

*Healing Our Past.  
Celebrating Our Future.*



PROGRAM 2025



**Otipemisiwak**  
Métis Government

# Events Agenda

## THURSDAY • AUGUST 21

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5:00 PM – 8:00 PM      Citizens' BBQ hosted by President Sandmaier

## FRIDAY • AUGUST 22

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7:30 AM – 4:00 PM      Citizen Registration

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM      Breakfast

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM      Opening Ceremonies and Prayer by  
Elder Norma Spicer  
*Homer's Place*

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM      Government Reports  
*Cultural Gathering Centre*

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM      Lunch

1:00 PM – 4:30 PM      Government Reports  
*Cultural Gathering Centre*

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM      3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Herb Belcourt Fish Fry, Métis Stew,  
and Open Mic

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**9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**      Elders Lounge  
Department Showcase  
Artist Market  
Children and Family Services Activities  
Youth Activities  
Scavenger Hunt  
Métis Crossing Experiences

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**10:00 AM – 5:00 PM**      Food Trucks

# Events Agenda

## SATURDAY • AUGUST 23

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7:30 AM – 4:00 PM      Citizen Registration

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM      Breakfast

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM      Government Reports  
*Cultural Gathering Centre*

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM      Lunch

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM      Government Reports  
*Cultural Gathering Centre*

3:10 PM – 4:30 PM      Citizens' Proposals  
*Cultural Gathering Centre*

4:30 PM      Closing Prayer by Elder Norma Spicer

4:00 PM – 8:00 PM      Gas Cards Distribution  
*Info Booth and Registration*

5:30 PM      Banquet Doors Open

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM      Dinner

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM      Dance with Kikino Northern Lites and  
Nicely Put Together Band

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**10:00 AM – 5:00 PM**      Food Trucks

## SUNDAY • AUGUST 24

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8:00 AM – 10:00 AM      Breakfast

## Artists' Market · Friday & Saturday

In our vibrant community, artists are not just creators— they are the heartbeat of our culture and heritage. Their work embodies our stories, our traditions, and our spirit, translating the richness of our Métis identity into tangible forms. This market is a celebration of their invaluable contributions and a testament to their role in preserving and revitalizing our cultural legacy. Supporting artists is essential, not only because it sustains their craft but also because it strengthens the fabric of our community. By purchasing their work, you're investing in the continuity of our traditions and the innovation of new expressions that keep our culture dynamic and alive. Thank you for being here and for supporting the artists who enrich our lives and our heritage.

## Department Showcase · Friday

The Otipemisiwak Métis Government is comprised of several departments that work diligently to serve our Citizens. The Department Showcase highlights the vital work and initiatives of our different departments, offering a unique opportunity to engage with key programs, innovations, and services that impact communities across the Nation. Each department's display is an opportunity to celebrate the ongoing commitment and meaningful work driving our government's mission forward.

## Business Showcase · Saturday

Alberta MétisWorks was created as a way to build a directory of Métis-owned and verified businesses in Alberta. This directory is a tool for our community to support locally owned and operated Métis businesses and provide them with procurement opportunities. If you are interested in learning more about how to join the Alberta MétisWorks directory and the procurement opportunities, check out our website at [web.albertametisworks.ca](http://web.albertametisworks.ca).

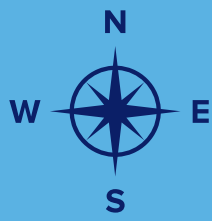
This Showcase is supported and curated by Alberta MétisWorks and features many Métis businesses.

# Métis Traditional Plant Scavenger Hunt

## Participate and receive a gift box!

- 1 Pick up your stamp card from the information booth. There are 5 plants listed on each card.
- 2 Search the Métis Crossing grounds for each plant station and learn about the medicinal properties of each plant.
- 3 Receive a stamp on your card at each of the 5 stations.
- 4 Once you've collected all 5 stamps, return to the information booth to receive a final stamp and medicinal plant gift box!









## SERVICES

-  Food Trucks
-  Washrooms
-  First Aid
-  Parking

## STOPS

-  Golf Cart Stop
-  Scavenger Hunt

## WARNINGS

-  DO NOT ENTER
-  Caution!

## LOCATIONS

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Cultural Gathering Centre | 7. Boat Launch                    | 12. RV Camping Lots         |
| 2. The Lodge                 | 8. Skills & Pole Shed             | 13. Trapper Tents           |
| 3. Veterans Monument         | 9. Sinclair House and Garden      | 14. Pavilion                |
| 4. Cromarty Barn             | 10. Cromarty Homestead and Garden | 15. Tent Camping Lots       |
| 5. Homer's Place Stage       | 11. Farmyard Barn                 | 16. Riverside Field ≈ 400 m |
| 6. Outdoor Classroom         |                                   | 17. Domes                   |



# Business Agenda

## FRIDAY • AUGUST 22

7:30 AM Breakfast & Registration  
8:30 AM Registration  
9:00 AM Grand Entry and Opening Ceremonies  
Overview of Day & Procedures  
Call to Order, Motion to Approve Agenda  
Consultation  
Intergovernmental Relations

10:45 AM – Break  
11:00 AM

Youth, Sport, & Gender Equity  
Justice  
Metis Settlement & First Nation Relations  
Language Revitalization

12:10 PM – Lunch  
1:10 PM

Health, Wellbeing, & Seniors  
Children & Family Services  
Tourism, Métis Crossing  
Economic & Rural Development  
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2:40 PM – Break  
2:55 PM

Citizenship & Registry, Registrar's Report  
Environment, Climate Change,  
& Emergency Management

# Business Agenda

Education & Training, Rupertsland Institute  
Métis Education Foundation  
Veterans Affairs  
President's Closing Remarks Day 1  
Fish Fry & Evening Info

4:30 PM Gathering In-Recess

5:30 PM Blessing of Meal

## SATURDAY • AUGUST 23

7:30 AM Breakfast & Registration  
8:30 AM Registration  
9:00 AM Recall to Order  
Opening Prayer  
Overview of Day & Procedures  
President's Report  
Secretary of Records Report  
Motion to Approve Minutes of 2024 Citizens' Gathering  
Ombudsman Report  
Judicial Branch Report  
Harvesting & Culture

10:35 AM – Break  
10:50 PM

2024-25 By-Elections Report  
Citizens' Council Report  
Self-Government & Transition

# *Business Agenda*

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**12:10 PM – Lunch**

**1:10 PM**

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Métis Urban Housing, Métis Capital Housing  
Métis Nation Holdings  
Secretary of the Treasury / Auditor General Report

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**2:35 PM – Break**

**2:50 PM**

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Report on 2024 Citizens' Proposals  
Explanation of Citizens' Proposal & Special  
Resolutions Process  
Citizens' Proposals and Special Resolutions  
President's Closing Remarks  
Evening and Banquet Info  
Closing Prayer

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**4:30 PM Motion to Adjourn**

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**6:00 PM Blessing of the Meal**





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