Annual Assembly; and
- c. The Lifetime member has not withdrawn from membership and

WHEREAS, Article 25.3(b) states – the Lifetime member has registered at the Annual Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Article 25.3 (c) states – the Lifetime member has not withdrawn from membership; and

WHEREAS, the Métis Nation of Alberta Registry registers all Annual Assembly delegates; and any member who has self-terminated their membership is no longer an active member;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

Article 25.3(a) be amended by inserting ``during the business meeting portion of` between present and the Annual Assembly; and

Article 25.3(b) be amended by inserting as a delegate between registered and at; and

Article 25.3(c) be deleted in its entirety.

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HEREINAFTER ARTICLE

25.3(a) shall read: The Lifetime member is personally present during the business meeting portion of the Annual Assembly; and

25.3(b) shall read: the Lifetime member is registered as a delegate by the Métis Nation of Alberta Registry.

MOVED BY: NORMA SPICER
SECONDED BY: BEATRICE DEMETRIUS

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#15

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 25.7 (a) states – Special Resolutions passed at an Annual Assembly are effective from the date that they are registered with the Registrar of Corporations of Alberta by the Secretary of the Métis Nation;

WHEREAS, the Métis Nation of Alberta is a registered society under Societies Act, RSA 2000, c S-14; and

WHEREAS, the correct name, address and contact information is as follows:

Corporate Registry Service Alberta Box 1007 Station Main Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4W6	South Counter Mezzanine Floor, John E. Brownlee Building 10365-97 Street Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3W7	Telephone: 780-427-7013 RITE line within Alberta 310-0000 Fax: 780-422-1091 E-mail: cr@gov.ab.ca
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

Article 25.7 be amended by deleting the Registrar of Corporations of Alberta and replacing it with Corporate Registry Service Alberta

HEREINAFTER ARTICLE 25.7 SHALL READ:

Special Resolutions passed at an Annual Assembly are effective from the date that they are registered with the Corporate Registry Service Alberta by the Secretary of the Métis Nation;

MOVED BY: NORMA SPICER

SECONDED BY: BEATRICE DEMETRIUS

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#16

WHEREAS Articles 4.12 states Métis Judiciary Council means a judiciary council established under Article 29 of these Bylaws; and

WHEREAS ARTICLES 29 further defines the composition, term of service, candidate qualifications and how the role of an individual Métis Judiciary Council member will cease; and

WHEREAS ARTICLE 30 define the powers of the Métis Judiciary Council; and

WHEREAS ARTICLE 31 defines the rights of parties before the Métis Judiciary Council; and

WHEREAS ARTICLE 32 defines the Métis Judiciary Council Procedure on Conflict of Interest of Provincial Council Members; and

WHEREAS the Métis Judiciary Council should under no circumstances be a body that is used for personal reasons or to resolve frivolous issues or issues that have no merit to the Métis Nation of Alberta Members; and

WHEREAS the current wording of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Bylaws in Article 29, Article 30, Article 31 and Article 32 ratified at the 1995 Annual Assembly are outdated and allow for issues to be brought forward in a manner that is not consistent with judicial practices in other jurisdictions;

WHEREAS it is incumbent upon the Members of the Métis Nation of Alberta to ensure that the MJC is governed by bylaws that ensure the MJC operates at the highest judicial standard possible;

WHEREAS there must be a complete and thorough review of the MJC and its current establishment, including but not limited to how matters are brought forward, its powers and rights of the parties; and

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#16

WHEREAS, the Métis Judiciary Council has existed in its present format since 1996;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Bylaws be amended by deleting Articles 29, Article 30, Article 31 and Article 32 in their entirety as well as all references to the Métis Judiciary Council in the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Bylaws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a complete and comprehensive review is conducted, and all Métis communities and members are consulted on the redesign of our judicial process that will operate at the highest judicial standard possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the current operations of the MJC shall be suspended until the review is concluded and brought back to this Assembly for ratification.

MOVED BY: NORMA SPICER

SECONDED BY: BEATRICE DEMETRIUS

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#17

WHEREAS, the Métis Nation of Alberta members believe in accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, the Métis Nation of Alberta members are deserving of a fair presentation of financial information;

WHEREAS, the Métis Nation of Alberta as a corporate entity has developed to become a complex organizational structure, one in which the registered society, on behalf of its members, owns as a shareholder, or has other corporate interests in various affiliates/ bodies/entities/ subsidiaries/etc.; and

WHEREAS, the Métis people in Alberta, including the membership of the Métis Nation of Alberta have a right to know the true financial position of the organization, inclusive of a disclosure of all corporate holdings, whether these exist as shares or other corporate interests, and in order that members can discern in an open and transparent way the current status of the organization from a financial risk and benefit perspective.

SO, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article 35.5 be added to the bylaws to state that:

The Métis Nation of Alberta Provincial Council present financial information as according to the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). At each Annual Assembly, the Métis Nation of Alberta Provincial Council must disclose through an audited, consolidated Financial Statement, relevant financial information for all corporate affiliates/bodies/entities/subsidiaries/ etc. associated with the Métis Nation of Alberta – and that this include Corporate Structure and Shareholder Agreement or similar information, as well as personal expenses for elected officials and staff persons (e.g. travel), all to be audited and signed by a duly qualified auditor; and

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THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article 57.5 be added to the bylaws to state that:

At each Regional Annual Assembly, Métis Nation of Alberta Regional Councils must disclose through an audited, consolidated Financial Statement, relevant financial information for all corporate affiliates/bodies/entities/subsidiaries/etc. associated with the Regional Council – and that this include Corporate Structure and Shareholder Agreement or similar information, as well as personal expenses for elected officials and staff persons (e.g. travel), all to be audited and signed by a duly qualified auditor; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article 57.5 be added to the bylaws to state that:

At each Local Annual Assembly, the Métis Nation of Alberta Local Councils must disclose through an audited, consolidated Financial Statement, relevant financial information for all corporate affiliates/bodies/entities/subsidiaries/etc. associated with the Métis Nation of Alberta Local Council – and that this include Corporate Structure and Shareholder Agreement or similar information, as well as personal expenses for elected officials and staff persons (e.g. travel), all to be audited and signed by a duly qualified auditor; and

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WHEREAS, the Alberta Elections Act calls for positions outside of the elected officials to select the Chief Electoral Officer; and

WHEREAS, it can be perceived that the elected Provincial Council has a bias when selecting the Chief Electoral Officer for the next election terms; and

WHEREAS, the Métis Nation of Alberta already has a body, the Métis Judiciary Council, which is arms-length from the Provincial Council elected officers; and

WHEREAS, the Métis people of Alberta were trying to develop fair and impartial means to maintain elections when they identified in the Bylaws of the Métis Nation of Alberta that states Article 30.1.b [The Powers of the Judiciary Council shall be] To review and decide all matters respecting the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Election Bylaws where there is a dispute.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

Schedule "C" Election Bylaws of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association; Article 4 – Chief Electoral Officer; 4.1 be amended to read:

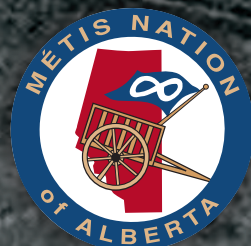
4.1 The Métis Judiciary Council shall appoint a Chief Electoral Officer.

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