

Manitoba Metis Federation

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Annual Report

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Our Mission

The Manitoba Metis Federation serves the Métis Nation's Manitoba Métis Community and its Citizens through advancing their cultural, social, economic and political well-being and through a strong, representative and self-sustaining Metis Government founded on the inherent rights of the Manitoba Metis Community.

Our Vision

A strong, democratic and accountable Métis Government in Manitoba committed to improving the lives of our Citizens and empowered by a proud and vibrant people forever united within the Métis Nation.



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Annual Greetings



THE RT. HON. JUSTIN P. J. TRUDEAU, P.C., M.P.

Prime Minister of Canada

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone taking part in the 52nd Annual General Assembly of the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF).

For over fifty years, the Manitoba Metis Federation has dedicated itself to advancing the well-being of Manitoba's Metis community. This Annual General Assembly provides an opportunity to review the MMF's accomplishments over the past year, discuss issues of importance, and establish goals and priorities for the future.

It continues to be a challenging time for planning and hosting events. That is why I would like to thank the dedicated organizers for their hard work in making this year's AGA virtual so that it could still take place. I am certain that delegates will make the most of this chance to network, build relationships and contribute to this important gathering.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable and productive meeting.

The Manitoba Metis Federation acknowledges along with this written statement, Prime Minister Trudeau also provided video greetings on behalf of the government of Canada.



THE PATH FORWARD – A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

At the time of our Nation's birth, we emerged strong as the masters of the Plains. We became known for our determination and our victories in our military and legal struggles, as well as for driving political change and economic growth across our Homeland – the Prairies.

Our leading roles in hunting and trading was made possible by our collective passion for self-determination. Whether manning the York Boats, driving the Red River Carts, facing an enemy, or building a community, our Métis Nation's Citizens have always worked together for our shared protection and success.

Sharing the benefits of our hard work during times of peace and plenty, and sharing our pain during times of trouble, led to organized decision-making and electing Métis Governments founded on strong democratic principles and Citizen assemblies. It was our united stance that led to the Métis Nation establishing the province of Manitoba and building what is now Western Canada.

Today, we continue to grow together, our families relying on each other, sharing resources and supporting one another – all while continuing to place high value on the voices of each individual within our Nation. Always with our own laws, upholding democracy as far back as the buffalo hunts where we elected the Capitan of the Hunt every morning, we've embraced democracy throughout our history, not because we were told it was right – because we knew it was right.

That is why our Annual General Assembly (AGA) remains so important. It allows us all to demonstrate our commitment to the democratic process that ensures all Citizens can represent their perspectives.

Protecting the health and safety of our Citizens is our priority. However, we will not alter our fundamental principle that our Citizens be represented and their voices be heard. Our prime purpose for this Assembly is to bridge the gap brought on by the pandemic so that we can still share our thoughts and strategies.

We have spent over 200 years fighting to preserve our distinct national values, voice, and principles, pushing back on colonial definitions of who we are, and rejecting questions about whether or not we have a right to exist as a Nation. That struggle has taken many forms over the years, from bloody battles at Frog Plain and Batoche, all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada. We wear our struggle like a badge of honour, proud of our refusal to be defeated.

Respect must be paid to Louis Riel and all our Ancestors who, in their time, led our battle at great personal cost. Riel's vision was so much bigger than the Canadian government of the day – he fought for an inclusive vision of Canada, one that paid respect to newcomers and First Nations, their languages and identities, as well as his own Métis people. He fought for Canadian ideals before Canada even knew its own identity.

While the fight isn't over, we've emerged from the long silence in recent decades, earning recognition of our rightful place in Canada's Confederation, as one of the three constitutionally recognized Indigenous peoples of this country. Recognition is not enough. In the spirit of reconciliation and restitution for the harms done to our Nation, we have never wavered in our demands for distinction-based, Métis-specific funding and programs to rebuild what was threatened by the reign of terror and the marginalization of our people. Never forget that the funds that are transferred from the government are our tax dollars – dollars that we have paid since the creation of taxes in Canada.

Let me be clear that we have waited a long, long time for a Prime Minister to show this kind of respect, supporting an inclusionary approach that ensures the Métis Nation is treated as a distinct government, using a distinctions-based approach. This nation-to-nation government-to-government relationship is history in the making. The time has come for us to finally be empowered with the responsibility for ourselves and demonstrate the true meaning of this relationship with Canada.

But what does this really mean?

The direction that this Prime Minister has taken – with advice from leaders like myself – is to work in unison toward what we see as the pathway to a better future. It is the transfer of powers historically held by bureaucrats in Ottawa to the shoulders of Métis Governments. It means that we can finally be our own masters, look after our own families and build our own programs and services.

Many may not see it yet – this may look like standard practice in an exchange of business. But I know this is the catalyst for change and a real transfer of power and jurisdiction. Going forward, we will decide our fate. We will make decisions for ourselves. This pathway, chosen by the Prime Minister, is the gateway to change for decades to come.

One example of the far-reaching effects of this change is the first-time home buyer program. Today and in the coming few years, we will see the joy of a family owning their very own home – kids with their own bedrooms, parents proud to host grandparents and relatives at their table. What is not yet visible is the empowerment of home ownership that comes later. These homeowners' children will inherit a legacy and finally have the head start in life that was promised to our children in the 1870 Manitoba Act.

Another example is education. When did we think that we'd be able to offer \$5,000 to our post-secondary students? Imagine the future, as we help thousands of students get financial support and find a profession. Each of our students will be empowered to launch a career and earn a good income to secure a future for themselves, while bringing knowledge and expertise into our Nation.

These are examples of change that have happened in just the last few years. The decades that follow will be a powerful testament to the positive outcomes we've fought for all these years. This is how reconciliation happens, through our ability to govern ourselves and support our own Citizens as they achieve.

On behalf of our Métis Citizens, I have relayed our message of appreciation to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who made further history in mentioning our Nation multiple times in the recent Throne Speech. Thank you, Justin.

At long last, we are beginning to see our vision realized. We have long-term commitments from Canada to ensure that we can continue to invest in the well-being of our Métis Nation. From funding for students through bursaries and scholarships, to small business loans for entrepreneurs, loans for first-time home buyers, the home repair program, opening pharmacies and culturally sensitive childcare facilities – these are just some of the great things we've done and there's more to accomplish. Our Nation is stronger today than we have ever been.

Democracy. Family. Sharing. Honesty. Strength. Perseverance. These are the values that created our Nation and make us who we are today.

We are the Métis, the people who own themselves. Like the prairie flowers that flourish in this challenging land and have appeared in our floral beadwork for hundreds of years, we are resilient on our home soil.

Together, we will continue to grow our roots in the nurturing Manitoba soil, as we have for more than two hundred years. We now emerge once again as the leaders of the West, to the benefit of our people, and all who live in our Homeland.

We will always protect our Métis Nation from any that attempt to harm us or take away our identity.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID 19 as a global pandemic. Instead of enjoying the nuances of spring and promises of warmer days to come, society was faced with a pandemic that would change the face of the world forever. Every aspect of living was now dependent upon adapting to "social distancing". "Isolation" became the universal shorthand for daily living. In-person business interactions became nonexistent, and the very cultural values of the Métis Nation were under siege.

Our gatherings represent governance, celebrations of our culture, sharing, and caring. All of which came to a grinding halt.

Your Métis Government has taken great care of our Citizens during this pandemic, ensuring your safety and quality of life were the priorities. Drawing on our Nation's historical traits of adaptation and ingenuity, the Métis Government has developed innovative ways to rise above the challenges of COVID-19 to move forward our Métis Agenda. COVID-19 has stolen lives, health, jobs, and the community connections that allow us all to thrive. It has also attempted to steal our ability to practice democracy in the ways we've always cherished, with each Citizen having the right to stand up and be heard by all levels of the Métis Government.

Deciding that enough was enough, we reclaimed from COVID-19 our right to gather our Citizens, and on February 11, 2021, your Métis Government gave notice of the Manitoba Metis Federation Annual General Assembly 2020.

For the first time since the establishment of our Métis Government in 1967, the MMF is hosting a virtual event for the 2020 AGA. With confidence, we tasked the hardworking dedicated team at the Federation with the responsibility of developing, designing, and implementing a virtual gathering of approximately 500 delegates from across the province, and gave them 45 days to it.

To preserve our traditions, this assembly will be to promote information sharing. We will not be voting on any resolutions introduced from the floor until we can safely gather again until later in the year, hopefully in October. But we will be discussing resolutions, with the expectation that you take this back to your Locals and Regions for further discussion.

The key to our successful Assemblies has always been dependent on two main elements. The first is the overarching priority to make our Citizens' experience one of respect and honour. Everything we do in our daily work is for them. The Federation would not exist without them. They are our top priority, and all aspects of the Assembly revolve around our Citizens. The second is the ability of our Cabinet and staff to understand our Citizens, who they are and where they come from. Who better to organize the most important annual event of our Métis Government than the very team that serves the people every day?

The Cabinet and staff assemble every year and commit to the added responsibilities of the AGA, while maintaining their full workload and ministerial and department priorities. Not daunted by this tremendous undertaking, the team set forth and developed a plan. Every sector of the AGA has been reviewed, redeveloped, and enhanced to facilitate a virtual event.

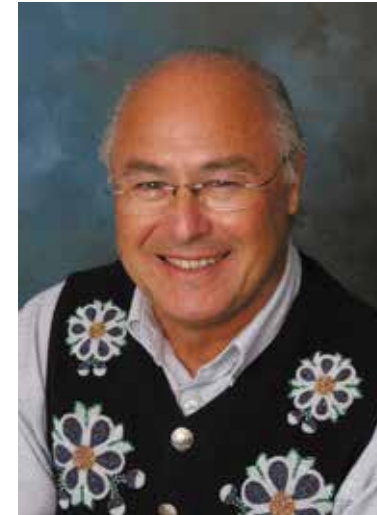
Let me say ahead of time that this is our first attempt at this model of virtual engagement. Our fingers are crossed because we know, in this digital world, we have limited control. We hope that this will be smooth, but there could be flaws and people may lose their connection to the proceedings from time to time. Know that it is not because of our organizers or our government – it's because of the realities of the online world. Thank you for your patience as we navigate these uncharted waters together.

On behalf of our organizers and our Cabinet, I proudly present to you the Annual Report of the AGA 2020.

While this Assembly is different than what we've experienced in the past, know that we have never stopped supporting our Citizens. The MMF has your back. We will get through this together and keep our Nation moving toward better times.

I look forward to hearing more about the will of our Citizens. Believe in yourself. Believe in Métis.

Meeqwetch,
President David Chartrand LL.D. (hons), O.M.



GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT CLÉMENT CHARTIER, QC

Métis National Council

Greetings my fellow Métis Nation friends. It has been far too long since we have been able to gather together at your Annual General Assembly. The year 2020 marking the entry of the Métis Nation into Canada, the celebration of which did not turn out as well as we had hoped and planned for due to the COVID 19 pandemic, was nevertheless successful.

I was very pleased and grateful for President Chartrand, Cabinet, and all MMF community leaders and citizens for making the best efforts in the face of such challenges. But of course, you, we, are no strangers to challenges and hard times. Throughout our eventful history we have faced many obstacles and have managed to survive intact as a people and Nation, with strong ties to the land in Western Canada and to our culture and traditions.

And it is a good thing that our Métis Nation is so deeply rooted in the land, and that we have such dedicated Citizens, as today we are facing one of the biggest challenges of our existence. Let us be clear, there is a real threat of an eastern invasion from Ontario eastward, but particularly from eastern Ontario, which, by slow creep and stealth, has infiltrated into the existence of the Métis Nation and threatens to swamp us through large numbers so that our existence as a distinct people in our traditional Homeland in what is now Western Canada disappears in the minds of Canadians generally, and heaven forbid within our own people over the years.

And while the Manitoba Métis Community through your government and Citizens are strongly defending against this happening, joined in the effort by thousands of us living in Saskatchewan, there are elected leaders in Saskatchewan and Alberta that are aiding and abetting this sell-out of our Nation and people. The Manitoba Métis Community has stood tall and steadfast in preventing this from happening and must continue doubling its efforts to ensure our existence, no matter what the cost!

As your national President for the last 17 years, I am both humbled and honoured to have had this privilege to serve you, to work with your government and to represent your interests and that of the Métis Nation. Thank you.



GREETINGS FROM INFINITY WOMEN SECRETARIAT SPOKESWOMAN ANITA CAMPBELL

**Infinity Women Secretariat Inc.
MMF Minister of Finance & Human Resources**

On behalf of Infinity Women Secretariat, it is my pleasure and honour to extend greetings to the Manitoba Metis Federation's 52nd Annual General Assembly. Welcome to all Elders, Women, Delegates, Youth and Special Guests.

I wanted to reflect on what the year brought us, in 2019/2020, before our world changed and how we function in it. Little did we know that a year later, we would still be dealing with a world pandemic. If we thought we were busy then, we were in for an eye opener. This did not slow us down, though; we just needed to figure out a different way to communicate and shift our priorities as we focused on how to exist and support each other in this new virtual world.

The Manitoba Metis Federation has always put the needs of its Citizens at the forefront and has met every challenge that has been placed before them, at times exceeding expectations of outcomes. It is this tenacity that is the cornerstone of our Manitoba Métis Government, and it is absolutely amazing the amount of work that has been accomplished. There is this continued effort to make sure that our rights are protected and more so our identity, especially with what is happening at the National level. The Manitoba Metis Federation will never allow our rights and identity to be taken and works diligently to meet the needs of our Citizens throughout our Manitoba Métis Community.

As a Member of the Manitoba Metis Federation Cabinet, I am proud of the innovative programs and services that are offered, in addition to the continued resources and supports that are above mainstream. We do not do things "mah-mah-sheesh" which means "any ole way"...there is much forethought that goes into the planning of an initiative, way before the implementation to ensure what we do is highly successful.

We are a maternal Nation, and Métis women have long been the backbone of our Métis culture and politics in our families and communities. By investing in our Métis Women, we are investing in a stronger and more successful future, for everyone across our Manitoba Métis Community. Our Manitoba Métis Government stands behind this investment, as they continue to support Infinity Women Secretariat, and as we work with Métis women to improve their well-being through social, cultural, economic and political initiatives.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to President David Chartrand, the Manitoba Metis Federation Caucus, the amazing staff members and all of our Local Métis Leaders and Citizens for their continued support and encouragement in developing new opportunities for our Métis Women throughout our Manitoba Métis Community.

I look forward to spending the next two days with you - please take care, stay safe and be well.



GREETINGS FROM THE HONOURABLE DANIEL VANDAL, PC, MP

St. Boniface – St. Vital

Hello, Bonjour, Tawnshi,

This year's Annual General Assembly will provide an opportunity to reflect on what has been a very different and difficult year. However, through it all the Métis Nation has continued to find creative ways to serve its citizens, from the purchase of the former BMO building to COVID-19 supports. I am proud of the continued progress the Government of Canada is making in building a true nation-to-nation relationship with the Métis people and recognizing Métis rights. There is more work to do on the path to reconciliation, but together we are headed in the right direction.

Thank you, Merci, Miigwetch, Marsee.



GREETINGS FROM THE HONOURABLE JANICE C. FILMON, CM, OM

Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba

As The Queen's representative in Manitoba, I am pleased to welcome delegates coming together virtually for the Manitoba Metis Federation's (MMF) 52nd Annual General Assembly.

For more than 50 years, the MMF's dedicated leadership and team of volunteers have been steadfastly committed to working in the best interests of the Manitoba Metis community. Through your effective advocacy and full slate of programs and services, you are making a positive difference in the lives of your members. MMF also continues to be a leader in promoting public awareness of the unique history and culture of Metis people, thereby nurturing cultural preservation and inter-cultural understanding.

Though this year's assembly will have a different format than those of past years, I am sure the spirit of unity and progress shared by your members remains as strong as ever. I wish you continued success.



GREETINGS FROM THE HONOURABLE JIM CARR, PC, MP

Winnipeg South Centre
Prime Minister Trudeau's Special Representative for the Prairies

Hello, bonjour!

As a life-long Manitoban, I've witnessed the many ways in which the distinct culture of the Métis Nation has shaped our province's identity. Our government continues to move forward with the Manitoba Metis Federation as true partners in putting reconciliation into action, through cooperation and respect for Métis rights. The Federation's partnership is also invaluable to the Government of Canada in its work to deliver on its commitments to promote economic development, close socioeconomic inequalities, and create jobs. I very much look forward to continuing to work collaboratively to build back even better as we begin to look beyond this COVID-19 pandemic.



GREETINGS FROM MR. WAB KINEW, MLA

Leader Of The New Democratic Party Of Manitoba Fort Rouge

On behalf of the NDP Caucus, it is my pleasure to extend warmest greetings to the Manitoba Metis Federation as you mark your 52nd Annual General Assembly. Founded in the spirit of Louis Riel, father of Manitoba and our first Premier, the Manitoba Metis Federation formed 50 years ago to ensure the Metis Nation in Manitoba is represented democratically with a self-governing political body. Since your inception, you've enriched our province in countless ways, ensuring a prominent and honoured place within the cultural fabric of our province, contributing to our economy and making an indelible mark on our shared history as Manitobans.

In your ongoing dedication, the Manitoba Metis Federation has succeeded in securing job opportunities, provided educational programing and advocated for your rights as a distinct people. It is my firm belief that you deserve a partner in government who will work together with you to empower your Citizens, and not engage in the shameful politics of division or inaction. Together with my colleagues in the NDP, I recognize the Metis people as founders of our province with a claim to this land.

I congratulate the Manitoba Metis Federation on your contributions to Manitoba over the past half century and commend President David Chartrand for his steady leadership. May the Manitoba Metis Federation Cabinet, the Metis people and your ancestors rejoice in this wonderful occasion.



GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT CLARA MORIN DAL COL

Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC)

It is my honour and pleasure to bring greetings to the delegates of the 52nd Annual General Assembly of the Manitoba Metis Federation.

You are the heart and soul of the Métis Nation, and I applaud all that you have done to strengthen our Nation. We as Métis must never forget our roots and our history. That history includes the battles that our past leaders fought and the sacrifices they made to ensure we not only survived as a people, but grew as a Nation. The MMF has contributed mightily to our growth, whether it be through your success in the courts or through the numerous innovative initiatives undertaken by your President and Cabinet to look after the needs of Métis people. We in British Columbia have borrowed many of your ideas.

I must tell you that it has been a special privilege to have been able to work with your President over the past four and half years since I was first elected President of MNBC in 2016 and then re-elected in September last year. David Chartrand always puts the needs of Métis people first, and through his leadership at the national level, we in British Columbia have gained so much to be able to better serve the needs of our Métis people. I am so proud and appreciative of the working relationship that I have with President Chartrand and with Métis National Council President Clément Chartier because all Métis people have benefitted. That's what real leadership is all about - working together for the best interests of our people.

Our work is not done. We have much more to do to continue to build and strengthen our Métis Nation. I am honoured to be part of it.

I wish you a successful Annual General Assembly.

Merci.



GREETINGS FROM JERRY DANIELS, GRAND CHIEF

Southern Chiefs' Organization

Greetings to President Chartrand, and all members of the Métis Nation.

I am very honoured to be a part of the Manitoba Metis Federation's 2021 Annual General Assembly and to be invited to bring greetings on behalf of the 34 Anishinaabe and Dakota Chiefs, Councils, and communities that the Southern Chiefs' Organization (SCO) represents.

SCO is the voice for more than 80,000 citizens and we share a long history with our Métis relatives here in what is now known as Manitoba.

This year has been one for the history books, as we all continue to do our best to keep our people safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. SCO supports the Métis peoples' fight for vaccines for their people as well as full and proper representation on the provincial COVID-19 Vaccine Implementation Task Force.

The MMF and SCO have both been tireless in collective efforts when it comes to caring for all of our citizens. That work will continue until we know everyone is protected from the coronavirus.

Throughout all the hardship, I am pleased to see that we are still able to join together and speak truth to power in a country that has for centuries denied the rights of First Nation and Métis peoples.

Many times throughout 2020, we came together to fight racism and harmful policies.

This includes the provincial government's practice of clawing back special allowance payments meant for children in care. This policy hurts those most vulnerable in our communities, Métis and First Nation children and youth in care.

We also stood shoulder to shoulder in October when the rights and livelihoods of our relatives were under attack in what is now Nova Scotia. The violence and hatred shown towards Mi'kmaq harvesters and fishers has often been experienced by our people here in Manitoba when we try to exercise our inherent and constitutional rights to harvest, hunt, and fish on lands as we have done since time immemorial.

We have shown that when we come together and focus on our shared interests and shared experiences, we can accomplish great things and work together to build a future that our ancestors dreamed of – one with hope, prosperity and opportunity for all.

Thank you again for inviting me and other First Nation leaders to join with you and to be a part of your 2021 AGM.

Chi-Miigwetch!



GREETINGS FROM THE HONOURABLE BRIAN PALLISTER

Premier of Manitoba

On behalf of all Manitobans, I welcome and extend my best wishes to those attending the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) 52nd Annual General Assembly.

Although this year's gathering is being held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it remains a tremendous opportunity for participants to exchange perspectives, build new relationships and plan for the future. In particular, it is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the MMF's many achievements over the past decades.

I join our fellow Manitobans in thanking the Manitoba Metis Federation for the important work it does in promoting the interests and rights of the Metis Nation within Manitoba, and for delivering the vast range of services it provides. You are playing a vital role in ensuring a brighter future for our province.



GREETINGS FROM JANE MACLATCHY

Assistant Commissioner and Commanding Officer of the Manitoba RCMP

On behalf of the Manitoba RCMP, it my pleasure to welcome you to the 52nd annual meeting of the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF). The Annual General Assembly is a time to come together to celebrate the successes of the past year and to plan for the future. While it is unfortunate that we cannot gather in person, it is wonderful that this event could safely continue this year, virtually.

We have maintained a longstanding working relationship with the MMF, and we remain committed to keeping the communication lines open and honest. As the Manitoba RCMP looks for innovative ways to tackle long-standing challenges, continued collaboration with our partners is critical. A lot of work has been done this past year regarding important issues such as domestic violence awareness, cyberbullying awareness, and restorative justice. We have a dedicated liaison officer working with the MMF and we will continue to work together to enhance community safety.

As the Manitoba RCMP continues our journey towards reconciliation, we reached out and asked Indigenous groups in the province for their input and guidance. The feedback received from the MMF has been invaluable during the development of our strategy to move forward in reconciliation. We look forward to future consultations to ensure that our actions towards reconciliation are meaningful to those who matter most – the Indigenous Peoples of Manitoba.

I am truly grateful that the Manitoba RCMP has forged a strong partnership with the MMF, which I know will continue to grow and strengthen.

I wish you all a very productive event and another successful year.



GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT MELANIE OMENIHO

Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak, Women of the Métis Nation

I am pleased to bring greetings from Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak / Women of the Métis Nation to the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) delegates of the MMF's 52nd Annual General Meeting. I would like to thank President David Chartrand for extending an invitation to attend your Annual General Meeting, and bring greetings. This year brings with it a need for innovations, as we navigate Covid-19, and I look forward to seeing your Leadership and delegates online for your first virtual AGM.

Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak / Women of the Métis Nation (LFMO) works representing the interests and aspirations of Métis women as a crucial part of moving the Métis Nation forward. We have enjoyed a positive collaborative relationship with the Manitoba Métis Federation, and our sister organization, the Infinity Women's Secretariat for many years, and we appreciate the ongoing opportunities to work together for the benefit of our people and our Métis Nation.

Métis women have always played a pivotal role in the Métis families and communities, and their lived experiences provide important insights into priority areas, including environment and conservation, language and culture preservation and practice, economic development, education, health and violence against women.

It has been a pleasure to work together with the Manitoba Métis Federation and Infinity Women over the past year to advance our collective interests, particularly as LFMO works in the area prioritizing actions to address issues related to our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ folks. The Manitoba Métis Federation and Infinity Women's support in our advocacy and committee work is incredibly important, and the insights and grassroots experiences of women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ folk from Manitoba greatly enhance the quality of work that we do. I look forward to the progress we make by continuing to work together and advancing our common goal of building a strong and prosperous Métis Nation for women, children and families.

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GREETINGS FROM MR. DANNY SMYTH

Winnipeg Police Chief

On behalf of the Winnipeg Police Service, it is my pleasure to offer greetings to the Manitoba Metis Federation and all those attending the Annual General Assembly. This is a virtual assembly as we endure COVID-19 precautions. I must confess that I have grown tired of these virtual gatherings. One of the great aspects of my job is to get out into the community and meet the people that make up this great city and region. This includes the Métis people of Manitoba.

In my fifth year as Chief, I have come to know President Chartrand. He has shown himself to be a strong leader in Manitoba, and a compassionate leader of the Manitoba Métis. I routinely seek his counsel and consider him a friend.

General Assemblies like this help provide a focus on the issues that are important and provide an opportunity for us to get to know one another.

I remain a proud friend of the Manitoba Métis and wish you continued success.



GREETINGS FROM THE HONOURABLE EILEEN CLARKE

Minister of Indigenous and Northern Relations

On behalf of Premier Pallister and my colleagues of the Manitoba government, I am pleased to once again extend warm greetings to President Chartrand, the ministers and staff, all elders, members and guests on the occasion of the Manitoba Metis Federation's (MMF) 52nd Annual General Assembly.

As Minister of Indigenous and Northern Relations, it is an honour to have the opportunity to welcome everyone. Our government looks forward to continuing to work with you to address ongoing and emerging matters of mutual interest.

I would like to convey our government's appreciation to the MMF and its leadership for your diligent work and service to Manitoban communities. In the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the MMF has met today's many challenges with outstanding effort and ingenuity. The historical and recent achievements of the Metis Nation have truly enriched our province.

I wish the MMF many years of continued success and prosperity as we move forward into 2021 and beyond.



GREETINGS FROM THE HONOURABLE TERRY DUGUID, MP

Winnipeg South

Please accept my best wishes for a successful 52nd Annual General Assembly. Although our unique circumstances prevent us from being together in person, I am pleased to hear that you will meet virtually to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, as well as your plans for the future.

As a Manitoban, I am grateful for the work of President David Chartrand and the Manitoba Métis Federation, as they continue their important advocacy on behalf of the Métis Nation. Our government appreciates our strong partnership and looks forward to working together on our shared goals in support of a better Canada for this and future generations.

Our government remains committed to advancing reconciliation and resolving historic injustices to right past wrongs. We are moving forward together on a path that ensures a nation-to-nation relationship that is based on mutual understanding, respect, and collaboration.

Once again, I extend my best wishes as you take part in your Annual General Assembly. I look forward to working with your Métis Government and the Métis Nation in the weeks and months ahead.

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Minutes of the 51st Annual General Assembly

September 20, 21 & 22, 2019
Assiniboia Downs – Winnipeg, MB

DAY ONE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

Meeting Called to order at 9:35 a.m.
Opening Prayer: Elder Linda St. Cyr-Saric

Marc LeClair invites Minister Denise Thomas to bring welcoming remarks to the Annual General Assembly.

Minister Denise Thomas presents opening remarks on behalf of President David Chartrand. Minister Denise Thomas advises the delegates that President Chartrand will be bringing greetings to the Assembly during Opening Ceremonies taking place on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Minister Denise Thomas introduces Will Goodon and Marc LeClair as individuals recommended for appointment as Co-Chairs for the 2019 Manitoba Metis Federation Annual General Assembly.

Motion No: 01 09 19

Motion to appoint Will Goodon and Marc LeClair as Co-Chairs for the Manitoba Metis Federation 2019 Annual General Assembly.

Moved by:
Minister Frances Chartrand, Northwest Region
Seconded by:
Associate Minister Shawn Nault, Southeast Region
Carried Unanimously

Co-Chair Marc LeClair provides a brief history on Declaration of Self Governance.

Co-Chair Will Goodon reviews and presents the Manitoba Metis Federation 2019 Annual General Assembly Agenda to the delegates for approval.

Motion No: 02 09 19

Motion to accept the Annual General Assembly Agenda as presented in the kits.

Moved by:
Associate Minister JoAnne Remillard, Winnipeg Region

Seconded by:
Minister Denise Thomas, Southeast Region
Carried Unanimously

Co-Chair Will Goodon advises the Assembly on the Resolution process and requests each Region of the Manitoba Metis Federation to appoint an individual to the Resolutions Committee.

The Resolution Committee is appointed as follows:

Southeast Region:	Chantal Kirouac
The Pas Region:	Bert Linfitt
Interlake Region:	Brenda Zak
Thompson Region:	Clayton Bradbury
Winnipeg Region:	Leo Beaudin
Northwest Region:	Peter Fleming
Southwest Region:	Linda Williams

Motion No: 03 09 19

Motion to accept the names as appointed to the Resolutions Committee:

Moved by:
Minister Andrew Carrier, Winnipeg Region
Seconded by:
Joan Church, Southwest Region
Carried Unanimously

Co-Chair Marc LeClair invites Minister Mona Buors to present the Minutes of the Manitoba Metis Federation 50th Annual General Assembly.

Motion No: 04 09 19

Motion to accept the minutes of the Manitoba Metis Federation 50th Annual General Assembly as presented and read by Minister Mona Buors.

Moved by:
Chantal Kirouac, Southeast Region
Seconded by:
Jacqueline Chartrand, Southwest Region
Carried Unanimously

PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Co-Chair Marc LeClair invites Minister Denise Thomas to present the Engagement and Consultation Report.

Motion No: 05 09 19

Motion to accept the Engagement and Consultation Report as presented by Minister Denise Thomas.

Moved by:

Bertha Buote, Southwest Region

Seconded by:

Minister Judy Mayer, The Pas Region

Carried Unanimously

Co-Chair Will Goodon invites Minister Jack Park to present the Energy & Infrastructure Report.

Motion No: 06 09 19

Motion to accept the Energy and Infrastructure Report as presented by Minister Jack Park.

Moved by:

Brenda Zak, Interlake Region

Seconded by:

Shirley Grosky, The Pas Region

Carried Unanimously

Co-Chair Will Goodon invites Minister Frances Chartrand to present the Health & Wellness, Early Learning Child Care Report.

Motion No: 07 09 19

Motion to accept the Health & Wellness, Early Learning Child Care Reports as presented by Minister Frances Chartrand.

Moved by:

Brenda Zak, Interlake Region

Seconded by:

Verna Sanderson, Northwest Region

Carried Unanimously

Co-Chair Will Goodon invites Minister Anita Campbell to present the Information Technology Report.

Motion No: 08 09 19

Motion to accept the Information Technology Report as presented by Minister Anita Campbell.

Moved by:

Peter Goertzen, Winnipeg Region

Seconded by:

Bob Church, Northwest Region

Carried Unanimously

Co-Chair Marc LeClair invites Minister Andrew Carrier to present the Metis Community Liaison Department Report.

Motion No: 09 09 19

Motion to accept the Metis Community Liaison Department, Michif Language, Residential Schools, Riel House Reports as presented by Minister Andrew Carrier.

Moved by:

Shirley Grosky, The Pas Region

Seconded by:

Associate Minister JoAnne Remillard, Winnipeg Region

Carried Unanimously

Co-Chair Marc LeClair invites Minister John Fleury to present the Metis Employment & Training portfolio report.

Motion No: 10 09 19

Motion to accept the Metis Employment & Training Report as presented by Minister John Fleury.

Moved by:

Minister Mona Buors, Interlake Region

Seconded by:

Brenda Zak, Interlake Region

Carried Unanimously

Co-Chair Marc LeClair invites Minister Julyda Lagimodiere to present the Metis Justice Institute Report.

Motion No: 11 09 19

Motion to accept the Metis Justice Institute Report as presented by Minister Julyda Lagimodiere.

Moved by:

Minister Leah LaPlante, Southwest Region

Seconded by:

Minister Mona Buors, Interlake Region

Carried Unanimously

Co-Chair Marc LeClair invites Minister Denise Thomas to present the Tripartite Self Government Negotiations, Sixties Scoop and Manitoba Metis Heritage Fund Reports.

Motion No: 12 09 19

Motion to accept the Tripartite Self Government Negotiations, Sixties Scoop and Manitoba Metis Heritage Fund Reports as presented by Minister Denise Thomas.

Moved by:

Minister Judy Mayer, The Pas Region

Seconded by:

Board of Director Marielle Gauthier, Southeast Region

Carried Unanimously

Co-Chair Marc LeClair invites Minister Alfred Anderson to present the Culture & Heritage Report.

Motion No: 13 09 19

Motion to accept the Culture & Heritage Report as presented by Minister Alfred Anderson.

Moved by:

Norm Pruden, Interlake Region

Seconded by:

Cal Smith, Southwest Region

Carried Unanimously

Co-Chair Marc LeClair invites Minister Mark Parenteau to present the Environment & Mining Report.

Motion No: 14 09 19

Motion to accept the Environment & Mining Report as presented by Minister Mark Parenteau.

Moved by:

Minister Alfred Anderson, Interlake Region

Seconded by:

Elaine Sicotte, Southwest Region

Carried Unanimously

Co-Chair Marc LeClair invites Minister Judy Mayer to present the Metis Rights and Constitution Reports.

Motion No: 15 09 19

Motion to accept the Metis Rights and Constitution Reports as presented by Minister Judy Mayer.

Moved by:

Jacqueline Chartrand, Southeast Region

Seconded by:

Associate Minister JoAnne Remillard, Winnipeg Region

Carried Unanimously

Co-Chair Marc LeClair invites Minister Joan Ledoux to present the Provincial Education and Louis Riel Institute Report.

Motion No: 16 09 19

Motion to accept the Provincial Education and Louis Riel Institute Reports as presented by Minister Joan Ledoux.

Moved by:

Laura Spring, Winnipeg Region

Seconded by:

Shirley Grosky, The Pas Region

Carried Unanimously

Co-Chair Marc LeClair invites Minister Richard Genaille to present the Sport and Youth Report.

Motion No: 17 09 19

Motion to accept the Sport and Youth Report as presented by Minister Richard Genaille.

Moved by:

Minister Denise Thomas, Southeast Region

Seconded by:

Donald Nault, Southwest Region

Carried Unanimously

Day One adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

DAY TWO: SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

Opening Ceremonies
Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Master of Ceremonies Marc LeClair welcomes everyone to the Annual General Assembly.

Master of Ceremonies Marc LeClair invites Elder Verna Demontigny to recite the Opening Prayer.

Master of Ceremonies Marc LeClair invites Krista Rey to sing Proud to be Metis.

Master of Ceremonies Marc LeClair invites the following dignitaries to bring welcoming remarks to the Manitoba Metis Federation 51st Annual General Assembly:

President Clement Chartier, Metis Nation Council

Mr. Dan Vandal, Member of Parliament – St. Boniface / St.Vital

Mr. Wab Kinew, Leader of New Democratic Party, Province of Manitoba

Hon. Eileen Clarke, Minister of Indigenous & Northern Affairs, Province of Manitoba

His Worship, Mayor Brian Bowman, City of Winnipeg

Commanding Officer Jane McLatchy, Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Chief Danny Smyth, Winnipeg Police Service

President Clara Morin Del Col, Metis Nation British Columbia

President Melanie Omeniho, Women of the Metis Nation

Theresa Stenlund, Northwest Metis Community of Kenora

President Margaret Froh, Metis Nation Ontario

Penny Hurton, Metis Nation Saskatchewan

Minister Anita Campbell, Infinity Women Secretariat.

Co-Chair Will Goodon invites Amanda Boudreau to present the Introduction of Manitoba Metis Federation Cabinet to the delegates of the Manitoba Metis Federation 51st Annual General Assembly.

Co-Chair Marc LeClair invites Minister Mona Buors to present the Metis Child and Family Services Report and to also present the Caregiver Video to the delegates of the Assembly.

Motion No: 18 09 19

Motion to accept the Metis Child and Family Services Report as presented by Minister Mona Buors.

Moved by:

Shirley Grosky, The Pas Region

Seconded by:

Laura Spring, Winnipeg Region

Carried Unanimously

Minister Will Goodon presents the Housing and Property Management Report.

Motion No: 19 09 19

Motion to accept the Housing and Property Report as presented by Minister Will Goodon.

Moved by:

Minister Denise Thomas, Southeast Region

Seconded by:

Allisson Walters, Winnipeg Region

Carried Unanimously

Co-Chair Marc LeClair invites Minister Anita Campbell to present the Manitoba Metis Federation Audit for 2018 / 2019.

Motion No: 20 09 19

Motion to accept the Manitoba Metis Federation 2018 / 2019 Audit as presented by Minister Anita Campbell.

Moved by:

Minister Denise Thomas, Southeast Region

Seconded by:

Allisson Walters, Winnipeg Region

Carried Unanimously

Minister Anita Campbell presents a motion to re-appoint Myers Norris Penny for the 2019 / 2020 Audit.

Motion No: 21 09 19

Motion to re-appoint Myers Norris Penny for the Manitoba Metis Federation Audit for the 2019/ 2020 fiscal year.

Moved by:

Minister Anita Campbell, Infinity Women Secretariat

Seconded by:

Dee Chaboyer, Thompson Region

Co-Chair Marc LeClair invites Minister Leah LaPlante to provide the Natural Resources Report.

Motion No: 22 09 19

Motion to accept the Natural Resources Report as presented by Minister Leah LaPlante.

Moved by:

Laura Spring, Winnipeg Region

Seconded by:

Roger Hupe, Winnipeg Region

Carried unanimously

Day Two adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

DAY THREE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

Meeting called to order at 9:20 a.m.

Co-Chair Marc LeClair invites Minister Leah LaPlante to present the Central Registry Report.

Motion No: 23 09 19

Motion to accept the Central Registry Report as presented by Minister Leah LaPlante.

Moved by:

Minister Denise Thomas, Southeast Region

Seconded by:

Adrienne Carriere, Winnipeg Region

Carried Unanimously

Co-Chair Will Goodon invites Minister Leah LaPlante to present the Louis Riel Capital Corporation Report.

Motion No: 24 09 19

Motion to accept the Louis Riel Capital Corporation Report as presented by Minister Leah LaPlante.

Moved by:

James Fyke, Thompson Region

Seconded by:

Charlene Nault, Southwest Region

Carried Unanimously

Co-Chair Will Goodon invites Minister Leah LaPlante to present the Metis Economic Development Fund Report.

Motion No: 25 09 19

Motion to accept the Metis Economic Development Fund Report as presented by Minister Leah LaPlante.

Moved by:

Lorraine Laramée, Southeast Region

Seconded by:

Donald Nault, Southwest Region

Carried Unanimously

Co-Chair Will Goodon invites Minister Anita Campbell to present the Metis Economic Development Organization Report.

Motion No: 26 09 19

Motion to accept the Metis Economic Development Organization Report as presented by Minister Anita Campbell.

Moved by:

Laura Spring, Winnipeg Region

Seconded by:

Associate Minister JoAnne Remillard, Winnipeg Region

Carried Unanimously

Co-Chair Will Goodon invites President Clement Chartier to present the Metis National Council report.

Co-Chair Will Goodon welcomes Minister Joan Ledoux to present the Apple Award.

Minister Joan Ledoux presents the Apple Award to Kelvin Smith.

Co-Chair Will Goodon welcomes Minister Anita Campbell to present the Manitoba Metis Federation Staff Ten Years of Service Awards.

Co-Chair Will Goodon invites the Resolution Committee to present the Manitoba Metis Federation 2019 Resolutions to the delegates of the Manitoba Metis Federation Annual General Assembly.

Resolutions Committee Chair Peter Fleming presents the 2019 Manitoba Metis Federation Resolutions that have been brought forward for consideration and ratification.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #1

RESOLUTION OF THE 2019 MANITOBA METIS FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

VALID MEMBERSHIP (CITIZENSHIP) CARD

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE PRESENTED TO THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR CONSIDERATION:

WHEREAS the MMF Constitution provides a process to enable members (citizens) of the Manitoba Metis Community to apply for and obtain membership (also known as citizenship) in the MMF;

AND WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the Manitoba Metis Community that such membership (citizenship) be restricted and available only to those individuals who have or are able to provide a genealogy including supporting evidentiary documents completed by an institution approved by the Board of Directors (Cabinet) to objectively verify the applicant's Historic Metis Nation Ancestry;

AND WHEREAS the MMF has and continues to issue membership (citizenship) cards;

AND WHEREAS the MMF Constitution currently has no provision which deals with membership (citizenship) cards;

AND WHEREAS Article III (4)(a) of the MMF Constitution requires all current members (citizens) who have not already done so to provide a genealogy including supporting evidentiary documents completed by an institution approved by the Board of Directors (Cabinet) to objectively verify the member's Historic Metis Nation Ancestry;

AND WHEREAS there are current members (citizens) who have not provided such genealogy and supporting evidentiary documents;

AND WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the Manitoba Metis Community that all members (citizens) provide a genealogy and supporting evidentiary documents in order to comply with the requirements of the MMF Constitution and to maintain the integrity of the MMF citizenship list;

AND WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the Manitoba Metis Community that those individuals who seek and receive benefits and services from programs provided by the MMF, be verified members (citizens) of the Manitoba Metis Community;

AND WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the Manitoba Metis Community that those individuals who wish to participate in the self-government of the Manitoba Metis Community whether as candidates and/or electors, be verified members (citizens) of the Manitoba Metis Community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE MMF CONSTITUTION BE ENACTED:

Manitoba Metis Federation Constitution Article III - Membership

IS HEREBY AMENDED BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING:

5. VALID MEMBERSHIP CARD

(a) The Federation may issue a membership card (also known as a citizenship card) to each individual member (citizen) and child who have fully complied with the applicable provisions of Article III 2, 4(a) or 4(d) of the MMF Constitution. Such card is referred to here after as a "valid membership card" (also known as a "valid citizenship card").

(b) The fee for a valid membership (citizenship) card shall be established by resolution of the Federation's Board of Directors (Cabinet).

(c) In order to be eligible to be a candidate for President, Vice-President, Regional Executive or a Local Executive position, an individual member must first obtain a valid membership (citizenship) card

(d) In order to serve as part of the MMF Cabinet, the person elected as Spokeswoman of Infinity Women Secretariat Inc. must first obtain a valid membership (citizenship) card. As well, those individuals elected to the Board of Infinity Women Secretariat Inc. must first obtain a valid membership (citizenship) card.

Moved by:

Minister Judy Mayer

Seconded by:

Minister Leah LaPlante

Carried

Resolution #2

RESOLUTION OF THE 2019 MANITOBA METIS FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO HAVE VALID MEMBERSHIP (CITIZENSHIP) CARD

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE PRESENTED TO THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR CONSIDERATION:

WHEREAS the MMF Cabinet has proposed a Constitutional Amendment to be considered by the 2019 Annual General Assembly to provide for a valid membership (citizenship) card;

AND WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the Manitoba Metis Community that those individuals who wish to participate in the self-government of the Manitoba Metis Community whether as candidates and/or electors, be verified members (citizens) of the Manitoba Metis Community;

AND WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the Manitoba Metis Community that its elected representatives be individual members who have complied with the provisions of Article III 2 and 4(a) of the MMF Constitution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE MMF CONSTITUTION BE ENACTED:

1) MMF Election By-Law – Article IX (1) Qualification of Candidates which states:

1. Only members of the MMF who are residents of Manitoba are entitled to stand for election.

BE DELETED AND THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTED FOR IT:

1. Only members of the MMF who are residents of Manitoba and have obtained a valid membership (citizenship) card in accordance with Article III 5(a) of the MMF Constitution are entitled to stand for election.

2) MMF Local By-Law – Article V (4) which states in part:

4. Local Executives

Each Local shall be represented by an Executive, which shall be a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer.

BE DELETED AND THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTED FOR IT:

4. Local Executives

Each Local shall be represented by an Executive, which shall be a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer. In order to be eligible for election to a Local Executive position, an individual member must first obtain a valid membership (citizenship) card in accordance with Article III 5(a) of the Federation's Constitution.

3) MMF Local By-law –Article V is amended by adding the following:

5. Existing Local Executives (Interim Provision)

All individual members currently elected to a Local Executive position shall be required to have a valid membership (citizenship) card issued in accordance with the provisions of Article III 5 (a) of the Federation's Constitution by a date to be set by resolution of the Board of Directors (Cabinet) of the Federation.

Moved by:

Minister Judy Mayer

Seconded by:

Minister Leah LaPlante

Opposed:

3 Opposed

Resolution:

Carried

Resolution #3

RESOLUTION OF THE 2019 MANITOBA METIS FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

TOWARDS THE EXPANSION OF THE RECOGNIZED METIS HARVESTING ZONE

WHEREAS the Métis Nation, as an Indigenous people, has inherent rights to the lands and resources of our Homeland, including harvesting rights;

WHEREAS the Manitoba Métis Community's right to harvest has been constitutionally-protected by section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 and recognized by the courts;

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2012, the MMF and the Government of Manitoba signed the Points of Agreement on Métis Harvesting in Manitoba (the "MMF-Manitoba Harvesting Agreement") that further recognized the Manitoba Metis Community's right to harvest as well as the MMF's laws related to the Metis harvest;

WHEREAS through the MMF-Manitoba Harvesting Agreement the provincial Crown has already recognized the existence of constitutionally-protected Metis harvesting rights within the Recognized Métis Harvesting Area ("RMHA") as well as accommodated the Metis right to harvest, based on credible claims, throughout Manitoba;

WHEREAS the Harvesting Agreement also commits the provincial Crown to working collaboratively with the MMF to further recognize the existence of constitutionally-protected Metis harvesting rights throughout all of Manitoba through the expansion of the within the RMHA;

WHEREAS on September 26, 2015, the MMF and the provincial Crown signed a further agreement to establish a Joint Technical Working Group ("JTWG") to assess and analyze existing research and information for the expansion of the RMHA;

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2016, the JTWG submitted its report to the MMF and the Government of Manitoba and, based on the assessment of reviewed materials, recommended among other things that:

• That the RMHA be expanded to include the Grassy River Region (GHAs 5, 7, 7A) and the Manigotagan Region (GHA 26 and that portion of GHA 17A that is not within the Pimitotah Traditional Land Use Planning Area);

• That further assessment concerning the potential existence of Métis Harvesting Rights be conducted, with particular focus on Game Hunting Areas 2A, 4, 21, 21A, and the Upper and Lower Nelson River systems and the Churchill region;

WHEREAS for over three years now the Manitoba Government has ignored the recommendations of the JTWG that included its own officials and lawyers from the provincial Department of Justice to expand the RMHA based on documentary proof of the existence of constitutionally-protected Metis harvesting rights outside of the current Recognized Métis Harvesting Area;

WHEREAS the Annual General Assembly has already provided direction to the MMF to consider defending any MMF Harvesters Card Holders who are charged in the areas that the JTWG recommended be included in the RMHA as well as consider undertaking an assessment and analysis of existing research and information regarding the existence of Métis Harvesting Rights in the GHAs 2A, 4, 21, 21A, and the Upper and Lower Nelson River systems and the Churchill region;

WHEREAS despite the MMF's efforts on this front the Manitoba Government continues to ignore Canada's Constitution that protects Metis harvesting rights, the provincial Crown's commitments in the MMF-Manitoba Harvesting Agreement as well as the recommendations of the JTWG;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the MMF continue to consider providing legal support to MMF Harvester Card holders exercising their constitutionally-protected rights in the areas that the JTWG recommended be included in the RMHA;

2. That since the Manitoba Government refuses to honour the processes created under the MMF-Manitoba Harvesting Agreement, including, the JTWG, the MMF consider commissioning the necessary research to support the further recognition of Metis harvesting rights in all remaining areas of Manitoba outside of the Recognized Métis Harvesting Area.

3. If the Manitoba Government continues to ignore its constitutional obligations and commitments in the

MMF-Manitoba Harvesting Agreement, the MMF Cabinet should consider taking all necessary legal and political actions including court proceedings to ensure the honour of the Crown is upheld and that Metis harvesters are able to exercise their constitutionally-protected rights throughout the Manitoba Metis Community's traditional territory;

Moved by:

Minister Leah LaPlante

Seconded by:

Associate Minister Shawn Nault

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #4

RESOLUTION OF THE 2019 MANITOBA METIS FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

METIS HARVESTING JUDICIAL TRIBUNAL & METIS HARVESTING APPEAL TRIBUNAL

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE PRESENTED TO THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR CONSIDERATION:

WHEREAS the citizens of the Manitoba Metis Community have inherent collectively-held harvesting rights;

AND WHEREAS Article XVII of the MMF Constitution provides for the Metis Harvesting Initiative which comprises the structures, policies and procedures enabling and regulating the exercise of the Manitoba Metis Community's collectively-held harvesting rights recognized in Section 35 of Canada's Constitution Act, 1982;

AND WHEREAS the Metis Harvesting Initiative includes, amongst other matters, the Metis Laws of the Harvest;

AND WHEREAS a breach of the Metis Laws of the Harvest causes harm to the Manitoba Metis Community's collectively-held harvesting rights and, negatively impacts upon the exercise of those rights;

AND WHEREAS the Manitoba Metis Community, acting through the MMF must participate in the determination of appropriate consequences for those Metis Harvesters who breach the Metis Laws of the Harvest;

AND WHEREAS the 2002 Report of the Commission on the Metis Laws of the Hunt recommended that a Tribunal be set up and that the "Metis have the right to their own justice [...]";

AND WHEREAS the 45th MMF Annual General Assembly, held on September 29, 2013, passed Resolution 13 which gave direction to the MMF Cabinet to consider the establishment of a Metis harvesting tribunal including developing financial and human resource capacity, and developing the authorities, policies and procedures deemed to be appropriate by the

Cabinet, to address and fairly and equitably resolve alleged infractions of the Metis Laws of the Harvest;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE MMF CONSTITUTION BE ENACTED:

1) Manitoba Metis Constitution Article XVII – Metis Harvesting Initiative (2) which states:

2. The Metis Harvesting Initiative includes but is not limited to the following:

(a) Metis Harvester Registration and Metis Harvester Identification Cards;

(b) Metis Conservation Trust Fund;

(c) Metis Management System;

(d) Metis Laws of the Harvest.

IS HEREBY AMENDED BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING:

(e) Metis Harvesting Judicial Tribunal

(f) Metis Harvesting Appeal Tribunal

2) Manitoba Metis Constitution Article XVII – Metis Harvesting Initiative:

IS HEREBY AMENDED BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING:

6. Metis Harvesting Judicial Tribunal:

The Federation shall create a Metis Harvesting Judicial Tribunal, in accordance with Terms of Reference approved by resolution of the Board of Directors (MMF Cabinet). The Metis Harvesting Judicial Tribunal shall deal with all breaches of the Laws of the Harvest by Metis Harvesters and shall determine appropriate consequences for such breaches. The decision made by the Metis Harvesting Judicial Tribunal may be appealed by the Metis Harvester(s) in accordance with Article XVII and (7 and 8).

7. Metis Harvesting Appeal Tribunal:

The Federation shall create a Metis Harvesting Appeal Tribunal, in accordance with Terms of Reference approved by resolution of the Board of Directors (MMF Cabinet). The Metis Harvesting Appeal Tribunal shall deal with all appeals from a decision of the Metis Harvesting Judicial Tribunal. The decision made by the Metis Harvesting Appeal Tribunal shall be final and shall not be reviewable by, nor appealable to, any Court of Law.

8. A Metis Harvester may appeal a decision of the Metis Harvesting Judicial Tribunal to the Metis Harvesting Appeal Tribunal provided that the appeal is placed before the Metis

Harvesting Appeal Tribunal in such form and in such manner as the Board of Directors (MMF Cabinet) may by resolution prescribe, within sixty days from the date of receipt by the Harvester of the decision of the Metis Harvesting Judicial Tribunal.

Moved by:

Minister Leah LaPlante

Seconded by:

Minister Julyda Lagimodiere

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #5

RESOLUTION OF THE 2019 MANITOBA METIS FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THE MANITOBA METIS SELF GOVERNMENT DECLARATION

WHEREAS the Manitoba Metis Federation is the successor of our Ancestors' Métis self-government structures growing for over two hundred years from roots deep in the late 1700s and early 1800s at the beginnings of the Métis Nation;

AND WHEREAS the MMF Annual General Assembly is an integral part of the Manitoba Métis Government structure and process;

AND WHEREAS on July 19, 2019 the MMF Cabinet unanimously passed the Manitoba Métis Self-Government Declaration Resolution, which affirms and declares our right of self-determination and our exercise of self-government, which resolution states as follows:

WHEREAS Red River Settlement, now Winnipeg, Manitoba, is the Birthplace of the Métis Nation and the Heart of the Métis Nation Homeland, while the historic Métis Nation, the historic Red River Métis, and the Manitoba Métis Community are the same Indigenous Community for which the names have been used interchangeably;

AND WHEREAS for over two centuries the Manitoba Métis Community has exercised its rights of self-determination and self-government, and protected its rights and its identity with the 1816 Battle of Seven Oaks, the 1816 unveiling of the Métis Nation Flag, the 1849 Sayer Trial, the 1869 Red River Resistance, and the 1885 Battle of Batoche, and in recent times, several court decisions including the Supreme Court of Canada's 2013 MMF v Canada;

AND WHEREAS in 1870 the Manitoba Métis Community became the Founder of Manitoba and Canada's Negotiating Partner in Confederation and, after governing their province peacefully, they then faced a Reign of Terror resulting in many Manitoba Métis dispersing throughout their Homeland, and beyond, in search of peace and security;

AND WHEREAS the Manitoba Métis Community has the inherent right to self-determination and self-government that is recognized, affirmed, and protected by sections 25 and 35 of Canada's Constitution Act, 1982 that includes jurisdiction and law-making authority;

AND WHEREAS the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) is the Métis Government of the Self-Governing Manitoba Métis Community and mandated to deal with any rights, freedoms, interests, or claims protected by sections 25 and 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 that Citizens of the Manitoba Métis Community collectively hold, including, but not limited to, the right to Crown consultation and accommodation, and the rights of self-determination and self-government;

AND WHEREAS the Governments of Canada and Manitoba historically required the MMF to incorporate in order to establish inter-governmental relationships with the MMF as the valid representative of the Self-Governing Manitoba Métis Community;

AND WHEREAS in 2013 MMF v Canada, the Supreme Court of Canada recognized that the Manitoba Métis Community's section 31 Manitoba Act claim was a "collective claim for declaratory relief for the purposes of reconciliation between the descendants of the Métis people of the Red River Valley and Canada" and granted the MMF standing by concluding "[t] his collective claim merits allowing the body representing the collective Métis interest to come before the court";

AND WHEREAS the MMF represents the Citizens of the Manitoba Métis Community, a community not bound or defined by Provincial or International Boundaries, including those who are the beneficiaries of the Supreme Court of Canada Declaration in MMF v Canada 2013;

AND WHEREAS Canada has developed Principles Respecting the Government of Canada's Relationship with Indigenous Peoples as the foundation for transforming how it partners with and supports Indigenous peoples, including commitments to:

(a) implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which sets out the minimum standards for the survival, dignity, and well-being of Indigenous peoples;

(b) implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action;

(c) recognize that section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 contains a full box of rights and holds the promise that Indigenous nations will become partners in Confederation on the basis of a fair and just reconciliation between Indigenous peoples and the Crown; and,

(d) negotiate treaties, agreements, or other constructive arrangements with Indigenous people based on

the recognition and implementation of rights and not their extinguishment, modification, or surrender;

AND WHEREAS for greater clarity the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples specifically provides for:

- Article 5, that Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinct political, legal, economic, social and cultural institutions;
- Article 18, that Indigenous peoples have the right to participate in decision-making in matters which would affect their rights, through representatives chosen by themselves in accordance with their own procedures, as well as to develop their own indigenous decision-making institutions;
- Article 33, that Indigenous peoples have the right to determine their own identity or membership in accordance with their customs and traditions, and to determine the structures and select the membership of their institutions according with their own procedures;
- Article 34, that Indigenous peoples have the right to promote, develop and maintain their institutional structures and their distinctive customs, traditions, procedures, and practices;
- Article 36, that Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and develop contacts, relations, and cooperation, including for political, economic and social purposes, with their own members across borders.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The MMF Cabinet hereby declares that:

- the MMF is the recognized Métis Government of the Self-Governing Manitoba Métis Community;
- the existing MMF Corporate Constitution, first adopted in 1967 and subsequently amended over the years, as ratified by the 49th Annual Assembly on September 24, 2017, and consisting of By-Law No. 1, the Election By-Law, and the Local By-Law, is the Constitution of the Métis Government of the Manitoba Métis Community and any amendments to the Constitution shall be undertaken in accordance with said Constitution;
- the existing MMF system of democratic governance including the procedures of governance operating under the MMF Corporate Constitution and governed by the generally accepted rules of Parliamentary procedures, and Métis policies, conventions, customs, traditions, and laws (including the Métis Laws of the Harvest), as changed from time to time, are the system of governance of the Métis Government of the Manitoba Métis Community;

- the existing MMF Institutions (including, but not limited to, Cabinet, Departments, Regions, Locals and affiliated corporate institutions), as may be changed from time to time, shall serve as the Institutions and Structures of the Métis Government of the Manitoba Métis Community;

- for greater clarity the existing electoral law and the citizenship law which are part of the MMF Corporate Constitution, as may be changed from time to time in accordance with said Constitution, shall serve as the electoral and citizenship laws of the Métis Government of the Manitoba Métis Community;

- the duly adopted laws passed by the MMF Cabinet and Annual Assembly shall come into effect upon the date the laws are posted on a Register of Laws which is to be developed and incorporated on the web site of the Manitoba Métis Community;

- In addition to existing processes and institutions, the MMF shall develop a resolution process and appropriate institutions to deal with disputes related to the activities of the Métis Government;

- the existing processes of accountability including the code of conduct, code of ethics and conflict of interest policies shall continue as part of the system of governance of the Métis Government of the Manitoba Métis Community;

- the Métis Citizens of the Manitoba Métis Community are of historic Métis Nation Ancestry, and whose Ancestors ranged throughout the Métis Nation Homeland, and are defined and identified as such in the MMF Constitution hereby adopted by this resolution.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

- the MMF President and Cabinet are authorized to enter into negotiations with the Government of Canada to develop and sign intergovernmental agreements setting out the fiscal arrangements and other transitional requirements to support the Manitoba Métis Community as it exercises its inherent rights, authorities and jurisdictions, and as it maintains, strengthens, and develops its distinct political, legal, economic, social and cultural institutions of self-government.

AND WHEREAS consistent with the Cabinet Resolution above, the 51st MMF Annual General Assembly is willing to take all actions necessary to ensure our ancestral rights to self-determination and self-government are protected, and our Métis Self-Government continues to be recognized and strengthened for the benefit of our future generations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 51st Manitoba Metis Federation Annual General Assembly hereby endorses, agrees with and fully supports the Manitoba Metis Self-Government Declaration Resolution above passed by Cabinet

on July 19, 2019 and directs the President and Cabinet to take all necessary actions to fully implement the Declaration.

Moved by:

Minister Leah LaPlante

Seconded by:

Associate Minister David Beaudin

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #6

RESOLUTION OF THE 2019 MANITOBA METIS FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Authorization for Manitoba Metis Federation to Withdraw from the Métis National Council

WHEREAS the Manitoba Metis Federation is the self-government representative of the Manitoba Métis, the Indigenous People also known as the historic Métis Nation and the Red River Métis, who for over two centuries have protected our People's rights, interests, and claims;

AND WHEREAS the MMF Annual General Assembly is an integral part of the Manitoba Métis Government structure and process;

AND WHEREAS on August 24, 2019 the Manitoba Metis Federation Cabinet unanimously passed the Manitoba Authorization for Manitoba Metis Federation to Withdraw from the Métis National Council Resolution authorizing the MMF to withdraw from the MNC if necessary in accordance with the terms of the resolution which states as follows:

WHEREAS the Red River Settlement, now Winnipeg, Manitoba, is the Birthplace of the Métis Nation and the Heart of the Métis Nation Homeland;

AND WHEREAS the historic Métis Nation, the historic Red River Métis, and the Manitoba Métis, also known as the Manitoba Métis Community, are the same Indigenous People for which the names have been used interchangeably;

AND WHEREAS for over two centuries the Manitoba Métis have exercised its rights of self-determination and self-government, and protected its rights and its identity through the 1816 Battle of Seven Oaks – also known to the Métis as the Victory of the Frog Plain or la Victoire de la Grenouillère – the 1816 unveiling of the Métis Nation Flag, the 1849 Sayer Trial, the 1869 Red River Resistance, and the 1885 Battle of Batoche, and in recent times, several court decisions including Manitoba Metis Federation Inc. v. Canada (AG), 2013;

AND WHEREAS in 1870 the Manitoba Métis protected our lands, rights, and identity, by standing firm against political and military expansionist forces from the East, and through protecting what is ours, became the Founder of Manitoba and Canada's Negotiating Partner in Confederation.

AND WHEREAS the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) as the Manitoba Métis Government has and will continue to protect the historic Métis Nation;

AND WHEREAS the MMF is a founding Governing Member of the Métis National Council (MNC) and acting through the MNC has developed and unanimously adopted in 2002 the Métis National Definition of Métis ("the Definition") as the means by which eligible citizens of the Métis Nation could be identified;

AND WHEREAS this Definition was agreed to by all the Governing Members of the MNC

AND WHEREAS all of the Governing Members of the MNC have established and maintain Citizenship Registries and agreed to use the Definition in determining their eligible Métis Citizens;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) has knowingly included in their Registry of Citizens various individuals who do not satisfy the requirements of the Definition, many of whom whose ancestral origins are outside the Métis Nation Homeland and who are from Eastern Canada;

AND WHEREAS this issue has been raised at MNC General Assemblies numerous times culminating in a 2018 General Assembly Resolution;

AND WHEREAS the MNC 2018 General Assembly Resolution put the MNO on probation, pending possible suspension, to allow MNO to meet various conditions including:

- That all MNO members must meet the criteria for citizenship in the Métis Nation set out in the 2002 General Assembly citizenship resolution including ancestral connection to the historic Métis Nation Homeland;
- That the MNO must abide by General Assembly directives providing that all members shall re-register under the 2002 criteria with no grandfathering-in of members;
- That a committee of the MNC Board of Governors shall be established to organize a registry review of all MNO members to ensure the above two conditions are met;
- That a panel of registrars from the western Governing Members working under the direction of the above committee shall conduct the registry review of existing MNO members and will ensure that all future citizenship applications shall abide by the 2002 criteria.

AND WHEREAS the required committee of the MNC Board of Governors was established and informed the MNO of its intention to proceed in accordance with the General Assembly Resolution;

AND WHEREAS President Margaret Froh of MNO has failed and refused, and continues to fail and refuse, to cooperate with the committee and otherwise comply with the Resolution;

AND WHEREAS the MNC President has suspended MNO for such failure and refusal, and such decision is not being supported by and indeed is being actively undermined by President Audrey Poitras of the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) and President Glen McCallum of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MNS) which thereby further encourages MNO to refuse to comply;

AND WHEREAS there has been an increase of individuals and organizations that are now calling themselves Métis and are attempting to use our name, symbols, our history, and our rights, for their own ends at the expense of our Métis Nation and thereby pose a danger to our Métis Nation;

AND WHEREAS the actions of MNO by granting citizenship to these individuals and granting recognition to organizations and communities, such as Mattawa, Georgian Bay, Killarney, and Temiskaming, who are not part of the Métis Nation, have endangered our Métis Nation's identity including our political, social, and economic integrity and the future of our Nation's existence;

AND WHEREAS the actions of the MNO have created a dangerous precedent and opens the doors to hundreds of thousands of individuals, who could attempt to claim Métis Nation citizenship, with membership in organizations and communities in Eastern Ontario, Quebec, or even further east;

AND WHEREAS due to the actions of MNO and the support of and undermining by MNA and MNS, the MNC is unable to uphold and protect the integrity of the Métis Nation including the Definition thereby creating conditions that the MNC can no longer have the mandate or authority to speak on behalf of the entire Métis Nation;

AND WHEREAS the MMF President and Cabinet have reached the point at which a decision may be made concerning the MMF's continued membership in the MNC as a Governing Member.

THEREFORE THE MMF CABINET RESOLVES THAT:

1) The MMF President shall continue to take all reasonable steps to ensure the MNO complies with the Definition;

2) In the event that the MMF President determines that:

- MNO continues to refuse to cooperate and comply with the Resolution and continues to grant citizenship to individuals who do not meet the Definition; and/or,

- MNO continues to receive support for its action from the MNA and MNS, which permits MNO to continue to grant citizenship to individuals who do not satisfy the Definition; and/or,

- MNC is unable to protect the integrity of the Métis Nation identity and citizenship; and,

- MMF withdrawal from MNC is the reasonable course of action;

the MMF President is authorized to take such course of action as deemed reasonable to withdraw from the MNC, including providing the MNC with the MMF's notice to withdraw;

3) Upon providing the MNC with a notice to withdraw, the MMF President is authorized to negotiate on such matters as may be required to bring about the withdrawal;

4) And, upon giving the notice to withdraw, the MMF President may advise MNC that the MNC is no longer authorized to represent or speak on behalf of the MMF and the Manitoba Métis.

AND WHEREAS consistent with the Cabinet Resolution above, the 51st MMF Annual General Assembly is willing to take all actions necessary to protect the present integrity and future existence of the Métis Nation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 51st MMF Annual General Assembly hereby endorses, agrees with and fully supports the MMF Cabinet resolution above to withdraw from the Métis National Council passed by Cabinet on August 24, 2019 and directs the President and Cabinet to take all necessary actions to fully implement the resolution.

Moved by:

Minister Denise Thomas

Seconded by:

Associate Minister JoAnne Remillard

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #7

RESOLUTION OF THE 2019 MANITOBA METIS FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

METIS POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE PRESENTED TO THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR CONSIDERATION:

WHEREAS the MMF supports Metis students in post-secondary education by providing financial sponsorship by way of tuition, course fees, books, supplies, equipment and allowance supports;

AND WHEREAS the MMF provides supports to post-secondary students who attend institutions in Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS supporting Metis Citizens in advancing their post-secondary education benefits the Manitoba Metis Community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Manitoba Metis Federation Cabinet consider supporting its Metis Citizens fairly and transparently so that all Metis Citizens seeking post-secondary education have access to funding whether they attend institutions in Manitoba, outside Manitoba, or outside Canada.

Moved by:

Tina Matias-Bouchard

Seconded by:

Lloyd Vermeylen

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #8

RESOLUTION OF THE 2019 MANITOBA METIS FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ANNUAL METIS YOUTH CONFERENCE AND PYAC

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE PRESENTED TO THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR CONSIDERATION:

WHEREAS the Provincial Youth Advisory Committee of the Manitoba Metis Federation represents and advocates on behalf of our Metis Youth;

AND WHEREAS the Annual Youth Conference is our largest opportunity to connect with our Metis Youth, and as such should include a youth perspective in its planning.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Committee in charge of planning the Annual Youth Conference consider including a representative from the MMF Provincial Youth Advisory Committee.

Moved by:

Tyler Thomas

Seconded by:

Zac Clemons

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #9

RESOLUTION OF THE 2019 MANITOBA METIS FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ANNUAL METIS YOUTH CONFERENCE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE PRESENTED TO THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR CONSIDERATION:

WHEREAS the Metis Youth are going to be the future leaders of the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF);

AND WHEREAS the current Annual Youth Conference is held at the same time as the MMF Annual General Assembly, preventing youth from attending;

AND WHEREAS being present at the Annual General Assembly has a variety of benefits for our Youth including: the ability to learn about the affairs of our Metis Government and the opportunity to take part in how the Metis conduct business;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the MMF Cabinet consider changing the Annual Youth Conference to the Thursday and Friday before the Annual General Assembly, so that our Metis Youth are able to attend the Annual General Assembly and be more included in Metis Governance.

Moved by:

Tyler Thomas

Seconded by:

Zac Clemons

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #10

RESOLUTION OF THE 2019 MANITOBA METIS FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION PUT FORWARD BY THOMPSON LOCAL

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE PRESENTED TO THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR CONSIDERATION:

WHEREAS approximately 80% of the clients at Violence Against Women shelters are Indigenous women, and their children that come with them, are escaping intimate partner abuse;

AND WHEREAS the nature of relationships is changing, as our society is recognizing LGBTQ+ relationships, as there is in heterosexual relationships the same violence exists;

AND WHEREAS many of our members are dealing with traumas and experiences from being removed from their birth families and homes, not only with residential schooling, but also with regards to the Sixties Scoop;

AND WHEREAS many of our members and their families are affected by the loss of loved ones relating to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Manitoba Metis Federation Cabinet consider providing the necessary resources to ensure that appropriate counselling services at a .8 funding level are made available to Metis Citizens in the Thompson Region who are affected by the above-mentioned traumas and losses.

Moved by:

Nelson Pruder

Seconded by:

Candice Bercier

Carried Unanimously

Resolution #11

RESOLUTION OF THE 2019 MANITOBA METIS FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION PUT FORWARD BY BARROWS METIS LOCAL

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE PRESENTED TO THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR CONSIDERATION:

WHEREAS the MMF currently provides local elders with firewood, it usually arrives very late in the winter and is not very efficient wood.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Manitoba Metis Federation Cabinet consider arranging for each Local to have someone hired in each community to provide wood for the elders.

Moved by:

Linda Barker

Seconded by:

Alex Delaronde

Opposed:

4 Opposed

Carried

Resolution #12

RESOLUTION OF THE 2019 MANITOBA METIS FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LOCAL EXECUTIVES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE PRESENTED TO THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR CONSIDERATION:

WHEREAS the Manitoba Metis Federation Constitution and Local By-Law currently provide for a Local Executive consisting of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and a Secretary-Treasurer;

AND WHEREAS many Locals have experienced significant growth;

AND WHEREAS the growth has increased the workload of the three Executive members;

AND WHEREAS the separating of the Secretary/Treasurer position into two would resolve the increased workload and demand;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the 51st Manitoba Metis Federation Annual General Assembly directs the MMF Cabinet to consider bringing forward the necessary constitutional amendments to provide for each Local to be represented by an Executive consisting of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

Moved by:

Shirley Grosky

Seconded by:

Jaqueline Chartrand

Opposed:

20 Opposed

Carried

Co-Chair Will Goodon invites Minister Joan Ledoux and Associate Minister David Beaudin along with the Manitoba Metis Federation Beading Group to present Capotes to President David Chartrand and Glorian Chartrand.

Motion No: 27 09 19

Motion to adjourn the Manitoba Metis Federation 51st Annual General Assembly.

Moved by:

Peter Fleming, Northwest Region

Seconded by:

Associate Minister JoAnne Remillard, Winnipeg Region

Carried Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Closing Prayer recited by Elder Verna Demontigny.





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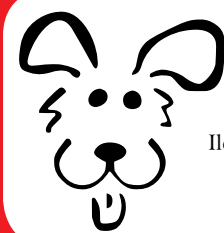
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MMF Department

Minister Leah LaPlante



Central Registry Office Data Management

The CRO saw several changes in processes and procedures during the fiscal year of 2019-2020. A technical challenge in June 2019 initiated the redevelopment of our internal database and data management system, which was launched in October 2019. A new system was developed internally, and it has addressed several ongoing issues from the previous database, as well as the ability to have Harvester numbers included as part of the Citizen's profile. Another recurring challenge was the frequency with which we were able to produce adult, Youth, and Harvester cards. The CRO has been able to reduce the time it takes to print and reprint cards, and now sends cards for print every two to three weeks. The errors in our card printing have also been substantially reduced with our upgraded system.

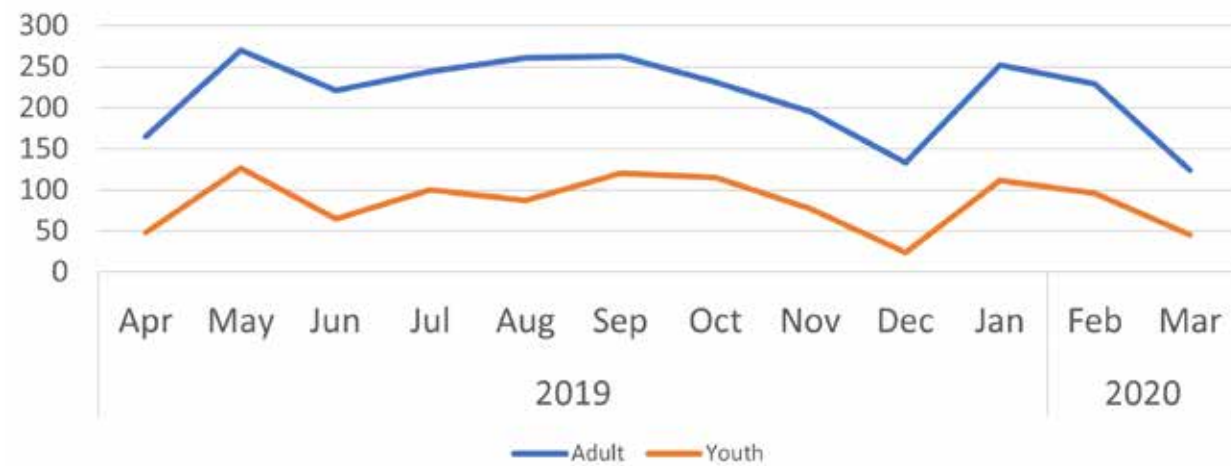
In March of 2020, we saw the beginning of COVID-19 in Manitoba, and our Department operations were considerably impacted by it. This impact can be seen in the number of applications received and approved at the time, as well as our card ordering numbers.

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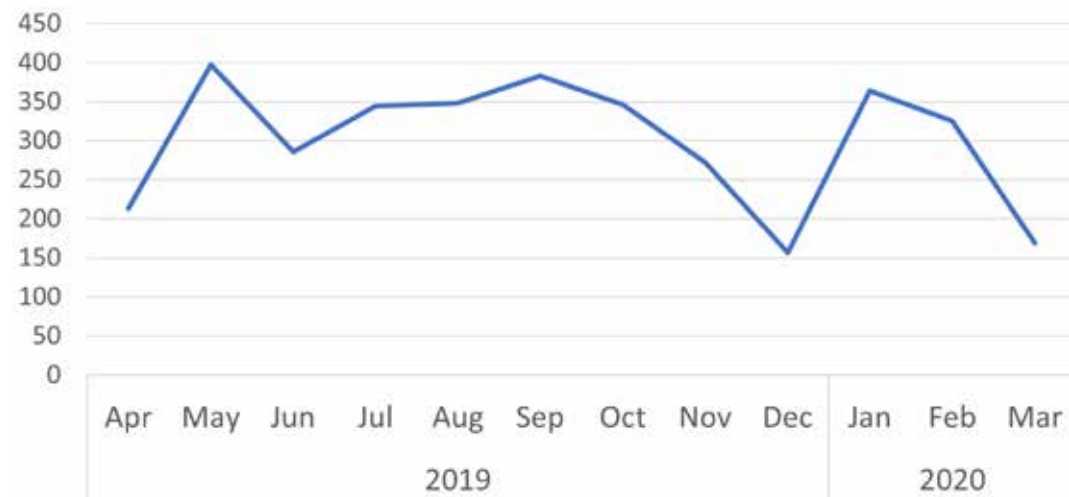
- Approved 3,604 new Citizenship cards
- Received 263 new Out of Province Applications
- Approved 2,113 Métis Harvester Identification cards, and
- Issued a total of 36,373 Citizenship cards and 18,217 Harvester cards to date

Total Citizens Approved	End of Fiscal 2018/2019	Total Citizenship April 1, 2020	2019/2020				
			Fiscal Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Adult	28,395	30,983	2,588	656	768	559	605
Youth	4,374	5,390	1,016	240	307	216	253
Total	32,769	36,373	3,604	896	1,075	775	858
Harvester	32,769	36,373	3,604	240	307	216	253

New Adult and Youth Applications



2019 - 2020 New Citizens

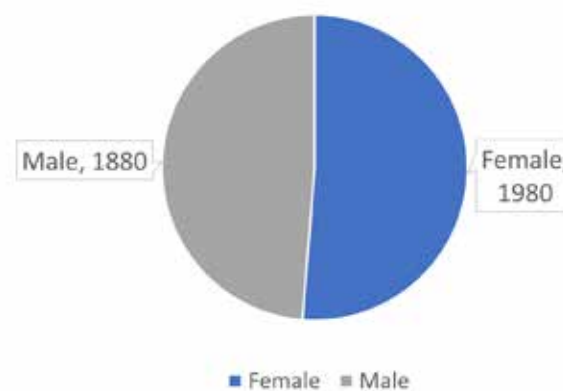


Number of Cards Printed by Month and by Card Type

(only available from October 2019)



Citizens by Gender



Out-of-Province Citizenship Applications

Given the traditional practice of mobility for Métis people and the history of the Métis Nation being forced to flee from our Homeland, many Métis people who have ancestral connections to Manitoba now live outside of the province. In response to this, the Central Registry Office has been processing Out-of-Province Citizenship cards, and this new option for our kin who have moved away from the historical Métis Homeland has had a very positive response. The Central Registry Office has received over 1,500 applications to date for MMF Citizenship cards from Métis people who live outside of Manitoba, and the number of applications continues to grow daily.

Mobile Citizenship Unit

In the past year, the Mobile Unit has travelled across Manitoba to visit a variety of communities to serve Métis citizens. We have been focused on travelling to rural communities around Manitoba to provide services to Citizens who might not have the ability to travel to their closest Regional Office. We have received a substantial amount of positive feedback from Métis Citizens as the Mobile Office gives the MMF the ability to bring the office directly to Citizens, even within rural and more remote communities.

The Central Registry Office would like to encourage MMF Locals to utilize the presence of the Mobile Office during Local meetings, events or Citizenship/Harvester drives. If your Local would like to have the MMF Mobile Office attend a meeting or event, please contact your Regional Office for more information.

Local Capacity Grants

The CRO has been spearheading the implementation of the new Local Capacity Grant application process. These grants will assist with funding for events, meetings, and fundraising initiatives.

The amount a Local can apply for is \$5,000 per fiscal year, which is to be funded in stages:

Installment #1 - \$2,500

Installment #2 - \$2,000

Installment #3 - \$500

In the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the CRO has issued \$200,297.80 in Grant Reimbursements. The CRO has been working with Locals through their Regional Office to assist them with the Local Capacity Grant, which provides financial support for each Local, and the CRO strongly encourages each active Local to apply. If your Local has questions about the Local Capacity Grant process, please contact your Regional Office for more information.





Early Learning & Child Care

MMF Department

Minister Frances Chartrand



The Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) strongly believes that all Métis children should have a real and fair opportunity for high-level early learning, setting them up for a future filled with success. As we build our department, our staff continue to work on feasibility studies prioritizing early learning and child care needs across the province.

Childhood II Diploma Program in the City of Dauphin at the Metis Community Centre. Students enrolled in this program will be a priority for employment opportunities in each of our day cares.

Early Learning and Child Care Centres

The ELCC Department has built a strong foundation for ongoing collaborative work within our Regions to achieve a shared path forward.

We look forward to implementing a culturally appropriate Métis curriculum to promote and inspire children, Youth, Elders, and families in the community. Each child care centre will have access to the ELCC Department's guidance and recommendations for their child care centre's day-to-day operations.

Furthermore, each site will have access to all departments and affiliates to partner and share programming and training opportunities.

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Our Métis children and families programming and curriculum include culture, language, values, and traditions. The MMF aims to channel financial, educational, and informational resources to our Citizens, affiliates, partnerships, and initiatives within Manitoba. Our goal is to promote, empower, and strengthen Métis culture in Manitoba's Communities.

Early Learning Education Opportunities

The Early Child Care Department (ELCC) partnered with Louis Riel Vocational College in facilitating an Early Learning

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Operational Sites

Dauphin – Michif Children’s Place in partnership with Whitmore School

Duck Bay – Abinoje Aboriginal Head Start Site, Elbert Chartrand Friendship Centre (ECFC)

Figure 1.0 – Dauphin – Whitmore Centre



Active Builds

Dauphin – Michif Children’s Place

St. Eustache – Li Chi Shevru Daycare

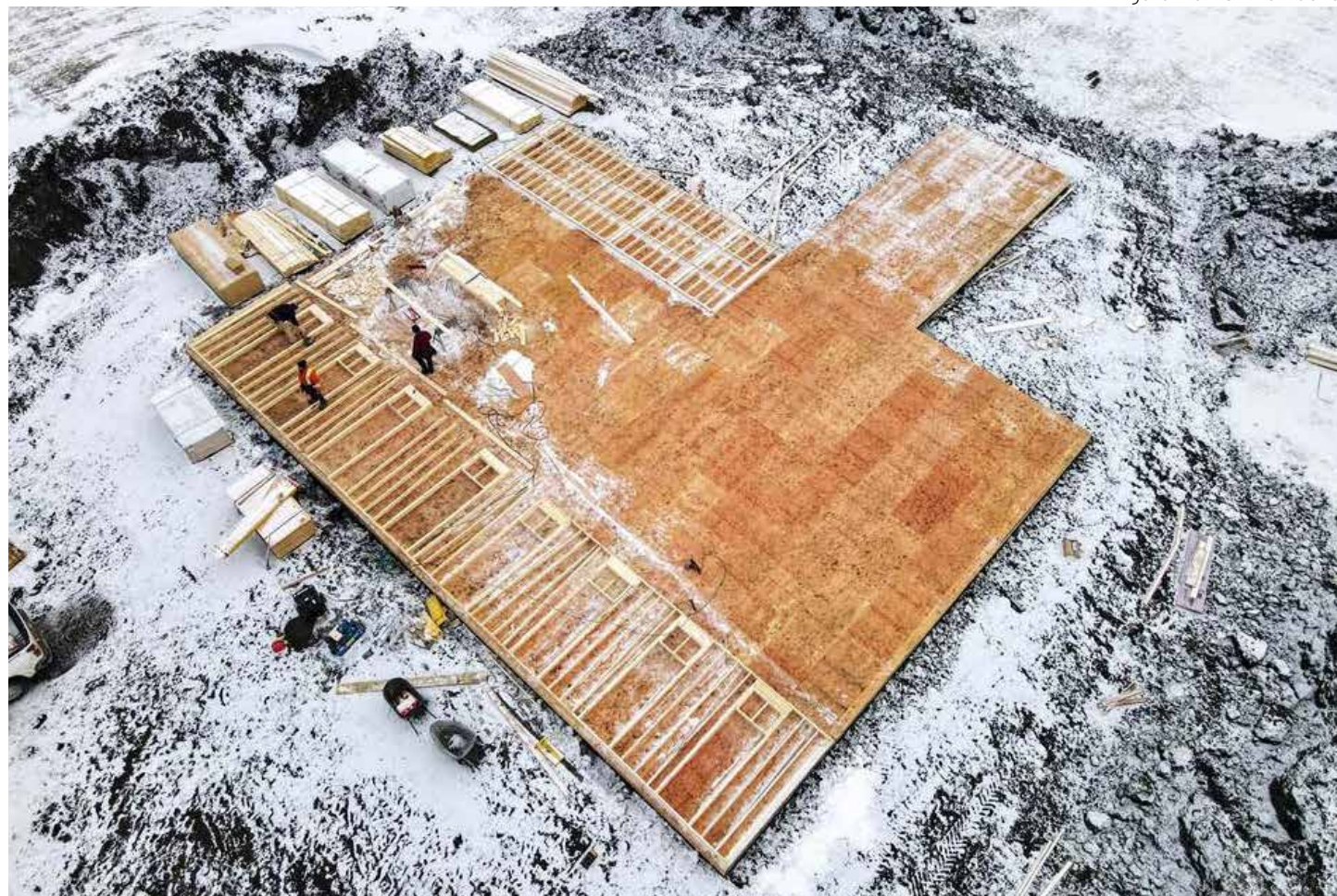
Swan River – Elbert Chartrand Friendship Centre (ECFC)

Thompson – KAO

Selkirk – Hawthorne (Infinity Women Secretariat)

Winnipeg – Little Stars (Infinity Women Secretariat)

Figure 2.0 – St. Eustache





Energy & Infrastructure

MMF Department

Minister Jack Park



The Energy and Infrastructure portfolio has undergone a significant transformation this year with the amalgamation of a number of portfolios into one much larger department.

The Energy and Infrastructure (E & I) department was created by the Métis Government in Manitoba to address the development and management of energy projects and infrastructure constructed on lands utilized by the Citizens and Harvesters of the Manitoba Métis Community. In September 2019, the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) amalgamated the Energy and Infrastructure portfolio with those from Engagement and Consultation and Natural Resources. As a result, the Energy, Infrastructure and Resource Management department includes E & I files as well as the MMF's Resolution 8 process, lands management files, and natural resources and conservation portfolios related to harvesting, environmental assessment, Métis monitoring, forestry, mining, migratory birds, commercial fisheries, wetland restoration, fish and fish habitat, and environment and climate change.

Enbridge – Line 3 Replacement Project (L3RP)

Line 3, built in the 1960s, is part of the Enbridge crude oil pipeline system known as the Mainline System. The L3RP is the largest project in Enbridge history and replaces 1,765 km of existing pipe – from Hardisty, Alberta to Superior, Wisconsin, with the Canadian portion ending in Gretna, Manitoba – with modern materials. Construction on the project is complete across the nine spreads. Your Métis Government had more than 150 Métis Citizens at work on the project during the 2018/19 construction season, including three (3) Aboriginal Construction Monitors and two (2) Indigenous Monitors.

With the majority of pipe installed, your Métis Government is now focused on ensuring Enbridge adheres to the Métis-specific mitigation and accommodation measures that were agreed to in 2018. The MMF is also working with Enbridge to revise their current Indigenous policy to better reflect the Métis Nation and the priorities of our Citizens and Harvesters as it relates to stewardship of the land.

Your Métis Government provided a number of submissions to Canada on the federal reviews currently being undertaken and has provided a variety of recommendations specific to the potential impacts of the processes on the rights, claims, and interests of the Citizens of the Métis Nation's Manitoba Métis Community.

The MMF will also be working with Enbridge to ensure the Citizens of the Manitoba Métis Community have the opportunity to meaningfully participate in the decommissioning of the current pipeline and the operations and maintenance phase of the replacement pipeline.

Your Métis Government worked with Enbridge to revise their Indigenous Operational Engagement plan and will continue to work with Enbridge to ensure that each step of their engagement strategy appropriately considers the needs of the Manitoba Métis Community.

Integration of Métis Knowledge in the Modernization of the National Energy Board

Your Métis Government provided a number of submissions to Canada on the federal reviews currently being undertaken and has provided a variety of recommendations specific to the potential impacts of the processes on the rights, claims, and interests of the Citizens of the Métis Nation's Manitoba Métis Community. Each of these submissions has included recommendations on how Canada might best implement a process that meaningfully considers and appropriately manages Métis-specific information provided by your Métis Government on behalf of its Citizens.

The MMF provided Canada with a report specific to policy and legislative review related to the integration of Métis Knowledge in the implementation of Bills C-68 and C-69 – specifically the roles and responsibilities of the National Energy Board (NEB). The MMF identified and evaluated how the NEB currently uses and/or manages Métis Traditional Land Use and Ecological Knowledge. The MMF also provided recommendations as to the new legislative requirements in the Canadian Energy Regulator Act relating to the consideration of Métis Knowledge as well as considerations and/or practices that should be reflected within the approach.

Line 3 – Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee (IAMC)

Canada's approval of L3RP was subject to 37 binding conditions recommended by the NEB in its report, including the establishment of the IAMC to provide ongoing monitoring and engagement throughout the life cycle of the project.

The IAMC was established with two government members, one from Natural Resources Canada and one from the Canada Energy Regulator (formerly the National Energy Board or NEB), and 16 Indigenous members from across Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba – four of whom are from the Métis Nation (1-MNA, 2-MN-S, 1-MMF). The MMF's representative, Marci Riel, has taken a lead role in the IAMC and its various subcommittees to ensure the MMF and the Métis Nation are appropriately represented with a focus on Indigenous monitoring. The MMF has taken the lead on both the filings review process and the Indigenous monitoring to ensure the rights, claims, and interests are respected by the Proponent, its mainline contractors and subcontractors, as well as representatives from Canada and the CER.

Through the IAMC, Canada provided funding for two Métis environmental monitors to accompany CER inspectors during their scheduled inspections of L3RP. These inspections were focused on compliance measures specific to environmental and safety conditions along the project Right of Way. With Enbridge moving from construction to operations, the inspections were reduced to two per year in summer 2019, with one inspection on Spread 7 and another on Spread 8.

The MMF's Métis monitors for the IAMC are Tayler Fleming and Jade Dewar.

Your Métis Government is working with committee members from MN-S and MNA on issues specific to the Métis Nation, and will continue to push a Métis-specific focus at the committee table and through the various work components.

For more information on the Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee, the work of the committee, its programs and projects, visit the IAMC website at <http://iamc-line3.com>.

Impact Assessment Legislation

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) recently transitioned to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC), and your Métis Government was approved for funding to participate in consultation and engagement activities on the development of policies and guidance related to the proposed new impact assessment system. Canada has proposed a system that is intended to include: respect for Indigenous rights, including mandatory consideration of impacts on rights and Indigenous culture; Indigenous engagement and partnership early and throughout the process; mandatory consideration of Indigenous knowledge; provisions for arrangements with Indigenous groups to exercise powers and duties under the legislation; and an aim to secure free, prior, and informed consent through processes based on mutual respect and dialogue.

The process included a technical and legal review of the proposed system as well as a series of community meetings to allow our Citizens to fully participate in the process. The MMF will continue to participate in the consultation process and additional details will be provided in reports to follow.

Canadian Navigable Waters Act

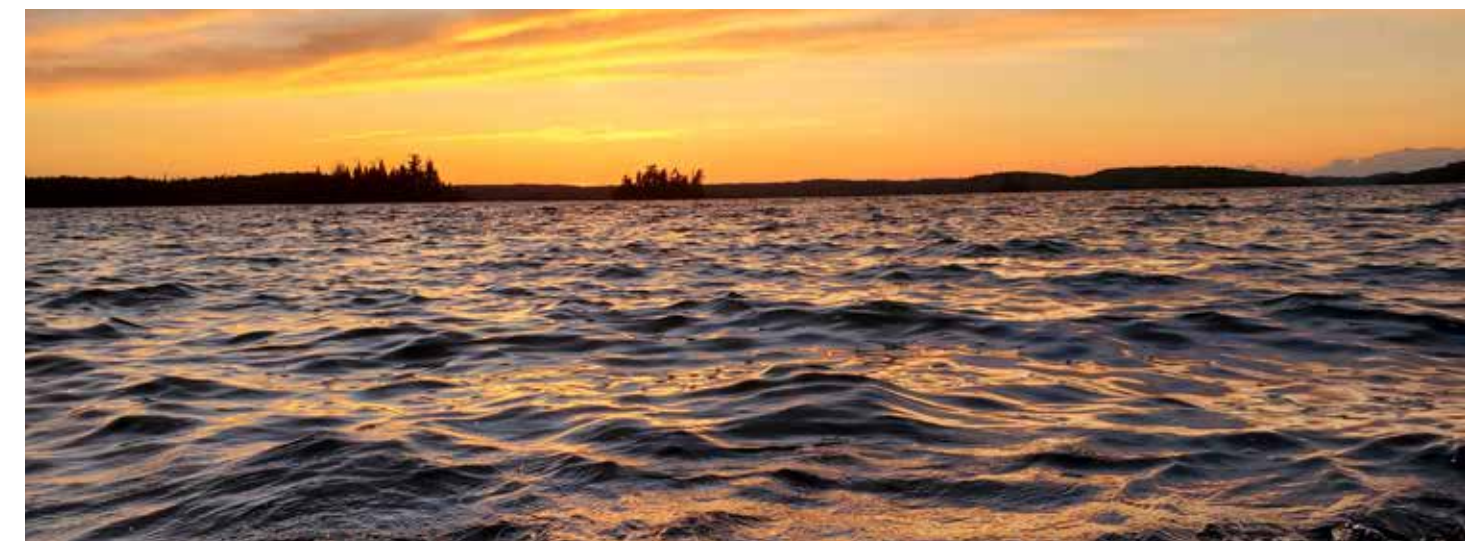
In February 2018, Canada introduced an Act to enact the Impact Assessment Act and the Canadian Energy Regulator Act, to amend the Navigation Protection Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts (Bill C-69) to deliver on its promise to restore protections and put in place modern safeguards to protect the public right of navigation.

Proposed changes to the Navigation Protection Act in Bill C-69 would introduce protections on all navigable waters in Canada and create the new Canadian Navigable Waters Act. Your Métis Government recently applied for funding to assist the MMF in reviewing the Major and Minor Works Orders and the proposed additions to the Schedule of the Act as well as to draft recommendations specific to the potential impacts of those processes on our Citizens.

A number of the recommendations that flow from this process will also be applicable to the revisions being made to the Fisheries Act, and as such, the report will also be provided to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans.

Manitoba Minnesota Transmission Project (MMTP)

Manitoba Hydro's MMTP includes construction of a 500-kilovolt AC transmission line in southeastern Manitoba and upgrades to the associated stations at Dorsey, Riel, and Glenboro.



The MMF has opted to act as an observer of Manitoba Hydro's MMTP monitoring advisory group, which, along with representation from other impacted Indigenous communities, has been tasked with providing input into the ongoing monitoring and management of the project area throughout the life cycle of the project. The MMF has a Métis environmental and compliance monitor on the project, Keith Kowal, who acts as the MMF's link to the construction team and to the proponent. He is the MMF's eyes and ears on the project and works closely with the E & I team to ensure that concerns that come up during construction are resolved appropriately.

Your Métis Government has provided Manitoba Hydro with significant information about areas of concern in and around the transmission corridor, as well as concerns around access to traditional harvesting areas – an increasing number and variety of predators and other challenges faced by our harvesters.

The federal licensing decision was made on June 14, 2019, to approve the MMTP with additional conditions as set out by Canada. The MMF has worked diligently since that time to ensure that the additional conditions are met by the Proponent and monitored by the Canada Energy Regulator. For example, the MMF received two-year funding for a Terrestrial and Cultural study to examine Métis traditional knowledge and archeological protocols specific to southern transmission projects.

St. Vital Transmission Complex

The project includes construction of two 230-kV transmission lines that will both start at the St. Vital Station and run to either the Letellier Station or the La Verendrye Station. The project is being built on existing right of way and was designed to enable the Winnipeg network to withstand various severe outages, improve performance during normal operation, and promote the reliability of the power system in southern Manitoba.

The St. Vital Transmission Complex received a Class 2 development Licence under The Environment Act (Manitoba) on January 30, 2017, and construction began in the summer of 2019.

Birtle Transmission Project

Manitoba Hydro's proposed project is a 230-kV transmission line from the Birtle Station, south of the community of Birtle, to the Manitoba-Saskatchewan border. The Project is subject to a provincial environmental review and MBH has filed their Environmental Assessment Proposal (EAP) with Manitoba.

The MMF undertook a Métis Land Use and Occupancy Study to assess the impacts of the Project on the Manitoba Métis Community and will continue to work with Manitoba Hydro to ensure the information is incorporated in the development of their environmental protection program and construction management plans.

There has been no consultation on this project to date, although brief discussions have taken place with Canada in relation to the project and the connection to the SaskPower line. The MMF is working to identify issues that are not or cannot be mitigated by Manitoba Hydro in the drafting of their environmental protection and monitoring programs and will continue to work toward a resolution to this process.

Manitoba Hydro completed the following expansion projects during the year ending March 31, 2020:

- Harrow Station – Bishop Grandin Transmission Project
- Morris Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline
- Northwest Winnipeg Natural Gas Project
- Tyndall Transmission Project

In addition to the projects listed above, Manitoba Hydro had the following current Transmission Expansion Projects planned for the year ending March 31, 2020:

- De Salaberry East Station project
- Birtle Transmission Project
- Poplar Bluff Transmission Project
- Riding Mountain National Park Transmission Line Widening
- St. Vital Transmission Complex

Project 6 – All-Season Road

Manitoba Infrastructure (MI) is proposing to construct Project 6 – an all-season road linking Manto Sipi Cree Nation, Bunibonibee Cree Nation, and God's Lake First Nation.

The Project is subject to both provincial and federal environmental review, and MI filed their Environment Act Proposal in June 2017. Your Métis Government will continue to meet with MI to negotiate a meaningful consultation budget and work plan to ensure Manitoba fully considers the potential impact of the project. Canada has provided the MMF with federal crown consultation funding, and the MMF will be undertaking a technical review of MI's Environmental Impact Statement for the project and will host a number of community consultation meetings to ensure Citizens have the opportunity to meaningfully participate in the process.

Your Métis Government will continue to work with Canada to ensure the rights and perspectives of our Métis Citizens are appropriately recognized and heard through full, proper, and meaningful engagement and consultation on this Project. In early June, the MMF provided a technical review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency. Your Métis Government will also work toward a similar agreement with Manitoba to ensure the provincial

licensing process meaningfully considers Métis-specific mitigation measures.

Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet Project

MI is undertaking the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet Project to regulate both lakes during peak flooding season. In addition to the channels, the project includes an access road and a transmission line. Your Métis Government has worked diligently to ensure the appropriate regulatory bodies are aware of the potential impacts of the project and our Community's concerns are fully considered, mitigated where possible, and accommodated where mitigation is not possible.

Your Métis Government continues to work on your behalf to develop a work plan and budget for a Métis traditional land use and occupancy study that appropriately considers the potential impacts of the project on the way in which our Citizens use the land, water, and resources in and around the Project area.

This Project is subject to multiple regulatory reviews by the CEAA, Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Transport Canada, as well as Manitoba Sustainable Development. The MMF is working with all applicable federal departments to ensure the components of the project that fall under their mandate are prioritized.

The Manitoba Métis Community was identified by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency as one of the Indigenous communities to be most affected by the project and invited the MMF to participate in a Technical Advisory Group where federal and provincial regulators, local governments, and impacted Indigenous communities met to discuss the Project. The Technical Advisory Group met only once last year but remains a priority for the MMF.

Your Métis Government has conveyed concerns about the Project as well as the consultation and engagement processes to the appropriate federal and provincial Ministers. The MMF will continue to

advocate for appropriate studies to ensure that the path forward fully considers the impact of the project on the rights, claims, and interests of our Citizens.

Whiteshell Reactor #1 – Decommissioning Project

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) is decommissioning the Pinawa site and is applying for a license from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) on their proposed decommissioning plan to bury the reactor in concrete and grout.

With funding from the CNSC and CNL, your Métis Government has undertaken a Technical Review of the Project, a community consultation meeting, a consumption survey, Traditional Knowledge and Land Use Study (TKLUS), and an assessment of the value components (VCs) used by the Proponent to assess the potential impacts of the Project.

Your Métis Government appeared on your behalf in the regulatory hearings for the environmental licensing of both the current reactor and the planned decommissioning of the nuclear reactor. As a result of that intervention, the MMF had a Métis Environmental Monitor on site for a variety of monitoring tasks over the summer months, including water sampling at the discharge lagoon, environmental monitoring of the lagoon operation, ground water sample collection, and garden crop monitoring.

The MMF's Métis monitor on this project is Jade Dewar.

The MMF and MN4Cl are currently reviewing CNL's procurement and prequalification process to determine the best options for economic development opportunities.

Lynn Lake Gold Mine – Alamos Gold

Alamos Gold Inc. is proposing the construction, operation, decommissioning, and reclamation of an open-pit gold mine and new metal mill located near Lynn Lake, Manitoba. The Lynn Lake

Gold Project would involve the redevelopment of two historical gold mines (the Gordon site and MacLellan site) and have an ore input capacity of 8,000 tonnes per day over an 11-year period. Components of the project would include new mine infrastructure, open pits, an access road, a central ore milling and processing plant, ore stockpiles and mine rock storage areas, and a tailings management facility.

The project is subject to a federal environmental assessment by the CEAA, as the Manitoba Métis Community has been identified by CEAA as being highly affected by the project. The MMF applied for and was granted funding to participate in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Environmental Assessment (EA) review of the project and to hold a community consultation meeting in the Thompson Region.

The MMF worked closely with representatives from Alamos Gold Inc. to negotiate appropriate funding towards a TKLUS, technical review of the project, as well as a community engagement meeting. With the combination of funding provided by Canada for consultation on the project and the funding from Alamos for engagement on the project, the MMF completed and submitted to both Canada and Alamos, a Métis TKLUS. We were also fortunate to host a Community Consultation/Validation meeting in Thompson in January 2020 – just prior to the onset of the pandemic.

The MMF continues to work with Alamos on the inclusion of Métis-specific information in their EIS, and Alamos Gold Inc. has agreed to keep the MMF informed of potential economic development and employment opportunities flowing from the project.

Efficiency Manitoba

Efficiency Manitoba is Manitoba's newest crown corporation devoted to energy conservation. Our goal is to make saving energy and reducing your energy bills easy, affordable, and satisfying. We want to collaborate with you, our fellow Manitobans, to identify your needs and how we can fulfill them.

With regard to the MMF, Efficiency Manitoba filed their plan with Public Utility Board, and our Department continues to review the plan to determine the best fit for the Manitoba Métis Community.

Efficiency Manitoba and our Department are working with the Louis Riel Capital Corporation and MMF Housing to refer Métis small businesses to the programming. More details will follow as the program evolves.



Engagement & Consultation

MMF Department

Minister Denise Thomas



Over the past year, the Engagement and Consultation Department (the Department) has continued to engage and consult with our Citizens to discuss projects which may impact their rights, interests, and claims. At the end of the fiscal year, with pandemic restrictions in place, the Department was involved in creating solutions to meet virtually with our Community.

The Department has continued to ensure Resolution No. 8 is consistently implemented within all Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) Departments, Affiliates, and Regions. Our staff work to maintain a “single-window” approach for engagement and consultation with our Community through the MMF Home Office. Department staff ensure Resolution No. 8 is consistently implemented on all projects and they work to continually provide education on how to properly engage and consult with the Métis Nation’s Manitoba Métis Community, through the MMF.

The Department worked closely with subject matter experts (SMEs) within all MMF Departments and Affiliates on projects that impact the rights, interests, and claims of our Community. Over the past year, they have worked with SMEs to support all Ministers and portfolios whose projects required engagement and consultation work. Before the pandemic, they were working on holding two major consultation meetings, one for

Economic Development, and one to discuss Bill C-92 for the Child and Family Services Act.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the MMF put the safety of our Community first and put community engagement and consultation meetings on hold. Due to this, staff have been looking at innovative solutions to safely restart community meetings, including the use of videoconferencing and teleconferencing software. Our goal is to deliver the same community meeting standard our Citizens expect, but in a virtual manner.

It has been a busy year within our Department, and we look forward to being able to meet with everyone again soon, whether it be virtually or in person.

History of Consultation

At the 2007 Annual General Assembly, the MMF unanimously passed Resolution No. 8, which mandates a “single-window” approach for engagement and consultation with the Community through the MMF Home Office. Based on Resolution No. 8, the MMF Home Office works with the Regions and Locals to ensure that the rights and interests of all MMF Citizens, including Harvesters, are effectively represented in matters related to engagement and consultation. This applies to any project that impacts the

rights, interests, and claims of the Community. The Department then liaises with the appropriate Regions and Locals potentially affected by a project.

Consultation is about respecting our constitutionally protected rights. Where rights have been established, a consultation process must be designed and implemented in a way that respects those rights and fulfills the Crown's obligations to rightsholders. The government must engage in meaningful consultation to ensure Métis rights, including the right to hunt, fish, trap, and gather, will not be infringed upon.

Resolution No. 8 Framework

The Engagement and Consultation Department was created in 2013, following a growing need for capacity to address the high volume of projects and plans regarding the Crown's duty to consult with the Community. The MMF began developing a framework for engagement and consultation with the Community. This framework was designed by Métis, for Métis, and through the exercise of the Métis inherent right of self-government and self-determination.

The Resolution No. 8 Framework can be summarized into five phases:

Phase I: Notice and Response

Phase II: Research and Capacity

Phase III: Engagement or Consultation

Phase IV: Partnership and Accommodation, and

Phase V: Implementation

The Department has continued to ensure Resolution No. 8 is consistently implemented within all Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) Departments, Affiliates, and Regions. Our staff work to maintain a "single-window" approach for engagement and consultation with our Community through the MMF Home Office.

Each phase is an integral part of the entire Resolution No. 8 Framework and must be successfully completed before moving into the next phase.

Over the past year, the Department has assisted many other MMF Departments and/or Affiliates through the Resolution No. 8 process by attending technical meetings, planning, and hosting consultation meetings. The Department is continuing this work by coming up with solutions to hold virtual community meetings.

Commercial Fishers Emergency Meeting

On May 8, 2019, the Department took the lead in hosting an Emergency Meeting for Commercial Fishers in conjunction with Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO) and the Southern Chiefs' Organization (SCO). The meeting was organized in response to the Province's changes to the commercial fishing industry in Manitoba.

Strengthen Economic Development Consultation

The Department was assisting in the organization and planning of the Strengthen Economic Development Consultation meeting. The consultation was to hold discussions with Métis Citizens about ways to strengthen the economic well-being of the Manitoba Métis Community by gaining perspectives from small and large businesses, crafters, fishers, and musicians. Topics of discussion included local, traditional, and green economies. The conference was scheduled for late March 2020 but was postponed. The Department plans to hold this consultation in the future.

Bill C-92 Legislation: Child and Family Services Act Consultation

The Department worked with Métis Child and Family Community Services to plan this consultation meeting, originally scheduled to take place in late March 2020. The MMF planned to consult our Community about Bill C-92 as the Bill provides Indigenous groups with the ability to design and deliver child and family services solutions that best suit the needs of their community. The conference was postponed, and work will resume virtually in 2021.

Virtual Consultation

Given the current social distancing restrictions, the Department is creating solutions to allow the MMF to safely restart community meetings. Such solutions include making use of teleconferencing or videoconferencing software to meet with our Citizens as a group or calling our Citizens to speak with them individually about projects to gain valuable traditional knowledge and feedback. As proponents and the Crown continue discussions with the MMF on their projects, it is important that community meetings restart so the voice of our Community continues to be heard on matters which impact our rights, interests, and claims.

These proposed ideas for virtual consultation are currently under development with the MMF aiming to restart community meetings in the fall of 2021.

Please contact the Department via email at consultation@mmf.mb.ca if you have any questions regarding Engagement and Consultation.



Health & Wellness

MMF Department

Minister Frances Chartrand



Failures within the provincial health system have had, and continue to have, devastating impacts that are evidenced by the burden of illness experienced by Métis Citizens today – burdens that may be preventable. To address this, the Manitoba Metis Federation's (MMF) Health and Wellness Department (HWD) was established in 2005 to develop and use knowledge that is culture-based and holistic. The HWD's objective is to "close the gap" of health status for Métis families and communities.

Programs

Prescription Drug Program

In 2017 our Métis Government developed its first Metis Health Benefits- Prescription Drug Program designed so that Métis seniors and Elders may

have access and coverage to obtain essential prescription drugs necessary to increase their quality of health and well-being. Eligibility requirements for this program are Métis Citizenship, age 65 or over, net income of \$25,000 or less, Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment, and Manitoba Pharmacare Deductible notice.

The success of the program is a result of the collaboration of the MMF Health & Wellness Department, the Metis Community Liaison Department (MCLD), and MEDOCare Pharmacy.

Métis Senior Vision Care Initiative

To make the vision care of Métis seniors a priority, this unique program delivers vision care services, which include managing healthy eye care,



eye examinations and prescription eyeglasses. An agreement was made with Prairie Eye Care to provide mobile vision care services throughout the regions. Eligibility requirements for this program are the same as the Prescription Drug Program. However, all citizens regardless of age or income can benefit from a negotiated rate of \$150 per set of prescription glasses, including bifocals or progressive lenses, by presenting their Citizenship card at the time of purchase.



Partnerships

Numerous working partnerships which enhance Métis health and wellness have been formed, including the MCLD and MEDOCare Pharmacy, to assist in both the Prescription Drug Program and the Senior Eyeglass Program; Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC); First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB); ISC; Canadian Institute on Health Research (CIHR); University of Manitoba (UM); and the Children's Health Research Institute (CHRIM). We are also working at a strategic level with the Canadian Partnerships against Cancer (CPAC) and CancerCare Manitoba to address Métis-specific preventative issues. Day-to-day networking with our caucus is key, and we also partner closely with our seven MMF Regions, and the Infinity Women Secretariat, to connect with our Métis Citizens on a grassroots level about their health and wellness issues.

Launching Métis-Specific Research/Programs

The HWD continues to spearhead research projects to build a Métis health-specific body of knowledge that can be used to determine the provincial/federal health system and prospective funding bodies in support of Métis health and wellness.

- **Validating What We Already Know: Measuring Métis Health Status in Manitoba (Chronic Disease Study)**

Life with chronic disease is a reality for many Métis Citizens. In 2010, the Metis Atlas assembled the rates of many chronic diseases that affect our Citizens. The PHAC is funding further study to assist the MMF and the HWD to build further understanding of chronic diseases in our Citizens. Over the past year, we have been busy breaking ground for the two parts of this project: a regional Métis health survey and a health database. For the health survey we have been reading widely to find out what other groups have done, we have spoken to a variety of content and Métis experts, we have developed a consent form, and we have created a first draft of the Regional Health Survey.

After reviewing several database engineers/developers, we selected someone to create the database for us. Meetings have been held between the MMF and the contracted company. Work on this will continue over the next several months.



- **Understanding the Opioid Crisis in Manitoba Métis: Evidence to Support Interventions (Opioid Study)**

Citizens and communities have all been touched by the opioid crisis. Led by the MMF and the HWD, a three-year PHA-funded study, beginning in April 2019, is a first look at the use of opioids by the Métis in the province. Key messages will be taken to the communities to gain Citizens' observations to our results and gather input to address this issue.

Participating In Other Métis-Specific Research

The HWD continues to support and participate in research projects which expand a Métis health-specific body of knowledge to enhance Métis health and wellness.

- **Participatory Risk Communication: Indigenous Youth-Generated Health Messages**

Youth play an important role as future leaders and knowledge holders. Using culture camps, we are working with Youth aged 18 – 30 to build relationships with Youth and Elders using a variety of land- and water-based activities. The study involves Youth from the SW and NW Regions. Benefits of the project include development of health messages by Youth, promotion of culture and traditional knowledge, building relationships among Youth and Elders, and promotion of leadership amongst Youth.

In conclusion, we will continue to work with our families and communities, partners, and funders as we build our Health department and enhance our social programming and services for Métis Citizens across the province. We will also continue to foster meaningful relationships and partnerships across the departments and with the health care system, where the needs of Métis Citizens will be at the forefront, and to ensure culturally relevant care is available.



The Manitoba Metis Federation's Health and Wellness Department (HWD) was established in 2005 to develop and use knowledge that is culture-based and holistic. The HWD's objective is to "close the gap" of health status for Métis families and communities.



Housing & Property Management

MMF Department

Minister Will Goodon



An Introduction to Métis Nation Housing

Since the 1970s, Housing has been an important pillar of the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) as a foundation for self-government. In the early years of the MMF, service provision was limited to small programs delivered on behalf of other levels of government. Today, with a renewed nation-to-nation, government-to-government relationship with Canada, Housing has flourished with new investments and commitments that have seen the Housing & Property Management Department become one of the crown jewels of the Manitoba Métis Government.

The MMF, as the government of the Manitoba Métis Community, has a responsibility to address its Citizens' housing needs and priorities. To support Métis Citizens in finding an affordable home today, the MMF is offering new targeted initiatives to provide the "head start" promised in 1870 - initiatives such as the First Time Home Purchase Program, the Home Enhancement Loan Program, new affordable housing projects, a Métis-specific homelessness strategy, and two major projects under the Indigenous Homes Innovation Initiative.

Building an Efficient Housing and Construction Division

The signing of the 2018 Canada - Métis Nation Housing Sub-Accord allowed the MMF Housing Department to grow substantially over the past two years. Initially a team of three staff, the MMF Housing Department has since grown into a robust team of 15 staff who have experience in all aspects in housing, including policy development, commercial development, housing construction, affordable housing, and housing programs.

The growth of the MMF Housing Department means that the Department now has the capacity to assist with project management of commercial projects. For example, the Department is currently managing the construction of three day cares for Métis Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC), a regional office for the Northwest Metis Council, and planned office spaces to be built throughout the province in every Region for MMF Locals to use as a space to conduct their business and their governance.

Building and Maintaining Affordable Housing for Métis Citizens

The MMF Housing Department continues to provide property management for 26 affordable housing units across the province from previous agreements in 2011 and 2013. Over the past year the MMF has completed the Frank Bruce Métis Seniors Complex in St. Laurent, and construction has commenced on future affordable housing builds that consist of triplexes, duplexes, and more seniors housing in Historic St. Boniface in Winnipeg, Portage La Prairie, and Selkirk. The Housing Department is currently planning for future builds in communities across Manitoba to meet the housing needs of Métis families and Citizens.

The MMF First Time Home Purchase Program (FTHPP)

The MMF First Time Home Purchase Program (FTHPP) was launched February 2019 and is a housing program that is administered through

the Louis Riel Capital Corporation (LRCC). It is designed as a needs-based program ensuring that the focus is on helping Métis Citizens and families that for a variety of reasons are challenged to save for a down payment and closing costs to purchase a home on their own.

The FTHPP has been one of the most successful programs the Manitoba Métis Government has offered. The program alone has an approval rate of 89%, has stimulated over 190 jobs and has provided 412 homes for Métis people with an additional 200 waiting to purchase their first home. This program has also contributed to the growth of Manitoba's economy; since its launch new Métis homeowners have generated over \$21 million towards the local economy, which includes household purchases for their new home.

Those interested in the First Time Home Purchase Program are encouraged to visit www.lrcc.mb.ca, or contact the LRCC main office at 204-589-0772, toll free at 1-800-387-6004, or by email at info@lrcc.mb.ca.



The MMF Home Enhancement Loan Program (MMF-HELP)

In 2019 the Manitoba Government cancelled provincial repair programming offered through Manitoba Housing. The discontinuation of several repair and emergency repair programs left many Métis Citizens, and Manitobans, in the dark without any access to these essential programs. To address the housing repair needs, in May 2019 the Housing Department launched the MMF – Home Enhancement Loan Program (MMF-HELP) to assist Métis homeowners to make the critical repairs to their home so that it can be sustainable and safe for years to come.

Designed as a program for low to moderate income households, the MMF-HELP provides a one-time forgivable loan of up to \$15,000 (including taxes) to provide for emergency home repairs and renovations to improve, adapt, and maintain the homes of Métis Citizens and their families. Along with the FTHPP, the MMF-HELP has been one of the most successful housing programs

offered by the Métis Government. Initially a one-year pilot program, the MMF-HELP is now being extended to an additional seven years, meaning this program will be available to households who need it for years to come. The program has since completed over 150 repairs across the province while providing good, well-paying jobs for Métis contractors who complete the work.

Those who are interested in learning more or accessing the MMF-HELP are encouraged to contact the MMF Housing Department at 204-586-8474 or toll free at 1-800-665-8474 to request an application. Citizens can also access an application and the program guidelines at www.mmf.mb.ca under the Housing and Property Management section.

Addressing Métis Homelessness – The Reaching Home Initiative

The Government of Canada has entered into a five-year agreement with MMF for the provision of homelessness services for Métis Citizens across



Manitoba. Addressing homelessness is a task far too great for just one; it requires a community and partnerships to resolve. That is why the MMF has been participating in ongoing engagement with stakeholders and existing service providers to provide a culturally appropriate Métis-specific approach. Using an evidence-based practice based on research and community engagement, the Department will continue to develop and implement the Reaching Home Program, and seeks to expand delivery to all MMF Regions, MMIWG, Youth Aging Out of Care, Women Fleeing Domestic Violence, and those exiting incarceration.

Indigenous Homes Innovation Initiative

In April 2019, the Government of Canada launched the Indigenous Homes Innovation Initiative to support innovative Indigenous-led housing ideas. Of 342 applicants, 24 projects were selected by the Initiative's Indigenous Steering Committee to begin the planning and development stage. Two proposals submitted by the MMF were approved by the committee and are in development, including a "Ronald McDonald Charity House" concept that would provide temporary housing for Métis families who need a place to stay while their loved one receives treatment at a hospital (Michif Manor) and a transitional home for CFS Métis Youth who are aging out of care and need that little bit of extra support to provide them with the skills they need to be an adult (Infinity House of Hope – Mazoun).

Introduction to Property Management

Property Management became a standalone department in 2014 following an MMF Cabinet restructure that merged the Department of Housing and new Property Management division into the responsibility of Minister Will Goodon. A new division within LRCC was created to lead this important portfolio for our Métis Government-owned properties. As your Minister of Housing and Property Management, my continued responsibility is to ensure that the Property Management division maintains its due diligence by confirming all revenues and expenses are collected and recorded, guaranteeing that all buildings meet provincial

and municipal regulations, and that all repairs and financial obligations are estimated, performed, and paid in a timely manner. We currently have seven clients and provide property management for 10 properties across the province, with one in Ontario. I am pleased to report that the annual revenue for the properties totalled \$3,150,000 for the 2019/20 fiscal year, with a total combined estimated market value of all properties totalling \$25,812,000.



150 Henry Avenue – Winnipeg
Estimated value: \$9,000,000

Owned by MEDO Developments Ltd., 150 Henry Avenue continues to serve as the Home Office for the MMF, where many direct services and programs are offered to Citizens. In addition to service provision, 150 Henry Avenue serves as the government house for the Manitoba Métis Government. It is here where your MMF Cabinet gathers and governs the Métis Nation's Manitoba Métis Community. In partnership with Canada, the MMF will be participating in the "Low Carbon Economy Challenge" – a program to make building retrofits to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30% by 2030. This partnership will include retrofits to the building's envelope, exterior windows, HVAC systems, and the addition of solar panels. Construction is anticipated to start in the summer of 2021.



MEDO Square – Winnipeg
Estimated value: \$6,000,000

Owned by MEDO Developments Ltd., MEDO Square is a 65,000-square-foot industrial/office complex and is home to prominent tenants within Manitoba including: Metis Child and Family Services Authority, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, Park Avenue Vending and Manitobah Mukluks. MEDO Developments Limited is actively coordinating with the Winnipeg Transit Service Development Division to ensure their Master Transit Plan aligns with their plans for MEDO Square into the future.



2000 Portage Avenue – Winnipeg
Estimated value: \$4,000,000

Owned by WMA Landholdings Inc., Michif Child and Family Services Authority continues to provide the essential supports needed to strengthen and support the health and well-being of Métis families. Substantial investments have been made into the HVAC systems and the roof of 2000 Portage Avenue.



406/408-412 McGregor Street – Winnipeg
Estimated value: \$1,500,000

Owned by the Winnipeg Metis Association, McGregor is home to the Michif Child and Family Services Authority and to the Winnipeg Metis Association's Métis Club, which is the community meeting place for various cultural and regional activities. Recent renovations to the property include new flooring, walls, and ceiling for the Métis Club.



29 Royal Road South – Portage La Prairie
Estimated value: \$350,000

Owned by LRCC Metis N4 Investment Inc., 29 Royal Road South is leased to Metis Child and Family Services to provide essential services to Métis families around the Portage La Prairie region. Essential upgrades to the building include new water heaters, insulation, AC system, new exterior siding, and a reinforced staircase. The front exterior brick will receive a new paint job in the spring of 2021.



456 Fischer Avenue – The Pas
Estimated value: \$1,500,000

Owned by the MMF, 456 Fischer Avenue is leased to Metis Child and Family Services to provide essential services to Métis families around The Pas Region, and is also home to the MMF's The Pas Regional Office. 456 Fischer Avenue will undergo improvements to its roof and drainage systems in the spring/summer of 2021.

2-340 MacLaren Street – Ottawa, Ontario
Estimated value: \$1,600,000

340 MacLaren continues to operate as the home office for the Métis National Council (MNC). Located in the nation's capital, the building serves as the location where the Governing Members of the MNC meet and govern the Métis Nation at a national level. The building is owned by both the LRCC (50%) and the Metis Economic Development Organization (50%); routine maintenance of mechanical and building systems continues.

44 Copper Road – Thompson
Estimated value: \$270,000

44 Copper Road is owned by the MMF. Construction of a 3,600-square-foot facility, which will accommodate KAO Daycare as a long-term tenant, is under way and is expected to be ready for occupancy on June 1, 2021.

95-101 Sutherland Avenue – Winnipeg
Estimated value: \$192,000

MEDO Developments Ltd. currently owns the parking lot and greenspace located adjacent to MEDO Square. Routine maintenance continues to meet the commercial needs of tenants.

49 Austin Street – Winnipeg
Estimated value: \$1,400,000

Owned by 5785066 Manitoba, which operates the parking lot located at 49 Austin Street in Winnipeg. Capacity for 185 vehicles.





Human Resources

MMF Department

Minister Anita Campbell



As the Minister of Human Resources for the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF), I am very proud to share the very first Annual Report of our newly created Department of Human Resources.

The MMF recognizes that our Mission and Vision to serve the Manitoba Métis Community and its Citizens through advancing their cultural, social, economic, and political well-being is realized through the hard work and dedication of staff. The purpose of the MMF Department of Human Resources is to design programs and policy aimed to attract and retain top talent candidates who will contribute to the development, implementation, and administration of programs and services designed to empower and improve the lives of our Métis Citizens.

Our Services

Human Resources is a core business function with a focus on human capital management addressing compensation and benefits, recruitment and onboarding of employees, performance management, employee relations, training, organizational design and development, and workplace culture.

Development Of Department

In June of 2019, the MMF hired a Director of Human Resources to build a Department with a focus of shifting away from an administrative function to that of a strategic business function.

A team consisting of four (4) Human Resources professionals was developed to focus on all areas of Human Resources, such as employee engagement, training and development, and employee relations. A five-year strategic plan was developed outlining the priorities of the department with a focus on building programs to empower employees of the MMF and ultimately become officially recognized as an employer of choice on Manitoba's top 100 employer list.

Previously, Human Resources was a combined function within the MMF's Department of Finance. The first, second, and third quarter of the 2019/2020 fiscal year was focused on devolving the pre-existing relationship with the Finance department, and at the same time transitioning the Department of Human Resources into a standalone function.

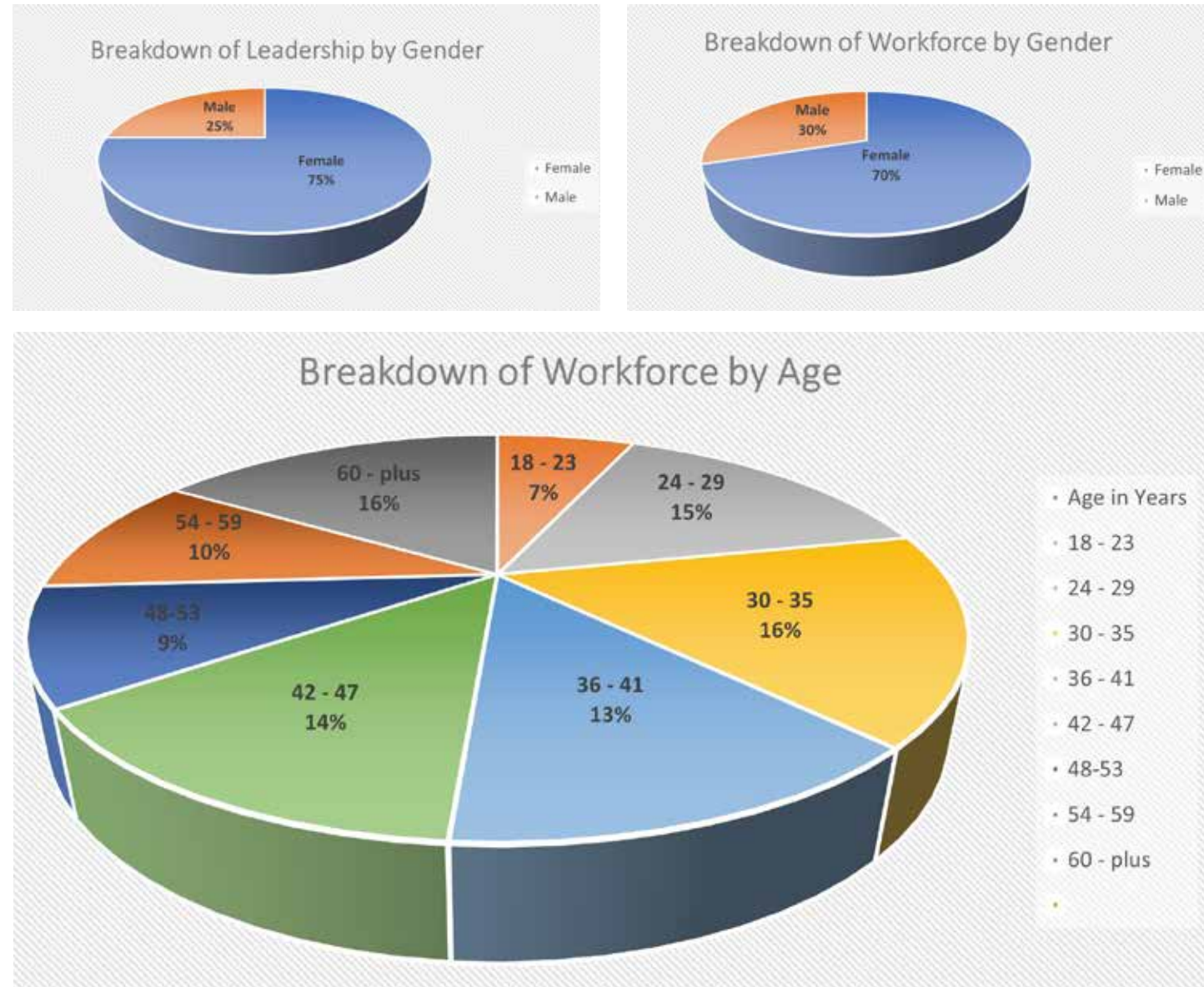
The MMF recognizes that our Mission and Vision to serve the Manitoba Métis Community and its Citizens through advancing their cultural, social, economic, and political well-being is realized through the hard work and dedication of staff.

Our Workforce

The MMF is comprised of approximately 250 employees for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. Please note that these numbers reflect only those employees specific to the MMF based on the data we were able to quantify, and does not reflect employees of the Regional Offices or Affiliates, which would bring our total Métis Government workforce to upwards of over 700 employees throughout the Manitoba Métis Community.

As we continue to move forward in partnership with each of our departmental Directors, Regional Offices, and Affiliates, the Department of Human

Resources aims to increase recruitment initiatives to support the varied and complex programs our growing government is creating on behalf of and in support of our Métis Citizens.





Information Technology

MMF Department

Minister Anita Campbell



Summary

It has been a challenging time for everyone this year, and the MMF Department of Information Technology has been extremely busy updating several new network/technology systems, security procedures, and policies relevant to Information Technology and MMF Data Governance. MMF Information Technology has been assisting the MMF and its Departments in the deployment of new work-from-home strategies, software, and equipment across the province, in order to support Remote Work, Meetings, Governance, and services to Métis Citizens.

Network Security Testing and Structural Reviews

The MMF has engaged with Meyers Norris Penny (MNP) to test our Networks, Data, Users, and Security via a Penetration Test which outlines any vulnerabilities within our existing network. It also serves as a standard measure for the deployment of the New MMF Network. The technical aspects of the tests are complete, and the Interviews and on-site visits are complete.

Network Penetration Testing and Structural Reviews – IT Training and Structural Organization

MMF has engaged with MNP in running User Security Training sessions for staff to ensure they are up to date with the types of online security measures that exist, and the new features we will be implementing such as two-factor authentication, observing phishing and virus emails, and otherwise using the tools within the software offered by the MMF via Microsoft Office 365.

Gate, CCTV, and FOB Access systems

We have assisted in the installation of the new gate and its programming for access. Several new CCTV cameras are now in place around the Home Office property, and Security has been provided new monitors for watching the cameras. We have also upgraded the system backup batteries in the event of power outages.

Inventory Systems

We have deployed a full department inventory system with assets such as projectors, adapters, cabling, and any other accessory within the department. All the physical assets have now been entered and entry is ongoing as new inventory is acquired.

Ticketing System

We have a new ticketing system for IT Support. It allows for employee setup requests, follow-up, status reports for users to see where their request is in the queue, and administrative reports outlining departmental frequency and support.

MMF Local Development

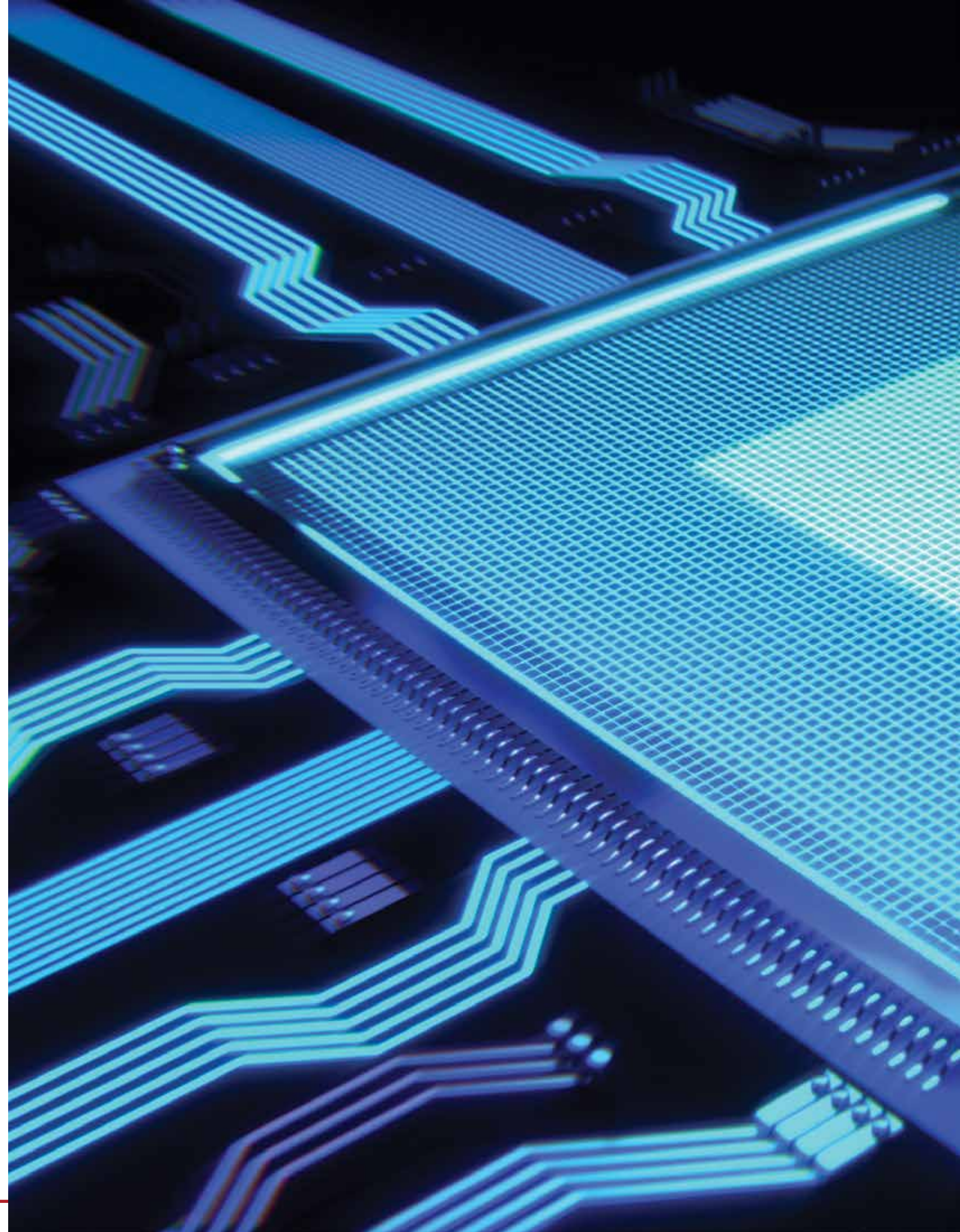
The Department has been working with Locals on the development of their websites and online presence. A training session for Locals was held in January 2020 as part of our efforts to assist them.

Conclusion

We have had a number of successful projects completed despite some major challenges last year, and are ready to start this year off with a renewed focus and determination.

Highlights:

- 300 MMF Staff Accounts managed and integrated across multiple platforms
- 252 student accounts created for Remote Education Programs
- 150 Laptops prepared for student deployment
- 5 integrated displays installed at 150 Henry, with more to follow
- 200,000 feet (62 km) of network cable installed at 150 Henry
- 144 average malware incidents detected and remediated per month
- 287 average new tickets per month





Metis Community Liaison Department

MMF Department

Minister Andrew Carrier



The Metis Community Liaison Department (MCLD) provides support in a culturally appropriate manner for the well-being of Métis Elders, families, and Citizens of Manitoba. The MCLD promotes healthy lifestyles, Métis pride, and self-determination. The Department assists Métis individuals, families, and Elders in accessing services and resources in their communities; locally and regionally. The MCLD currently has liaison workers in six of the seven regions.

The Metis Community Liaison Department's objective is to provide assistance in the following areas, including but not limited to:

Elder Supports

Métis Prescription Drug Program (PDP)

The Prescription Drug Program is a Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) initiative that pays for Pharmacare eligible prescription drugs. MCLD staff assist our Métis seniors by facilitating intake and collecting supporting documentation. To qualify for this program, clients should be 65 years of age or older, hold Métis Citizenship, and have an annual income of \$25,000 or less. This program is in partnership with the MMF Health & Wellness Department and MEDOCare Pharmacy.

Senior Eyeglass Program & Vision Care Initiative

The Senior Eyeglass Program and Vision Care Initiative helps Métis seniors requiring assistance in managing their eyecare. This program includes regular eye examinations and prescription eyeglasses. The MCLD has formed a new partnership with Prairie Eyecare and owners Dr. Nana Owusu and Dr. Renee Phipps. Prairie Eyecare has three locations throughout Winnipeg where clients can access eye exams and eyeglasses. We have dissolved our partnership with Sean Sylvester of Mobile Visions Care Clinic and would like to extend our gratitude for the excellent care he and his team provided to our seniors.

Parenting Programs

Little Métis Sing with Me

Little Métis Sing with Me is a parent-child literacy program promoting Métis culture, language, and heritage. Programming has been offered in partnership with several different organizations and community groups. MCLD Winnipeg staff facilitated the program at Hastings School, Tye Tykes, Lord Selkirk School and River Elm School. Due to the onset of COVID-19, programming was suspended.

Little Moccasins

Little Moccasins is a Healthy Baby Program supported by Healthy Child Manitoba, now known as the Department of Families, Government of Manitoba. Little Moccasins is a weekly program facilitated by the MCLD, a public health nurse, and dietitian from the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. This program is designed for both pre- and post-natal parents from all cultures. Parents have the opportunity to learn and enhance their knowledge on multiple parent-related topics. This program also gives parents access to public health, should they require assistance. Healthy snacks are prepared each week from the Healthy Baby Cookbook for participants to enjoy.

Little Moccasins took place every Thursday, alternating between the Windsor Park United Church and Access St. Boniface. Programming was suspended at Windsor Park United Church due to flooding in November of 2019, although programming continued through Access St. Boniface. Due to the onset of COVID-19, in-person programming was temporarily suspended and the preparation and implementation for virtual programming began.

Triple P Positive Parenting Program (Northwest Region)

The Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) is an approach to parenting aimed at promoting child development and managing child behaviour in a constructive and non-hurtful manner. The Northwest Metis Council partnered with the Mountain View School Division to offer a Triple P group program.

Circle of Security (Northwest Region)

This eight-week, attachment-based parenting program offers the opportunity to self-reflect and think about parenting in a different way.

Nobody's Perfect (Northwest Region)

This is a program for parents with children from birth to five years of age. Nobody's Perfect promotes positive parenting and increases parents' understanding of children's health, safety, and behaviour.

Community Initiatives

MMF Bereavement Fund

The MMF Bereavement fund helps our Métis families in need of financial support with expenses involved with the loss of a loved one. Financial resources are replenished through the fundraising efforts of the MMF. The MCLD assists the family by facilitating intake and collecting supporting documentation to ensure the family receives the \$200 donation.

Medical Assistance

This initiative is not an established program, however the need is quite apparent. The MCLD carefully reviews the requests and assesses them on a case-by-case basis. Although the MCLD is not able to provide assistance in every case, we do our best to provide the Citizen with partial supports or referrals to assist their medical needs. Citizens from across Manitoba have approached the MCLD in each of the seven Regions seeking supports of various forms. Some examples of supports requested and provided include but are not limited to medical equipment (walkers, wheelchairs, canes, bathroom bars, shower/tub seats), financial aid for travel to medical appointments (fuel, meals, accommodations), as well as assistance with the purchase of medication.

Repatriation – Lost Moccasin Campaign

MCLD strives to facilitate the repatriation of Métis adults who were placed for adoption in childhood and who wish to reunite with their families of origin, as resources allow. Throughout the years, the Lost Moccasin campaign has been hindered by a lack of financial commitment from

the federal and provincial governments. The campaign remains an objective of the department. It is imperative that both levels of government recognize the need for cross-cultural adoptees to re-engage with their families.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

This program provides free income tax preparation services for Elders, families and individuals who meet eligibility criteria. The MCLD offers income tax clinics and accepts walk-ins. If for any reason we are unable to provide this service, we will refer clients to Community Financial Counselling Services, who will also provide this service free of charge.

Christmas Celebrations

It is an unfortunate reality that many of our Métis children and families go without food during the Christmas season. MCLD staff work diligently with various support programs, churches, and the Christmas Cheer Board providing referrals, advocacy, and support to ensure our Métis Youth and families are accessing these much-needed resources.

We would like to thank the MMF Caucus, MMF Affiliates, sponsors, vendors, partnering organizations, and the MMF Citizenship for their continued support and donations.

Client Supports & Advocacy

The MCLD provides resources and advocacy to Métis Citizens in a variety of areas, including but not limited to;

- Child & Family Services (CFS)
- Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI)
- Workers Compensation Board (WCB)
- Employment & Income Assistance (EIA)
- Employment Insurance

- Old Age Pension (OAS) & Canada Pension Plan (CPP)
- Income Tax Benefits & Credits
- Residential Tenancies Board (RTB)
- Northern Patient Transportation (NPT)
- Manitoba Health
- Cancer Care
- Community Development & Engagement

Many MCLD staff are active participants on a number of Parent-Child coalitions across the province, supplying information from the MMF to our Partners. In addition, the MCLD played an active role in assisting with events such as the MMF's Annual General Assembly (AGA), Annual Regional meetings, community gatherings, celebrations, and fundraising events. It is through these events that we are able to ensure the success of our Métis Government's initiatives.



Metis Employment and Training / Indigenous Skills and Employment Training (ISET)

MMF Department

Minister John Fleury

Associate Minister Joan Ledoux



The Manitoba Metis Federation's Metis Employment & Training Department (MET) operates through funds provided by the Indigenous Skills and Employment Training (ISET) Agreement with Canada.

The Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program (which replaced the Aboriginal Skills Employment and Training Strategy) links employment and training programming to current and future labour market demands, and ensures that Indigenous people in Canada can fully participate in employment and economic opportunities.

Key elements of the Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program include:

Distinctions-Based Strategy

- Métis Nation separate funding envelope
- Allows for greater coordination and specialization to respond to the unique circumstances, needs, and priorities of the Métis Nation

Capacity Building

- Building capacity in areas of governance, planning, administration, professionalization, and finances
- The ability to provide more flexible interventions, wraparound supports, and longer-term interventions

Performance Measurement Framework

- Emphasis on overall client outcomes and their progression along the skills development continuum
- Closing the employment and earning gaps between Métis and non-Indigenous people, the Métis Nation determines meaningful performance indicators

Longer-Term Agreements & Administrative Flexibility

- Streamlining reporting and facilitating greater flexibility and improved operational guidelines

The MMF ISET Agreement with Canada was signed May 15, 2019, at the MMF Home Office in Winnipeg. This 10-year agreement, beginning April 1, 2019, provides enhanced funding and increased flexibility to create and deliver Métis-specific employment and training programs and services.

Indigenous Skills and Employment Training and prior labour market strategies have allowed the MMF, through the MET Department, to provide



employment and training programs and services for over 20 years. Our programs have assisted thousands of Métis to gain the skills, training, and education needed to successfully compete in Manitoba and Canada's labour market by obtaining sustainable and meaningful employment.

The MMF is proud to partner with Canada on the ISET Program, and we have been extremely successful in achieving goals, building partnerships, and meeting the employment and training needs of our people, our communities, and our employer partners.

The MET department provides a wide range of services to clients seeking employment and training. These services include needs assessment and career planning, job search assistance, including resumé and cover letter preparation, access to the labour market, academic program information, sponsorship, skills training, programs to enhance employability, and referral to employers.

Innovative partnerships are a major focus for the MMF and the MET department. Partnerships are developed with private industry, government,

non-profit and community organizations, training and educational institutions, as well as our own internal MMF departments and affiliates. These innovative and unique partnerships enable us to be responsive to economic and labour market needs, to combine resources and common goals, and to establish links to meaningful sustainable employment by creating unique employment and training opportunities for our clients and our communities.



2019-2020 Results Achieved

Metis Employment & Training once again surpassed our annual Results Targets. Our 2019-2020 final results were:

- 2,576 distinct Clients Served
- 1,441 distinct Clients supported in Funded Training Interventions
- 933 distinct Clients Employed
- 473 distinct Clients Returned to School to pursue further education or training

Funded activities included single-seat sponsorships, project-based training initiatives, wage subsidies, summer employment partnerships, and Youth programming. As such, clients can participate in multiple interventions.

For more information about MET programs and services, employer partnership opportunities, and our current recruitment activities, please visit us online at mmfemployment.ca or call us at 204-586-8474.





Metis Justice Institute

MMF Department

Minister Julyda Lagimodiere



As Minister of Justice, I would like to welcome everyone to the Manitoba Metis Federation's 52nd Annual General Assembly. I am pleased to provide an update on our Department's activities over the last fiscal year. The Metis Justice Institute (MJl) has continued to provide programs and services to assist Métis Citizens throughout our Regions in the area of Justice.

As Minister of Justice, I have been mandated to focus on a five-year strategic plan for the Department this fiscal year and have worked with the staff to identify key areas of focus to support our Citizens throughout the province. In addition, staff have been working to negotiate and develop needed supports and programming.

Specifically, the department has continued to focus on the delivery of our Métis Community Justice Program to assist in the diversion of Métis Citizens to community-based alternatives instead of the formal court process. The Justice Support Program continues to assist individuals to reintegrate from correctional facilities. The staff have continued with the development, implementation, and delivery of programming that includes Domestic Violence, Anger Management, and Life Skills. Research over the fiscal year has also led to continued work on Community Safety planning projects that will impact our community through the development of support,

prevention, and intervention sessions for our most vulnerable Métis Citizens, including our Elders.

Our relationship with the RCMP continues to expand to focus on community-based policing and the inclusion of Métis Government priorities within policing.

In addition, the MJl has also focused on the Métis Government's response to emerging changes to service delivery due to the COVID-19 pandemic for Métis Citizens.

The Metis Justice Institute

The Metis Justice Institute of the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) was established in July 2003 and is assigned the task of focusing responsibility and authority for justice issues within the MMF.

The mandate of the MJl is to develop and maintain a full range of justice services and programs that meet the expectations of the Manitoba Métis Community. The MJl is guided by the MMF Minister of Justice to establish working relationships and partnerships to provide support and advocacy to Métis Citizens in need of justice support by focusing on the following objectives:

- Reduce the number of Métis people involved in the Criminal Justice System

- Prevent and reduce crime, and enhance the safety and well-being of Métis individuals as well as the Métis Community
- Strengthen Métis families and the Métis Community to promote a strong Nation
- Provide support at the grassroots level where justice measures are developed and delivered by individuals who have a direct interest in the Métis Community
- Ensure that justice measures are culturally specific and incorporate Métis values, traditions, and culture.

Current Initiatives:

Métis Community Justice Program (MCJP) & Thompson Community Justice Program (TCJP)

The Metis Community Justice Program (MCJP) and Thompson Community Justice Program (TCJP) are Court Diversion Programs that enhance the capacity of the Métis Community to deliver culturally appropriate justice alternatives that support the diversion of Métis people from the mainstream justice system to a community-based alternative.

The programs provide culturally appropriate supports, alternatives, advocacy, and resources to individuals that are referred to us as clients from the Provincial Court to deal with justice involvement through a Restorative Justice Process. Our process focuses on building relationships within the community to repair the harm done by those individuals diverted to the program at a community level. The programs currently operate within the MMF Northwest, The Pas, Interlake, and Thompson Regions.

Over the reporting period, the MJJ has received case diversions from Manitoba Prosecutions and the RCMP that have included the following:

Justice Support Program (JSP)

The Justice Support Program (JSP) was developed by the MMF to focus on the delivery of an efficient and effective reintegration process for Métis people.

The goal of the JSP is to assist men and women in conflict with the justice system to reintegrate into the community. The program serves Métis community members who have been remanded, released from provincial or federal correctional facilities, or who have received community dispositions.

Justice Programming

Metis Justice Domestic Violence and Anger Management Programming

The MJJ has continued to deliver the Metis Justice Domestic Violence Program and Métis Justice Anger Management Program for individuals that require programming as a part of their Sanctions for Court Diversion. Within six MMF Regions, programming has been utilized to assist individuals who require programming as a component of their court involvement.

Referrals for the programs are received through our MJJ Home Office in Winnipeg.

Ongoing Future Activities

As directed by the MMF Minister of Justice, the MJJ focused efforts this fiscal year to develop a five-year strategic plan. The MJJ did a comprehensive review of our Department's history and the vision and direction of the Métis Government.

As a result, the MJJ has identified 11 Departmental Sectors for the development of our Strategic Plan. Specifically, the identified Sectors will be dependent on available funding; however, these sectors will guide the work to be undertaken.

Conclusion

The MMF Minister of Justice and MJJ staff are committed to continue work over the next year on the above-noted initiatives and to further develop justice programs and services needed within the Métis Community to assist Métis Community Citizens involved within the Criminal Justice System.

The MJJ is committed over the next fiscal year to look for innovative ways to support our Citizens. Specifically, the Department is changing and enhancing service delivery to provide additional avenues for Métis Citizens to access programs across Manitoba by way of utilizing technology for online and telephone program delivery. By developing new service delivery methods, the MJJ will be able to ensure easy access to programming for Métis Citizens across the province.

Future Department activities will include the development of Community Safety Programming, undertaking research to assist with future planning for programs and services, and the continuation of programs already available through the Department.





Agriculture

MMF Portfolio

Métis farmers have played an important role in the Manitoba Agricultural Industry since the province's entry into confederation. A few recent developments within this Portfolio include:

Bison

During the last week of May 2020, the Energy, Infrastructure & Resource Management Department staff worked with Iron Head Bison Ranch to relocate the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) bison herd from Rosa, Manitoba to Iron Head Bison Ranch in Richer, Manitoba. The herd consists of 12 individuals, including cows, bulls, and a new addition to the herd, a cinnamon-coloured calf born in November 2020. The MMF bison herd has been weighed, tagged, vaccinated, and provided with all necessary care to ensure a healthy transition to their new home.

In December 2020, two bulls were butchered, producing approximately 1,000 lbs of meat. This meat was inspected, certified, and is to be distributed to Métis Elders through the MMF Regions.

The Energy, Infrastructure & Resource Management Department is currently working towards finalizing an Agreement with Iron Head Bison Ranch outlining the responsibilities of each party. Additionally, MMF staff is applying for different federal funding opportunities to produce bison meat for the Manitoba Métis Community.

We continue to maintain the bison herd so that we may harvest the animals for food, and cultural and educational purposes. Opportunities to utilize the herd for educational purposes and economic opportunities are being explored. The MMF will continue working with our partners to support our bison, as the herd serves as a valuable teaching tool for our Youth and helps sustain a resource so heavily relied on by our Ancestors historically.

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Culture & Heritage

MMF Portfolio

Minister Alfred Anderson



As the Minister responsible for the Culture and Heritage Portfolio, it has been my pleasure to serve Métis Citizens around the province. The Manitoba Métis Community is growing more vibrant every day. Métis events around the province grow every year and we see more Métis participation on stages and in crowds. We are proud of the work we do and enjoy the opportunity to grow our Métis culture with our Citizens.

Parks Canada (Lower Fort Garry)

The Culture and Heritage Department worked on building a relationship with Parks Canada to fly a Métis Infinity flag at Lower Fort Garry, in Selkirk, MB. This working relationship led to the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) hosting a Canada Day event in tents located outside the Fort, which featured Métis fiddling, a historical information booth, and bannock for our Citizens and visitors.

Summer 2019 Events and Activities

This summer, the MMF hosted and assisted several Cultural and Community events, including:

- Hosting National Indigenous Peoples Day at Selkirk Park in Selkirk, MB
- Building a stage and dance floor for the Riel House Corn Roast

- Assisting with the programming and coordination of St. Laurent Métis Days
- Organizing Métis Night at the Goldeyes Game, with Métis musicians and dancers entertaining fans during the pre-game show
- Organizing the Elders Gathering in Selkirk Park in order to hear from and to honour our Métis Elders

To promote local and regional governments and increase Métis visibility, the MMF attended several parade opportunities during the summer of 2019, including:

- Quarry Days Parade in Stonewall, MB
- Selkirk Fair and Rodeo Parade, where we have won first place for the last four years in a row
- St. Laurent/ Selkirk 2019 Graduation parades

Métis 150 Kick-off and Celebrations

The Culture and Heritage Department, along with the Métis 150 Committee, hosted a 175th birthday celebration for Louis Riel in Winnipeg. The day included the launch of a unique coin created by the Royal Canadian Mint to honour Louis Riel. On this same day, the MMF presented an original play called "The Life of Louis Riel" with 250 local students in attendance for the premiere.

The students participated in an educational workshop administered by the Louis Riel Institute.

On November 6, 2019, the MMF and Canada Post unveiled a stamp honouring the 150th anniversary of the Red River Resistance. The unveiling took place at the historic Gate of Upper Fort Garry, the site of Riel's Provisional Government and the site of the Métis ratification of the Manitoba Act, 1870.



In a continued effort for Métis visibility, the Culture and Heritage Department commissioned a Métis 150 flag designed for this historic year. The flag is an infinity flag with a portrait of Louis Riel and the MMF logo.

In the new year, the Culture and Heritage Department, along with the Métis 150 committee, were key coordinators in making Métis 150 a theme for the Winterlude Festival in Ottawa. Over a weekend, Métis culture was proudly displayed in Ottawa, ON, and in Gatineau, QC. The MMF showcased speakers, musicians, historians, and dignitaries to highlight Métis pride throughout Winterlude.

COVID 19 Restrictions

As of mid-March 2020, events for Métis 150 celebrations started to be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. The Department adapted Culture and Heritage initiatives to become virtual or online events.



Future Projects

Covid-19 restrictions have made planning cultural events a new challenge that our Métis Nation has not faced before. The Department is developing historical videos to educate citizens while they're in isolation. Live entertainment can be seen online through MMF social media portals with musical acts and children's shows.

The Culture and Heritage Department is planning to create a Métis Music Van to visit Métis Communities with music and giveaways specific to the Métis culture. This project will start with a prototype for the Interlake Region and the Department will apply for more funding to grow this idea to reach every region in some capacity.

Over the next year, the Department will work on creating a cultural calendar to unite Métis events across the province. We will work with all regions to share and promote their events. The Department is committed to assisting with the organization, promotion, and continuation of these and other events in the future.

If there are Métis events within your community you would like included in our Calendar or if you have any questions regarding the Culture and Heritage report, please contact the Artistic Coordinator, Barney Morin, via email at Barney.Morin@mmf.mb.ca, or via telephone at 204-586-8474.

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Environment & Mining

MMF Portfolio

Minister Vincent Parenteau

Associate Minister Mildred Dorion



Environment

The Métis have historically had close connections to the lands, waters, and environment within our traditional territory. To this day, many Métis Citizens work closely with, and rely strongly on, our environment for day-to-day livelihood, sustenance, and cultural purposes. It is imperative that the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) works to ensure our environment is protected for ourselves as well as future generations. Without a healthy, sustainable environment, it is not possible to continue many of our traditional social and economic practices or exercise our Métis rights.



As the Ministers responsible for Environment, it is our responsibility to ensure that our environment is protected while also ensuring that our rights are not infringed upon. We are committed to working collaboratively to ensure these issues are given the utmost attention. With this in mind, we have been working on a number of environment-related files, including the following:

Métis Nation-Canada Joint Table on Clean Growth & Climate Change

Since the first meeting in December 2017, MMF leadership and staff have been involved in the Métis Nation-Canada Joint Table on Clean Growth & Climate Change. The Joint Table was formed to ensure that the Métis Nation plays an active role in the implementation of the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth & Climate Change, calling for a number of measures to be taken to protect our environment and address climate change issues.

The Joint Table consists of representatives from the Métis Nation Environment Committee and applicable federal departments, allowing for dialogue between the Métis Nation and Canada on these issues and ensuring that both sides are fully informed regarding concerns, opportunities, priorities, and programs. Throughout the 2019-2020 year, the MMF was able to bring our Métis Nation priorities forward to key federal departments, advocating for long-term funding towards environment and climate change programming, including: emergency management, climate monitoring, land-based education, Youth, health, economic development, carbon pricing, and Métis-led conservation.

The MMF will continue to attend Joint Table meetings, bringing our Citizens' views forward and ensuring we are aware of any emerging opportunities.

Community Engagement on Climate Change

As the democratic representative of the Manitoba Métis Community, it is important that activities undertaken by the MMF are in line with the interests of our Citizens. To help guide our environment and climate-related work moving forward, the MMF hosted Climate Consultation Meetings in each of the MMF's seven Regions in 2019.

Eight Citizen-identified priorities emerged from the Community Feedback: water quality monitoring, wildlife and ecosystem conservation and management, weather monitoring, educational programming, community resiliency, habitat restoration, and clean energy development.

To build on these priorities, our Environment portfolio is continuing to conduct outreach through a survey online and at community meetings to seek Community knowledge holders, landowners, and volunteers interested in supporting our work and to identify project locations to begin implementation of the programming.

Metis Youth Boreal Forest Stewardship Program (Guardians)

One aspect of the MMF's environmental work is the Metis Youth Boreal Forest Stewardship Program, which is funded under a commitment through Environment and Climate Change Canada's Indigenous Guardians Pilot Program. Led by the Energy and Infrastructure Department, with assistance from the Louis Riel Institute and Metis Employment & Training, the program aims to develop training and educational opportunities in environmental stewardship and conservation work, eventually leading to both direct and indirect employment opportunities.

Guided by Community feedback, the Program will be developed throughout the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Key focus areas or Citizen-identified priorities for the program include tree planting, waterway stewardship, and educational programming. With help from the outreach survey, interested Citizens will be found to support these goals.

Tree Planting Initiative – Pilot Program:

Staff from the Energy and Infrastructure Department have been developing a Tree Planting Initiative – Pilot Program to support the One-Million-Tree Commitment made by the MMF. Currently, funding opportunities, project feasibility, and potential options for the construction of tree nurseries to support a tree planting program are being explored.

We are reaching out to our Citizens through the online survey to determine their needs and priorities on this initiative. Staff are continuing to reach out to potential project partners and forestry experts to build a feasible work plan and budget.

Metis Community-Based Climate Monitoring Program

The second key aspect of the MMF's environmental work is the Metis Community-Based Climate Monitoring Program, which is funded through Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada. This Program will work hand-in-hand with the Boreal Forest Stewardship Program and Lake Winnipeg Basin Program but will focus on monitoring efforts rather than direct conservation efforts.

The exact focus of this monitoring work is being determined on a region-by-region basis, pinpointing locations, key educational partnerships, and issues of interest to our Citizens and leadership.

Staff have been doing the work of building on our 2019 community feedback to develop monitoring and stewardship initiatives and are exploring ways to involve our community at all Regional levels in

program implementation. The MMF will ensure our Citizens are aware of all education, training, volunteer, and employment opportunities related to this Program.

To date, this program is collecting valuable climate data with Métis Citizen scientists as the primary data collectors. Currently we have nine rain, snow, hail, and snow gauges that are monitored daily across the province. These gauges contribute to a growing climate network called the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network. Additionally, our Métis Government is growing our Community-Based Climate Monitoring Program through the purchase of weather stations in partnership with the Centre for Earth Observation Science at the University of Manitoba. These weather stations will be deployed on the upper Manitoba Great Lakes including Lake Winnipegosis, Lake Manitoba, and Waterhen. We are looking for interested volunteers from these areas to assist with regular maintenance of weather stations.

Water Monitoring and Aquatic Ecosystem Health

The Manitoba Métis Community has always been very connected to water, for drinking, commercial and recreational fishing, and using rivers for transportation. Water quality is consistently identified as a main priority of Citizens during Community meetings, traditional knowledge interviews, outreach surveys, and consultation discussions.

Our Métis Government's Community-Based Water Monitoring Program focuses on the Lake Winnipeg Basin and is funded by Environment and Climate Change Canada. The MMF has been monitoring phosphorus and salinity concentrations in the Lake Winnipeg Basin over the past two years with the help of dedicated Métis Citizen scientists. Our Métis Citizen scientists have taken many water samples over the years. To supplement this scientific data, our Métis Government conducted a traditional knowledge study to determine how the Lake Winnipeg Basin has changed and impacted our Citizens. Additional funding was awarded to provide further training and opportunities for our Citizens. We are expanding this program by

increasing our number of Métis Citizen scientists and creating new partnerships, including a partnership with the Centre for Earth Observation Science. As part of this partnership, we are currently looking for a Métis graduate student to compile and analyze data we have collected.

Our Métis Government has been very involved with the International Joint Commission (IJC) on transboundary discussions on waterways crossing the United States and Canada. The IJC is currently looking at strategies to incorporate Indigenous representatives on their various watershed boards. Our Métis Government attended many virtual and in-person meetings on the International Souris River Board and International Red River Board this past year. Our continued involvement ensures that the IJC engages with the Métis Nation's Manitoba Métis Community.

Federal Carbon Pricing Backstop

The Federal government implemented carbon pricing in Manitoba on April 1, 2019, beginning at a rate of \$20/tonne, increasing by \$10/tonne annually until it reaches \$50/tonne by 2022. Of these revenues, 90% will be returned to individuals through taxation, while 10% will be distributed through programs to help small businesses, schools, universities, and Indigenous Communities pursue environmental initiatives. Environment Canada has notified the Métis Nation Environment Committee that there will be a Métis Nation set-aside within the 10%; the Métis Nation is currently allocating first-year funds towards the Indigenous Community-Based Climate Monitoring Program.

Second-year funding is anticipated within the next fiscal year, and MMF staff are preparing program options to target this funding towards currently unfunded priorities (e.g., Emergency Management, Firesmart, Food Security, etc.)

Manitoba Métis Climate Change and Health Action Plan

The MMF has received a funding commitment from the federal government to support Climate Change and Health Priorities. The Environment and Health Portfolios are splitting this funding 50% and collaborating to support an Elder and Youth gathering on health and climate change, the development of a recommendations report on key health and climate change issues, as well as land-based traditional knowledge education.

Food security, emergency management, and Youth-Elder, Youth-Harvester education are the key priorities for our Portfolio. We continue to work with our federal officials and explore partnerships to support these priorities outside of this limited funding pocket.

For more information on programming within this portfolio or to get involved, please contact:

Bryanna Sherbo, Aquatic Specialist, at 204-586-8474 ext.269 or bryanna.sherbo@mmf.mb.ca for water and monitoring related inquiries.



Taylor Fleming, Outreach Officer, at 204-586-8474 ext.269 or taylor.fleming@mmf.mb.ca for all other inquires.

Mining

Mining activities play a number of roles in the lives of our Citizens. Many of our northern Citizens reside in areas where mining has been the primary economic driver and source of employment for many years. This has been beneficial to many Métis families, but the Mining industry has also led to many negative impacts to our environment, which have affected the health and well-being of our Community.

There are new operations being explored across the province, drawn in by the demand for new resources and products. However, given that the Métis were left out of the First Nations-Manitoba Mining Protocol, provincial officials and project proponents are not notifying or reaching out to the MMF.

These mining operations pose their own unique opportunities and challenges. As the Ministers responsible for Mining, it is our responsibility to ensure that our Community is properly engaged

and consulted on any mining operations across the province, and that we are able to best utilize opportunities and avoid negative impacts to our Community. Some of the most recent mining files include:

Vivian Silica Sand Project

CanWhite Sands (CWS), a private company based in Calgary, Alberta, is proposing to construct a silica sand processing facility and extraction process to produce 1.36 million tonnes of processed silica sand per year near the community of Vivian, Manitoba.

The Provincial licensing process is being split between two Manitoba Environmental Assessment Proposals (EAP) – the first for the processing facility and the second for the extraction process, which has yet to be filed. The Province of Manitoba has chosen not to recommend a CEC hearing for this project.

The MMF formally requested a designation of the project under Federal Law (IAAC 2019), along with four other Indigenous governments and organizations; however, the Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change chose not to federally designate the project.

Wanipigow Silica Sand Mine

Canadian Premium Sand Inc. (CPSI) proposed to construct the Wanipigow Silica Sand Project near Seymourville, Manitoba. The project has a projected life of more than 50 years and includes an open-pit silica sand mine, a silica sand processing facility, a 6-km access road, a 6-km powerline, and progressive annual site reclamation.

The MMF contacted both Manitoba and CPSI in an attempt to initiate full, proper, and meaningful engagement and consultation with the Manitoba Métis Community. Both the Province and CPSI

have ignored the MMF and their correspondence. Despite the lack of consultation, Manitoba issued

an Environment Act Licence on May 16, 2019. The MMF filed an appeal to this decision on June 12, 2019. The MMF is currently pursuing further legal options to ensure that it is fully engaged and consulted on the Wanipigow Silica Sand Project.

Mineral Exploration

In 2019, the MMF sent letters to New Age Metals Inc. and the Province seeking information and meaningful engagement related to proposed Lithium Mine Exploration Projects in Nopiming Provincial Park. While New Age Metals signed an exploration agreement with Sagkeeng First Nation, the MMF was never notified by either the Proponent or the Crown.

The MMF is awaiting further information from the Province of Manitoba regarding other mineral exploration permits, and technical level staff are meeting with Manitoba to address the continued lack of appropriate notification or information on these projects.

Tundra Oil and Gas License Application

The MMF received notification from the Province of a Tundra Oil and Gas well exploration application near St. Lazare and the Ellice-Archie Community Pasture. MMF staff met with provincial officials to discuss the project as well as the process of consultation between Manitoba Growth, Enterprise and Trade and the MMF in regards to oil and gas license application files.

Sherridon Mine

The MMF keeps in contact with Citizens in the Sherridon Local to discuss concerns from the Community on the remediation of Camp Lake and their concerns with the project. The 2019 draining of Camp Lake into Kississing Lake resulted in orange discolouration of the water from high iron, and is staining Citizens' boats and leading to concerns around impacts to the local tourism business in Sherridon, Manitoba.

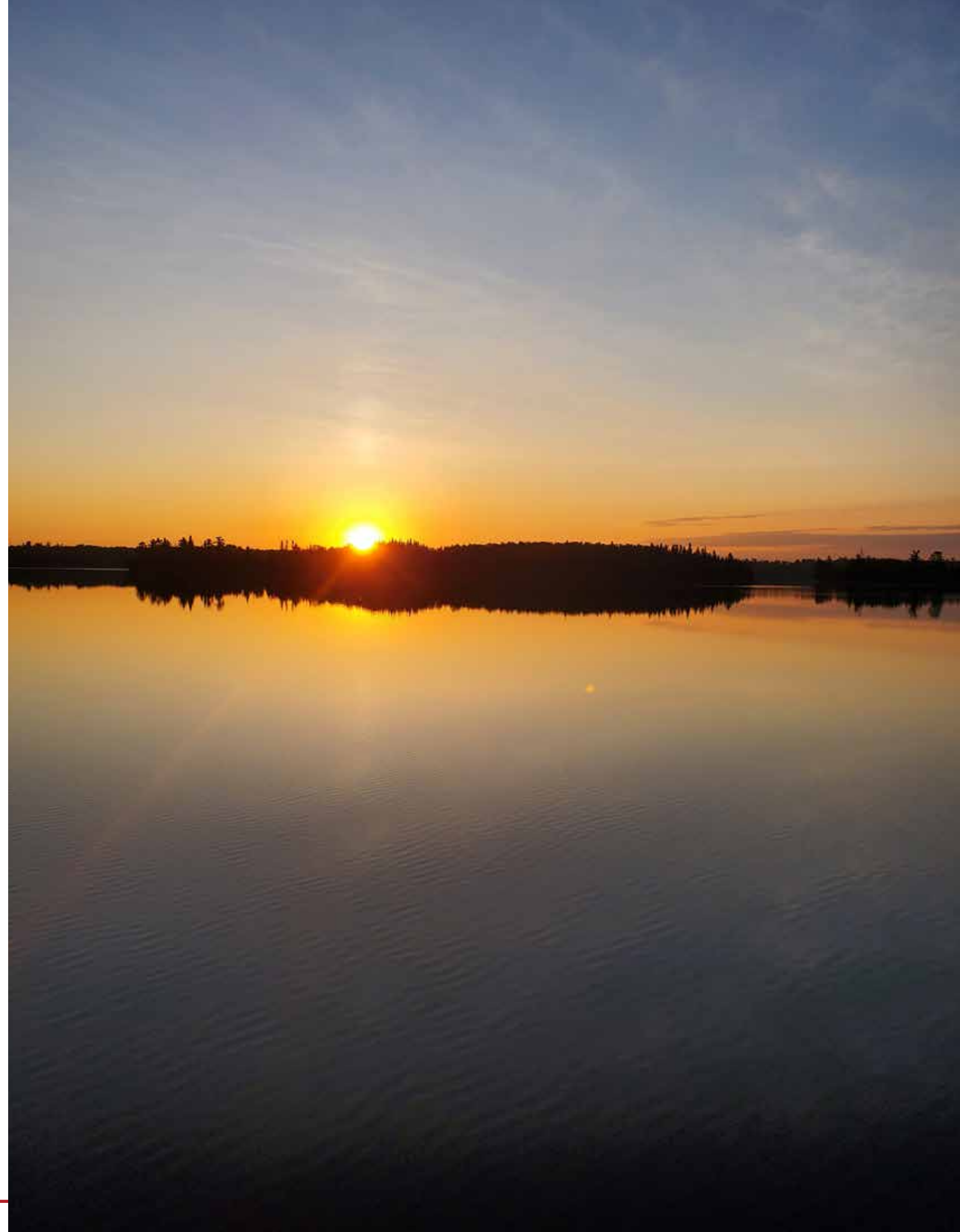
The MMF has continually reached out to the provincial and federal governments regarding Citizen concerns and consultation with Community through the MMF.

Lynn Lake Gold Mine – Alamos Gold

Alamos Gold Inc. is proposing the construction, operation, decommissioning, and reclamation of an open-pit gold mine and new metal mill located near Lynn Lake, Manitoba. The Lynn Lake Gold Project would involve the redevelopment of two historical gold mines (the Gordon site and MacLellan site) and have an ore input capacity of 8,000 tonnes per day over an 11-year period. Components of the project would include new mine infrastructure, open pits, an access road, a central ore milling and processing plant, ore stockpiles and mine rock storage areas, and a tailings management facility.

The project is subject to a federal environmental assessment, and Canada identified the MMF as being highly affected by the project. The Energy and Infrastructure portfolio will be reporting further on the environmental licensing aspect of this project and the economic development opportunities that are being explored with Metis N4 Construction.

The project is currently undergoing an environmental assessment and is receiving information requests from various departments to address any information gaps in the Project Proposal. The MMF has capacity funding to participate in this process to ensure consultants appropriately review technical level concerns on specific issues raised through our Traditional Knowledge and Land Use Study.





Fisheries

MMF Portfolio

Minister John Parenteau



2020 has been a challenging year for all, including Manitoba Métis fishers. The Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) has taken necessary steps towards protecting and advocating for the rights and interests of our fishers through the global COVID-19 pandemic. The MMF remains optimistic that we will be able to overcome all challenges and take full advantage of opportunities to help guide the inland fishing industry in a direction that will ensure sustainability and profitability for future generations.

As the Minister Responsible for Fisheries, John Parenteau has made it his top priority to lead, work with, and keep the Manitoba Métis Community updated regarding developments within the inland fisheries. The Fisheries portfolio encompasses all aspects of fish and fish habitat, from engaging governments and industry on projects that could affect resources and the environment, to protecting and advocating for the rights of Métis commercial fishers. The portfolio also covers capacity building projects aimed at providing opportunities for Métis Citizens to certify and hone their valuable skills in fish and fish habitat protection and stewardship. A few key projects that the MMF is working on that impact the inland fisheries – our fish and fish habitat – include:

Aquatic Invasive Species Initiative

In 2019, the MMF began work on an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) initiative funded by the Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk. The project was aimed at providing Watercraft Inspection Training: Level 1 certification to Métis Citizens in order to increase awareness and ability to properly identify AIS to help reduce its spread. The project would also create an opportunity for Citizens to return to their community and create awareness regarding approved processes and mitigation measures for AIS. While the project was approved for funding, the courses were unable to proceed due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. The MMF hopes to have an opportunity to conduct the training courses once public health restrictions allow for socially distanced gatherings.

Commercial Fishing

On May 8, 2019, the MMF, in coordination with Manitoba Keewatinowí Okimakanak Inc. (MKO) and the Southern Chiefs' Organization (SCO), held a Commercial Fishers Emergency Meeting. The meeting consisted of presentations and breakout group discussions dealing with the inland commercial fishing industry. Attendees shared their pressing concerns, including those regarding the Lake Winnipeg quota buy-back option and the new change to fishing mesh size regulations.

There is general unease about the future of the industry and therefore a desire to work together to ensure industry sustainability. The MMF plans to hold a validation meeting in response to the 2019 emergency meeting once public health restrictions allow for socially distanced gatherings.

Rearing Ponds and Fish Hatcheries

There has been an increase in interest towards investing in rearing ponds and fish hatcheries during a number of meetings internally and with the Manitoba Métis Community. While the MMF had previously established rearing ponds near St. Laurent, Manitoba, those were unfortunately damaged by flooding. Due to a lack of funding, these ponds have yet to be restored; however, the MMF is currently researching opportunities to restore and re-establish these rearing ponds. The rearing ponds project will work to not only help fish stocks in provincial lakes, but will also provide training and employment opportunities for Métis Citizens.

New Arctic Region

The development of a new Arctic Region was announced by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Canada in 2018. This new Arctic Region will be a standalone Arctic Region managed independently and encompass approximately 50% of Canada's coastline. The intention is to

improve program and service delivery in the North and ensure Indigenous Communities are directly involved in decisions that may impact their resources and environment.

On Feb. 29, 2020, the MMF held a community meeting in Thompson, Manitoba. The MMF's Energy, Infrastructure and Resource Management Department staff provided a presentation to inform attendees of current and changing conditions in the North and changes that are being proposed for the new Arctic Region. From this community meeting, the MMF submitted a high-level report to DFO that summarized the thoughts, comments, recommendations, and concerns Métis Citizens shared at the meeting. The federal government continues to engage and consult on the development of the new Arctic Region.

Northern Low Impact Shipping Corridors

As part of Canada's Ocean's Protection Plan, the Northern Low Impact Shipping Corridors initiative was established due to increased use of northern seas for shipping as a result of climate change and seasonal ice changes. As the Arctic shipping season is remaining open for longer on average, and new ocean shipping corridors are opening due to global climate change, there are new opportunities and risks arising for the Manitoba Métis Community on the Hudson Bay coast. In collaboration with the new Arctic Region

community meeting, staff in the MMF's Energy, Infrastructure and Resource Management Department had the opportunity to present on the Low Impact Shipping Corridors initiative. Several positive impacts identified at the community meeting include:

- Increased employment opportunities
- Increased opportunity to receive and ship goods, and
- Potential for improvement of rail lines to get goods to ports.

Some potential negative impacts included:

- Concern about the potential impact that icebreaking could have on migration of caribou and other terrestrial animals that use frozen waterways, and

- Concern about the impact that increased shipping traffic could have on marine health, especially if there were an oil spill.

Consultation in relation to the Northern Low Impact Shipping Corridors is ongoing. The Manitoba Métis Community can expect another round of engagement sessions in winter 2021.

For questions concerning the Fisheries portfolio, you may contact Jenny Ruml, Fish and Fish Habitat Specialist, by phone at (204) 586-8474 or by email at jenny.ruml@mmf.mb.ca.

For questions concerning the Northern Low Impact Shipping Corridors and new Arctic Region files within the Fisheries portfolio, you may contact Riley Bartel, Conservation and Lands Coordinator, by phone at (204) 586-8474 or by email at bartel@mmf.mb.ca.





French Language/Langue française

MMF Portfolio/Portefeuille de la FMM

Minister Andrew (André) Carrier/Ministre André Carrier



The French Language portfolio was created in 2019 with the objective to provide communication services to our Métis Citizens in both English and French, Manitoba's official languages.

We honour Louis Riel for his vision in including the two official languages in the Manitoba Act of 1870, as well as the Manitoba Metis Federation's (MMF) first Minister of French Language services, Mr. Jean Desrosiers. Sadly, Jean Desrosiers left this earth in May of 2019 and he remains in our hearts and prayers.

Over the past year, the MMF has worked with our in-house Communications branch in ensuring that News Releases and media interviews are prepared and available in French. In 2019, the MMF entered into a publication agreement with La Liberté, Manitoba's French language newspaper; established a dedicated translator role, completed the translation of the Framework on Advancing Reconciliation with the federal government and of the MMF's

Citizenship application form; and held news interviews in French via CBC Radio and Television.

The French Language portfolio's re-establishment of in-house translation services for the MMF has allowed us to connect with our French-speaking Métis citizens and with French Canada.

Le portefeuille de la Langue française a été créé en 2019 dans le but de fournir à nos citoyens métis des services de communication en anglais et en français, les langues officielles du Manitoba.

Nous honorons Louis Riel pour avoir fait preuve de vision en reconnaissant les deux langues officielles dans la Loi de 1870 sur le Manitoba. Nous honorons également le premier ministre des Services en français de la Fédération Métisse du Manitoba (FMM), M. Jean Desrosiers. Malheureusement, Jean Desrosiers a quitté cette terre en mai 2019 et il reste dans nos cœurs et nos prières.

Over the past year, the MMF has worked with our in-house Communications branch in ensuring that News Releases and media interviews are prepared and available in French.

Au cours de la dernière année, la FMM a travaillé avec notre division interne des communications pour s'assurer que les communiqués de presse et les entrevues avec les médias sont préparés et disponibles en français. En 2019, la FMM a conclu une entente de publication avec La Liberté, le journal de langue française du Manitoba. Elle a également créé un poste de traducteur dédié et s'est penchée sur la traduction de l'entente-cadre en vue de favoriser la réconciliation conclue avec le gouvernement fédéral, la traduction du formulaire

de demande de citoyenneté de la FMM et la tenue d'entrevues d'actualité en français sur les ondes de la radio et de la télévision de CBC/Radio-Canada.

Le rétablissement des services de traduction internes par la création du portefeuille de Langue française pour la FMM a permis de tisser des liens avec nos citoyens métis francophones et avec le Canada français.

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Metis Rights & Constitution

MMF Portfolio

Minister Judy Mayer



The Constitution, Métis Rights, Métis Nation Agenda and Governance ministerial portfolio has been a very active portfolio this past year as we prepare for elections and continue to develop and enhance our self-government institutions and processes. Due to the wide scope of this portfolio, we have had the honour to work closely with other Ministers and their departments to identify and implement proposed Constitutional amendments.

Constitutional Amendment Resolutions

The Manitoba Metis Federation's (MMF) Constitution will continually evolve to represent the ever-changing political and legal landscape that we find ourselves in as a Métis Government. Our democracy and our democratic institutions rely on our Constitution to not only exist, but to flourish. Over time it will incorporate amendments that reflect the growth of our Métis Government and our increasing strength of our self-determination and self-government.

Due to the unique circumstances of this year's Annual General Assembly (AGA), we will not be holding votes

on Constitutional amendments, but instead we are going to use this as an opportunity to share and discuss with you a number of resolutions that we are looking to bring forward at the 2021 AGA this Fall. Between now and then, we will continue to consult and create amendments to these proposed resolutions.

One of the resolutions I am bringing forward includes amendments to the Constitution to clarify the current provisions dealing with the ability of elected officers to serve as employees of the MMF. Another resolution I am bringing forward focuses on amending Local Executive positions and the structure, including the splitting of the Secretary-Treasurer position – this will be critical as our Community continues to expand and the volunteer work of our Local Executive increases. Lastly, with the next provincial MMF election coming in 2022, I am proposing several amendments to provide further clarity to ensure that our elections run effectively and efficiently while continuing to be fair and democratic. These resolutions aim to increase accountability and transparency of our elections and in engaging our Citizens.

The Métis National Council (MNC) has passed resolutions on both the definition of Métis as well as the extent of the Historic Métis Nation Homeland.



As the elected leaders of the MMF, we eagerly await your comments, concerns, and feedback on our proposals. We want to ensure our processes for elections and Local governance are informed by our Citizens and that they reflect our democratic traditions and values.

Métis Nation Identity And Rights

The Métis National Council (MNC) has passed resolutions on both the definition of Métis as well as the extent of the Historic Métis Nation Homeland. These resolutions recognize and affirm that the Métis Nation Homeland is west central North America and only extends eastward into northwestern Ontario as far as the Rainy Lake area.

This means our Homeland is comprised of the three Prairie provinces, parts of British Columbia and Ontario, and portions of the Northwest Territories, as well as the northern United States.

The Métis Nation was born at the Red River Settlement, in what is now Winnipeg, Manitoba. It is here that we forged our distinct culture and identity.

That being said, right now in Ontario and other eastern provinces, there are organizations and people misrepresenting themselves as Métis. Often, they find – or in some cases create – an Indigenous ancestor from the 1600s and then declare themselves as being Métis. They then demand Métis rights. That is Métis Identity Theft. This must be stopped.

Those people from eastern Ontario, Quebec, and further parts further east, well into Atlantic Canada, are not us. Letting those who are falsely claiming to be Métis into our Nation will drown out the voice of the true Métis Nation. We have spent over 150 years trying to find our place in Canada's confederation. Our Ancestors and relatives were subject to systemic racism and abuse for generations. We must not forget that where we are today is because of their perseverance.

These individuals falsely claiming our Métis ancestry are, intentionally or not, disrespecting the sacrifice of our Ancestors. It is unacceptable that those people in Mattawa are getting equal access to programming and those in northwest Ontario are being neglected.

As MMF President Chartrand has stated many times, we will not stand by and allow this to happen to our Nation.

International & Provincial Boundaries Effect On Harvesting

Our Ancestors migrated across the Plains from camp to camp and settlement to settlement long before the creation of arbitrary contemporary international and provincial boundaries. We undertook Buffalo Hunts across the Prairies, including the northern United States. We did not choose to be constrained by boundaries not of our own choosing.

The MMF continues to keep a close watch on the currently unfolding R. v. Desautel case in the Supreme Court of Canada. Desautel, among other things, will have implications for all Indigenous Nations along the Canada-US border, including the Métis Nation. It may open up new relationships between us and our cousins in the USA. As well, it may have possible implications on recognizing our ability to harvest across our Homeland in our territories distant from where we live. An example would be us harvesting across provincial boundaries in Saskatchewan even if we live in Winnipeg. We will keep you posted.

Human And Civil Rights

Over the last few years, we have been developing the Manitoba Métis Protector Fund. It was established to support the protection of our human rights, civil rights, and aboriginal rights. We are developing the structures, policies, and procedures to make it effective. We anticipate receiving a combination of public and private funding, including individual and institutional donations, to support its operation. We will work in developing close partnerships with universities, social departments and support organizations, as well as with legal advocacy organizations and legal counsel.

Metis Harvesting Tribunal And The Metis Harvesting Appeal Tribunal

At the last AGA, we proposed and passed constitutional amendments for the establishment of the Metis Harvesting Tribunal and the Metis Harvesting Appeal Tribunal. Since then, we have been taking steps to implement these two institutions as part of our Métis Harvesting Initiative. These tribunals are intended to deal with infractions of the Metis Laws of the Harvest. As these are being developed we will be engaging in consultations with our Community.

Summary

Your Métis Government continues to work diligently to protect and assert our Constitutional rights of self-determination, self-government, identity, and feeding our families in traditional ways. In collaboration with my colleagues, I will continue to work on strengthening our Manitoba Métis Government. In this report I have only touched upon some of the highlights of our work.

For more information on the Ministry of Constitution, Métis Rights, Métis Nation Agenda & Governance, please feel free to contact me, Vice-President and Minister Judy Mayer at The Pas Regional Office.

Thank you.



Michif Language

MMF Portfolio

Minister Andrew Carrier



A Michif Language Revitalization proposal was submitted in mid-January by the Manitoba Metis Federation and the Louis Riel Institute (MMF/LRI) to the Métis National Council (MNC) under the Indigenous Languages Initiative Canada. The \$250,000 ask is for the 2019/20 fiscal year. However, once the proposal is accepted, the MNC has an arrangement with the Indigenous Languages Initiative (ILI) to amend the MNC-based projects to be completed in July of 2020. The funding allows for Capacity of Governance work, as well as Michif supports and services. The proposal includes setting up a Michif Revitalization Working Group, creating a strategic plan, organizing workshops on documenting and archiving language, holding community forums, and buying the technical equipment to allow communities to start the recording and documenting work that is vital to saving the Michif Language.

LRI's Michif Illustrated Children's Book project is awaiting the finished illustrations and Michif translations. The six books will be published as a collection in a fully illustrated hardcover book with links to the audio version online. All expenses, publishing, translation, audio recording, and website updates will be expensed out by the March 31st deadline.

The Prairies to Woodlands Indigenous Language Revitalization Circle continues their grassroots Michif

revitalization work, including digitizing and expanding the *Michif dictionary: Turtle Mountain Chippewa Cree*, which will be available online and as a smartphone application in 2021. The Master /Apprentice Program is ongoing with pairings as well as family groups.

The University of Manitoba continues to offer Michif 1, a credit course taught by Heather Souter from Prairies to Woodlands. This is taught using technology to bring Heather into class via live video. Free community classes also continue once a month on Saturdays.

The University of Winnipeg has also been discussing the possibility of offering a Michif Course. The challenge is to find a fluent speaker who is also knowledgeable in Language revival and revitalization techniques.

The St. Laurent Michif-French working group continues to meet weekly to add to their dictionary and resources. They will also be teaching Michif-French at the St. Laurent school in the coming year, which is a first.

Verna DeMontigny, who is a Speaker and Elder in Brandon Manitoba, teaches Michif in elementary school daily to grades K-6, as well as a Métis Culture and Language course at Brandon University. She is also part of the Prairies to Woodlands group's MAP and dictionary projects.



Natural Resources

MMF Portfolio

Minister Leah LaPlante

Associate Minister Shawn Nault



The Manitoba Metis Federation's (MMF) Natural Resources portfolio, housed within the MMF's Energy, Infrastructure and Resource Management department, is centered around the Metis Laws of the Harvest and our constitutionally protected section 35 rights. As the Minister Responsible for Natural Resources, Leah LaPlante is dedicated and passionate about protecting Métis harvesters, and has ensured that the Manitoba Métis Community's concerns and interests are brought forward to help conserve and manage the lands, waters, and resources of Manitoba. The MMF would like to thank Minister LaPlante and Associate Minister Shawn Nault for their unwavering dedication to this portfolio, and for their work to ensure that natural resources issues are handled with the attention they deserve. A few developments within the portfolio through 2019-2020 include the following:

Harvesting

Delegates to the 2018 MMF Annual General Assembly voted unanimously in favour of a Resolution to defend Métis harvesting rights in Game Hunting Areas (GHAs) bordering the Recognized Métis Harvesting Area (RMHA), including: 1) the Grass River Region (GHAs 5, 7, and 7A); and 2) the Manigotagan Region (GHA 26 and the portion of GHA 17A outside of

the Pimitotah Traditional Land Use Planning Area/Bloodvein Registered Trapline). Despite the MMF's best efforts, the Manitoba government continues to ignore both Canada's Constitution protecting Métis harvesting rights and the provincial Crown's commitments in the 2012 MMF-Manitoba Harvesting Agreement. In September 2019, delegates to the MMF AGA voted unanimously for the MMF to consider providing legal support to Métis harvesters who exercise their constitutionally protected rights in the areas outside of the RMHA, including GHAs 2A, 4, 21, 21A, and the Upper and Lower Nelson River systems and Churchill Region.

The provincial government continues to charge Métis harvesters who exercise their constitutionally protected right to harvest. A Métis harvester must follow the laws of public safety, must adhere to the Metis Laws of the Harvest: Revised 3rd Edition (Metis Laws of the Harvest), and must hold a validated MMF Harvester Card with the current year's Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) sticker. Following these requirements, in the case of a wrongful harvesting charge, harvesters may contact the MMF's Energy, Infrastructure and Resource Management department. Once contacted, the MMF will gather harvesting charge information and will determine the necessary steps required to decide whether support

and legal assistance can be provided. The MMF reminds all harvesters that they are taking a risk while harvesting in RMHA Expansion Areas [i.e., GHAs that the 2018 MMF AGA voted unanimously to defend Métis harvesting rights in (GHAs 5, 7, 7A, 17A, 26)] as well as areas outside of the RMHA.

Due to recurring issues with our Métis harvesters hunting on private property with verbal permission only, a permission slip must now be used to obtain written permission from private landowners. The permission slip will reduce the chance of harvesters being faced with a hearsay situation if the landowner decides to revoke permission after the fact. Be aware that verbal permission is no longer acceptable and that it is the responsibility of the harvesters to understand where they are harvesting. Written permission from private landowners supports our right to harvest on private property when approached by a Conservation Officer. Permission slips are available at the MMF Home Office, Regional Offices, and on the MMF website at www.mmf.mb.ca.

As a reminder, Métis harvesters must validate their Métis Harvester Card by purchasing the current year's CTF sticker on or before March 31. In addition, harvesters are required to complete the mandatory harvesting survey prior to receiving a new CTF sticker and big-game tags. The survey is important to help us manage our resources, monitor harvesting activity, and increase conservation efforts throughout the province. The MMF is currently in the process of developing an online harvesting survey that will decrease human input error and improve the overall harvesting reporting system. The online survey is scheduled to go live for the 2021-2022 harvesting year.

Night Hunting

Following consultations with the Manitoba Métis Community regarding night hunting, the MMF submitted a report to the provincial government and passed two Resolutions at the 2017 AGA. First, a complete prohibition on dangerous spotlighting throughout Manitoba, and second, prohibition of night hunting within Agro Manitoba from dusk to

dawn, with continued night hunting and stationary spotlighting in Non-Agro Manitoba when away from settlements and local populations. On February 9, 2018, the MMF Cabinet passed the MMF Night Hunting and Night Lighting Agro-Zone Boundary Resolution, providing policy specifying Métis night hunting laws in Manitoba, including definitions, maps, and map notes. All information can be found on the MMF website at www.mmf.mb.ca.

Parks Canada

The MMF and Parks Canada are currently working to expand Parks Canada's Indigenous Open-Door Program to allow free entry for Citizens of the Manitoba Métis Community into Parks Canada-owned and operated National Historic Sites and National Parks throughout the Métis Nation, including Riding Mountain National Park. While discussions are currently ongoing, Parks Canada has agreed that Manitoba Métis Citizens will have free entry to Riding Mountain National Park by showing their MMF Citizenship Card and/or Métis Harvester Card. The Indigenous Open-Doors Program allows free entry. However, other fees for attractions and services, including tours, workshops, and special programming, or any other fees associated with the site, do still apply and must be paid at the visitor centre.

Caribou

The MMF has taken part in the National Boreal Caribou Knowledge Consortium (NBCKC) since its beginnings in 2018. The NBCKC brings together a number of participants with knowledge relating to and experience working with boreal caribou, including federal and provincial governments, academic institutions, industry, non-governmental organizations, and Indigenous governments and representatives. The NBCKC has developed a number of working groups which the MMF has been actively involved in, including the Indigenous Knowledge Circle, the Monitoring Working Group, and the Habitat Restoration Working Group. The NBCKC has provided us with the opportunity to learn about caribou conservation projects across the country, to explore partnerships, and to

ensure that the voices, concerns, and views of the Manitoba Métis Community are included in caribou conservation work.

Once a year, the MMF holds a caribou workshop in northern Manitoba to collect valuable information from the Manitoba Métis Community pertaining to caribou. The MMF has heard concerns regarding diminishing caribou populations across the province and the much-needed support for immediate conservation efforts to ensure species survival. The MMF has thus proposed a caribou monitoring and research project using motion-activated monitoring cameras installed throughout the critical caribou wintering habitat. Moving forward, the MMF will continue working with the NBCKC to ensure that the Manitoba Métis Community is well represented and hopes to begin work on the caribou monitoring project in 2020-2021 as a step towards protecting caribou here in Manitoba.

Moose

In 2011, the provincial government implemented moose harvesting closures in the Duck and Porcupine Mountains (i.e., GHAs 13, 13A, 18, 18A, 18B, and 18C) without meaningful or adequate consultation with the Manitoba Métis Community. The MMF, in response to conservation concerns highlighted by the Manitoba Métis Community, initiated a voluntary closure of moose harvesting in the above-noted GHAs as an exercise of stewardship and self-government rights. The Manitoba Métis Community has not been meaningfully consulted or engaged with regard to moose management decisions, including ongoing conservation closures or any proposed changes since the closures were put in place.

Forestry

Forestry projects directly affect Métis harvesting rights and have a common theme of proposed timber harvesting, access development, access control, forest renewal activities, and road development and decommissioning. The MMF is currently involved in the provincial Crown

consultation process in relation to the following forestry plans:

- 2020 – 2025 Timber Sale Plan for Forest Management Unit 24
- Duck Mountain Provincial Park Forest Operating Plan
- Louisiana Pacific 20-Year Forest Management Plan
- Louisiana Pacific and Mountain Quota Holders Association 2020 – 2022 Operating Plan

As these Forestry Management Plans may impact the rights, claims, and interests of the Manitoba Métis Community, Crown consultation must take place to ensure that impacts are minimized and opportunities for accommodation and mitigation are fully explored. The MMF is also pursuing Métis traditional economies such as sustainable forestry operations. Restoring traditional economies provides an opportunity to conserve natural ecosystems and supply Métis citizens with on-the-land job opportunities. The MMF will continue to explore sustainable forestry opportunities to ensure the Métis Government participates in forest management.

Indigenous Protected & Conserved Areas

In January 2020, the MMF finalized two multi-year contribution agreements with Environment & Climate Change Canada that provide the MMF with funding to work towards creating two Indigenous Protected & Conserved Areas (IPCAs). The first IPCA is located in The Pas and Northwest Regions within the Kettle Hills Blueberry Patch. The second IPCA is in the Thompson Region, from Caribou River Provincial Park to Wapusk National Park.

The purpose of the IPCAs is to conserve and protect Canada's wildlife and habitat along with ensuring Métis Citizens are engaged in conservation. The MMF has conducted a literature review and held interviews with other Indigenous Nations to identify avenues to formally protect

the IPCAs. Specific to the Kettle Hills Blueberry Patch IPCA, the MMF conducted a Constraints and Opportunities Analysis to help further identify the small, medium, and large constraints in this area as well as to identify opportunities for co-management.

For questions concerning the Natural Resources portfolio, you may contact Connor Staub, Resource Management Coordinator, by phone at (204) 586-8474 or by email at connor.staub@mmf.mb.ca.

And for questions concerning the Forestry and IPCA files within the Natural Resources portfolio, you may contact Riley Bartel, Conservation and Lands Coordinator, by phone at (204) 586-8474 or by email at riley.bartel@mmf.mb.ca.

Lands Management

Additions to Reserve (ATR) and Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) Consultations

For the past six years, the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) and Canada have engaged in a collaborative consultation process to identify the potential impacts which the proposed addition of lands to First Nation reserves in Manitoba will have on the rights, claims, and interests of our Citizens. This agreement between Canada and the MMF continues the work of minimizing the impacts associated with Additions to Reserve/Treaty Land Entitlement (ATR/TLE) by developing and agreeing on a process for meaningful and appropriately funded consultations.

Through meaningful collaboration on this file, the MMF and Canada have developed a multi-year funding agreement. This agreement allows for the MMF to undertake the work of engaging our Community and identifying potential impacts on a site-by-site basis. To date, the MMF has held a number of community meetings with Citizens, including Harvesters, to explain the ATR/TLE process, inform the community of proposed Additions to Reserve, and acquire Citizen input, concerns, and priorities to ensure community-based perspectives are highlighted during ongoing consultation.

Federal Land Disposals and Divestitures

In 2013, the Supreme Court of Canada found that the federal government breached the honour of the Crown as it failed to implement the long outstanding contract of lands owed to the Manitoba Métis Community. This history helps inform the MMF's work with regard to Crown Lands. Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is responsible for disposing and divesting federally owned lands that are deemed "surplus" and no longer necessary for Crown purposes. For the past six years, the MMF and PSPC have engaged in a process where PSPC identifies and notifies the MMF of Federal Land to be disposed or divested in the near future. Notification of newly identified disposals/divestitures are communicated through monthly updates and quarterly meetings between MMF staff and PSPC. The MMF continues to work with Canada to advance reconciliation with the Manitoba Métis Community and address any concerns or opportunities this process poses.

Kivahiktuq Agreement

The MMF has engaged with Crown Indigenous Relations & Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) regarding the intent to consult the MMF on the proposed Kivahiktuq Agreement. The Agreement is a trilateral lands claims agreement between Canada, Manitoba, and the Inuit, and sets out Inuit harvesting, land ownership, and other related rights within a specified area of Northeastern Manitoba. The MMF has been working with legal counsel to navigate discussions with Canada and to ensure our Community's rights, claims, and interests are protected.

Small Craft Harbours

In 2016, the MMF began to receive notifications from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) regarding the federal government's intended divestiture of recreational Small Craft Harbours. Through consultation with DFO over the proposed divestitures, the MMF has been able to protect the Manitoba Métis Community's continued access to the harbours for commercial, cultural, and subsistence use.

The MMF has been engaging with the DFO regarding the proposed transfer of a Small Craft Harbour Wharf Site to the Town of Lac du Bonnet. The MMF, Canada, and the Town of Lac du Bonnet have registered a caveat that recognizes that Métis Citizens use and rely on the lands and waters within the area of the Wharf Site to exercise their collectively held Aboriginal rights. The parties entered this agreement to protect and preserve the harvesting, fishing, and other rights of the Manitoba Métis Community on the Wharf Site. This agreement will be used as a template for future Small Craft Harbours divestitures such as the Amaranth Wharf Site.





Provincial Education

MMF Portfolio

Minister Joan Ledoux

Associate Minister David Beaudin



Senior Director
Rachel Charette

The Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) Provincial Education initiated plans in 2019-2020 to reorganize the Department to allow for the creation of a province-wide strategy on education to support Métis students at all levels of education, from K-12 and into post-secondary, throughout the province. As an affiliate of the MMF, the Louis Riel Institute (LRI) has provided programming on culture and education, in partnership with MMF Provincial Education.

Post-Secondary Education

The Métis Nation and the Government of Canada signed the Canada-Métis Nation Accord, through which the MMF will invest \$90 million over 10 years to support Métis post-secondary education in Manitoba. The objective is to close the Post-Secondary Education (PSE) attainment gaps between Métis and non-Indigenous Canadians through distinctions-based and provincially delivered strategic supports. This strategy contributes to the broader strategic outcomes of self-determination and control of education, strengthening education, social and economic outcomes, and lifelong learning.

The MMF Provincial Education Working Group Committee is established with a broad responsibility to oversee MMF Provincial Education and ensure its efficient and effective operations.

Post-Secondary Education Financial Support System (PSESP)

The Provincial Education launched the first PSESP online application on November 15, 2019. A PSESP Selection Review Sub-Committee and Appeals Sub-Committee have since been created for application approvals. In 2019-2020, 671 students were completed and submitted their applications online. Based on the program requirements, MMF Provincial Education awarded 557 students, with a total of \$2,351,570.55 to Métis PSE students in 2019-20. Students who receive the PSESP funding must take a Metis 101 course provided through LRI. Table 1 found at the end of the report provides the awarded applicants with a breakdown by MMF Region.

Partnerships and MOUs with Post-Secondary Institutions

The MMF and the University of Winnipeg (U of W) signed a 10-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in January 2018. In 2019-2020, the U of W prepared a research report on Early Development Instrument (EDI) and Métis education, which showed that, while Manitoba generally fairs poorer than the rest of Canada with respect to EDI scores, Métis children fared worse than other children in the province, with over 1/3 of Métis children developmentally vulnerable. This translates into lower educational outcomes for Métis

students. Further research is being undertaken as well as community consultations with the Regions. The MMF is in partnership with the University of Manitoba to have a Métis Inclusion Coordinator whose role is to ensure Métis students and the student population as a whole have access to Métis-specific events and programming on campus. The MMF Provincial Education is working on partnerships with post-secondary institutions to develop academic supports to ensure Métis students' success in their academic studies. MOUs and partnerships with the other post-secondary institutions are currently also being pursued.

Financial Aid and Awards

On behalf of the MMF Provincial Education Department, the LRI, in partnership with post-secondary institutions, administered the Louis Riel Bursary (LRB) endowment. The Louis Riel Bursary Endowment Fund is currently at \$25 million. Other bursaries that are provided by the MMF include the Mary Guilbault Métis Bursary, the Vickar Community Chevrolet Métis Student Award, the Audreen Hourie Indigenous Governance Graduate Fellowship and the Senator Gerry and Margaret St. Germain Bursary. Table 2 found at the end of the report shows the LRB endowment statistics for 2019-20.

K-12 Education

In June 2019, the MMF Provincial Education Department, in partnership with LRI, made a submission to Manitoba's Commission on K-12 Education. Our recommendations were to improve the education of Métis students in K-12 and to promote the awareness of Métis people, culture, and history in Manitoba for all students. Recommendations include: 1) to use the MMF/U of W research on educational outcomes to guide interventions for Métis students, 2) cease the pan-Indigenous approach to education and focus on approaches that are more distinction-based for Métis students, 3) mandatory professional development for Manitoba teachers on Métis perspectives, 4) mandatory Métis content in the curriculum from K-12, 5)

consultations between the provincial government and the MMF, 6) accountability from the provincial government with regard to the Aboriginal Academic Achievement Grant that they receive from the federal government, 7) support from the provincial government for programs that support Métis student success.

In February 2020, the MMF Provincial Education Department and the LRI conducted a consultation conference called, "Creating Our Own Future," to understand the needs and plan for moving forward plan for the K-12 education. There were over 80 participants present at the conference to discuss Métis Education. Topics of discussion included the state of education, current issues, best practices, curriculum, Métis identity, how we engage students, and post-secondary preparation. Recommendations were developed, including a comprehensive consultation with the Regions. The consultations have been put on hold until it is safe to travel and meet in larger gatherings.

Provincial Engagement

Blueprint for Indigenous Education Steering Committee

The Manitoba Collaborative Indigenous Education Blueprint was signed in December 2015. The steering committee is composed of representatives from all 10 of Manitoba's post-secondary institutions (University of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg, Brandon University, University College of the North, Assiniboine Community College, Red River College, Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology, Université de St. Boniface, and Canadian Mennonite University), as well as the Manitoba School Boards Association, Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools, Louis Riel Institute, Manitoba Inuit Association, and the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre. The Blueprint is an initiative that commits to making excellence in Indigenous post-secondary education a priority. The MMF Education Department has appointed the LRI to represent the interests of Métis provincial education from 2015-2020.

Frontier School Division

Along with the LRI, the MMF Provincial Education Department has been meeting regularly with Frontier School Division to discuss how we can collaborate on meeting the needs of Métis students in K-12 within the regions that Frontier School Division operates. MMF Education has also been involved in the Frontier School Division's annual education conference, and has supplied Métis Kits to be used as teaching tools in their classrooms.

MMF's Distinguished Leader in Education Award

This award is presented to an individual who has made outstanding contributions or achievements in education for the Métis people of Manitoba. In 2019-20, the recipient was Virden retired teacher Kelvon Smith.

Table 1

2019-2020 Post-Secondary Education Support Program		
MMF Regions	Number of PSESP Applicants	Amount of Funding (\$)
Interlake	77	\$317,925
Northwest	40	\$178,175
Northeast	67	\$276,285
Southwest	56	\$232,375
The Pas	12	\$54,635
Thompson	11	\$52,925
Winnipeg	294	\$1,239,250
Total PSESP Awarded	557	\$2,351,570

Table 2

2019/2020 MMF Endowments through Louis Riel Bursaries			
Post-Secondary Institute	# of Applicants	# of Awards	Total Award Value
Assiniboine Community College	14	8	\$28,000
Brandon University	28	25	\$74,000
Red River College	60	47	\$138,000
University College of the North	15	8	\$22,918
University of Manitoba	234	152	\$391,725
University of St. Boniface	44	41	\$89,700
University of Winnipeg	99	71	\$132,750
Totals	494	352	\$877,093



Residential Schools

MMF Portfolio

Minister Andrew Carrier



The Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) – Residential School portfolio is to address issues surrounding the impact of Métis students attending mission-run day schools. Métis survivors of the Residential & Day School system continue to call the MMF for information, advice and/or assistance for Métis students that attend day schools and mission schools, to see what services are available from the MMF. Many survivors are coming in to tell their stories, so that “someone knows” what happened. All calls and meetings regarding residential schools and the Sixties Scoop inquiries are being referred and attended to by Georgina Liberty.

The University of Manitoba is the site for the Truth and Reconciliation

Commission’s National Research Centre (NRC). Minister Andrew Carrier is a member on the NRC Governing Circle. Elder Norman Meade is the Métis representative for the Survivors Circle.

Starting in 2014, the MMF is aware that approximately 30 Métis School Survivors have decided to proceed with pursuing legal action.

In January 2017, the MMF, The Louis Riel Institute (LRI), and the United Way partnered to bring *Forgotten: The Métis Residential School Experience* exhibit to the United Way Winnipeg. The exhibit was created by The Legacy of Hope Foundation documents and gives voice to the many Métis children who were forced to attend residential and day schools.



McLean Settlement Agreement for Indian Day Schools

The Indian Day Schools (McLean) Settlement Agreement announcement has created confusion with our Métis Citizens as there are implied statements that appear that this settlement includes Métis students. **IT DOES NOT.**

In March 2019, the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, Carolyn Bennett, announced an out-of-court settlement with class members in relation to Canada's establishment and funding of federal Indian Day Schools.

The Tripartite Self-government Negotiations (TSN) Department continues to receive calls from Citizens who attended provincially funded and administered day schools, which **are not** part of the Settlement Agreement. The Agreement only applies to schools that were federally funded

and administered. Most Métis Citizens attended provincial schools in which the levels of abuse and trauma are identical to the federal schools in the Settlement Agreement, yet these **provincial schools remain excluded.**

There are concerns that many of our Métis Citizens call the MMF about regarding the disconnect with the Indian Day Schools (McLean) Settlement Agreement and the potential implications it has for Métis Citizens.





Riel House

MMF Portfolio

Minister Andrew Carrier



The 2019-2020 season has been busy with interpretive tours, school programming, and special events at the Riel House National Historic Site. The visitor numbers in the 2019 season, at the time of this report, look to be topping the attendance from the 2018 season. In May and June, Riel House Interpreters delivered programming for 19 schools with 732 participants, an increase of 100 from 2018. Total numbers of public visitors in July and August were 618.

The new Coordinator, Janelle Poiron, who has worked previously in the Louis Riel Institute (LRI) for several summers, has worked with our lead Interpreter and six other staff to run a very smooth program.

A new task for our staff this season was to plant and maintain the large garden and the kitchen garden. The Manitoba Master Gardeners helped to plan but were not taking on the labour. Parks Canada provided the tools and seeds, and built a rabbit fence for the garden. This was an excellent learning experience for all. However, the results were not great. The amount of physical work was immense with such a large garden and our staff had very little experience.

The Thursday Night Soirées were coordinated by Patti Kustoruk. New this year, the staff offered jigging lessons as well as beading lessons. The beading has proven to be the most popular. Métis Locals were also offered a chance



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to fundraise by selling hot dogs at the events, which has been a win-win. The Soirées are now attracting 150 – 200 attendees each week. Every year the attendance has grown steadily, with the total this year at almost 1,300.

LRI has added items to the historic clothing collection, as well as a portable dance floor, built by staff and volunteers with funding provided through Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples last winter. LRI is slowly adding to the clothing



collection each year, but at this point we are still borrowing historic clothing from Parks Canada to top up our collection. Unfortunately, their collection is in poor repair and not being replaced. Parks Canada is doing renovations on the roof, eaves, and soffits at Riel House this fall, with a new fence to follow, hopefully by spring, as it is in very poor shape.

The Annual Métis Harvest Corn Roast took place August 24, with about 450 guests, with great entertainment, bannock, corn, children’s crafts, and house tours.

Overall, the season ran smoothly, with total numbers at just over 3,100.





Sixties Scoop

MMF Portfolio

Minister Denise Thomas



Overview

The Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) – Sixties Scoop portfolio addresses issues surrounding the impact of Métis children adopted into non-Indigenous families. The “Sixties Scoop” (1951 – 1991) was a child welfare policy developed and implemented that involved apprehending Indigenous children from their communities and placing them, in most cases, into middle-class Euro-Canadian families. Adoptees of the Sixties Scoop continue to call the MMF for information, advice, and/or assistance to rediscover their identity and reconnect with their biological families.

Proposed First Nations & Inuit National Settlement Agreement – Sixties Scoop

In June 2016, class action litigation was launched against Ontario with claimants stating they were the solitary representative for Sixties Scoop children in Canada; the lead counsel for this case was Toronto firm Koskie Minsky. Upon receiving the certification, Minister of then Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada Carolyn Bennett announced an \$800 million financial settlement for children affected by the Sixties Scoop. This settlement is national in scope and has resolved 18 related lawsuits across Canada (including the Manitoba Class Action). The statement of claim (the criteria that an individual must meet

to be a claimant) did not include Métis within the settlement as the national settlement only identified First Nations and Inuit as claimants.

Latest Legal Development 2019/2020

The Métis National Council (MNC) and the MMF have been engaged for many years with Métis Citizens to take the needed steps in a long journey to repair the profound trauma inflicted on Métis Citizens. The MNC also previously had direct discussions with federal government officials regarding this important issue.

Five class actions were launched against the Government of Canada (LaLiberte on May 18, 2018, McComb on June 27, 2018, Chief on September 4, 2018, Ouellette on October 30, 2018, and Day on December 20, 2018). On May 31, 2019, the Federal Court awarded carriage of motion to Day v Canada (Attorney General), represented by two law firms: Koskie Minsky and Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein. On June 10, 2019, three law firms filed an appeal to the Federal Courts’ decision on the carriage motion decision. On July 13, 2020, the Federal Court of Appeal dismissed the appeal.

The federal government has not engaged in direct discussions with the MNC or the MMF regarding the Sixties Scoop, because it is a defendant in a proposed class action brought on

behalf of Métis and Non-Status Indian survivors of the Sixties Scoop [Day v Canada (Attorney General)].

The Métis Nation and Canada to reconcile the Sixties Scoop through Nation-to-Nation Negotiations

Canada-Métis Nation Accord (the Accord)

The Accord reflects and formalizes the Parties' shared commitment to a renewed Nation-to-Nation relationship between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation, one based on recognition of rights, respect, co-operation, partnership, and, importantly, reconciliation.

The substantial work that has occurred between Canada and the Métis Nation since the signing of the Accord in 2017 has included a Métis Nation Sixties Scoop Symposium in 2018 organized by the MNC, which was followed in 2019 by a series of Métis Nation Sixties Scoop Engagement Sessions and negotiations.

Metis Nation Sixties Scoop Symposium

Held in October 2019, the MMF welcomed delegates from across the Métis Nation for a Sixties Scoop Symposium. MNC leaders joined together with Métis survivors of the Sixties Scoop to share their knowledge and experiences towards reconciliation for Métis Citizens taken from their families during the Sixties Scoop era. The Symposium marked the first of a series of engagements, directed and guided by survivors to shape the framework for reconciliation with Canada.

Sixties Scoop Website

In early 2019, the MNC launched an enhanced website to provide survivors and the Métis community with up-to-date information on all Sixties Scoop activities. The website includes the following headings: National Database repository, Métis Sixties Scoop Support Services, Survivors' Stories, Media, Resources, Frequently Asked Questions, and Contact Us. The website contains messages from the Minister of Social Development, David Chartrand, the main political leader on the file. The "What We Heard - Report of the Métis Nation's Engagement with Métis Sixties Scoop Survivors" is also available online at www.metissixtiescoop.ca.

Survivors can seek additional information by calling the Métis Nation Sixties Scoop Senior Policy Advisor, Albert Beck, at 1-800-928-6220, ext. 532.

Métis Nation Mental Health Resource Guide

The Sixties Scoop can be triggering for some survivors who are recounting their experiences; as such it was determined by the Sixties Scoop Working Group that a manual should be developed that includes health lines and crisis lines should survivors need them. The resource guide is still in its draft format, and contains information on mental health, the importance of mental health, what is a crisis, and how to cope with stress. The manual also contains links and contact information on accessing programs/services by each province as well as provincial crisis/distress lines. While the manual is developed for the use of survivors, it has been drafted in a way that all Métis Citizens can access.

The Métis National Council (MNC) and the MMF have been engaged for many years with Métis Citizens to take the needed steps in a long journey to repair the profound trauma inflicted on Métis Citizens. The MNC also previously had direct discussions with federal government officials regarding this important issue.





Sports & Youth

MMF Portfolio

Minister Richard Genaille



Over the year, a variety of camps, workshops, programs, and services were developed and delivered by Metis Employment & Training, and funded under the Urban Programming for Indigenous People. We continue to collaborate with our Youth Advisory Committees to develop culture, arts, sports, and recreation initiatives to address the needs, wants, and interests of our Métis Youth.

Leadership Camp

Youth aged 11 – 16 attended the camp daily in Winnipeg to participate in activities, workshops, and outings that helped build leadership skills. The camp took place over the summer break and gave participants opportunities to experience their culture, engage with Métis Youth, and stay active during their time off. This included a variety of excursions to beaches, pools, the zoo, and museums.

Tim Hortons Camp

We partnered with the Tim Hortons Camp to provide a camping experience for our Métis Youth aged 10 – 14 during Spring Break as well as in October. We had 85 Youth join us in March and 43 Youth in October. The Tim Hortons Camp offers a wide range of cultural and outdoor activities that enhance leadership skills and knowledge of Métis Traditions.

Ste. Madeleine Metis Days

Youth aged 10 – 24 attended Ste. Madeleine Metis Days from July 19 – 21, 2019. The 25 Youth that attended participated in cultural activities and volunteered their time with Elders.

Sports and Recreation Camps

Two Youth Golf Camps were held at the Kingswood Golf Course in La Salle, with 20 Youth participating in each camp.

Softball clinics were held twice a week throughout the months of April and May, with 30 Youth participating.

Youth hockey camps were held in Winnipeg during winter and summer breaks, with 80 Youth participating from the Winnipeg area. These camps are designed to keep kids active, and increase athletic confidence and skill levels.

Individual Youth Sports, Culture, and Recreation Sponsorship

Through this program, Youth ages 17 and under can apply for and access individual sponsorship to an annual maximum of \$350 to participate in sports, culture, and recreation activities. The program promotes healthy living and wellness. A total of 562 Métis Youth were supported through this program during the year.

Youth Advisory Committees

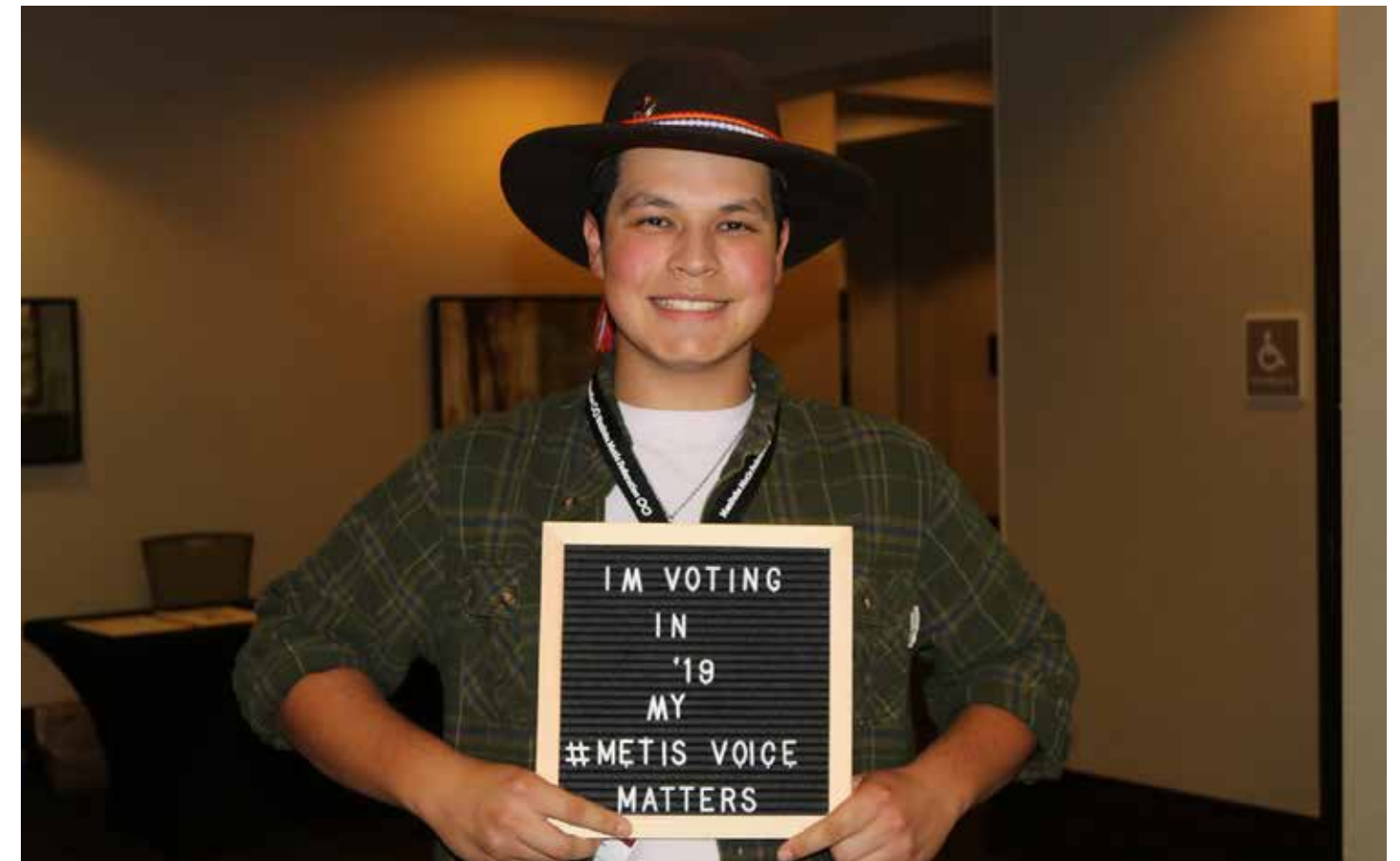
Our Regional Youth Advisory Committees and our Provincial Youth Advisory Committee met regularly to strategize Youth engagement as well as to discuss and plan Youth programming initiatives. Committee members also attended a variety of Métis events, providing insight on the Youth perspective.

Programs & Services

Our Youth programming focuses on creating programs and services that will enhance the knowledge, skills, and experiences of our Métis Youth. Over the year we have offered First Aid and CPR training, Hunter Safety courses, jigging, fiddling, beading workshops, and much more.

We collaborate with our Youth Committees to engage our Métis Youth and to create, implement, and promote Youth initiatives at both a provincial and regional level.

For more information about our Youth programs and services, please visit us online at mmfmetisyouth@mmf.mb.ca, call us at 204-586-8474, or connect with your MMF Regional Office.



Louis Riel Capital Corporation

MMF Affiliate

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The Capital Corporation:

Twenty-ninth Anniversary: The Louis Riel Capital Corporation (LRCC) will celebrate 29 years of providing capital and business services to Metis entrepreneurs in Manitoba in October 2021. The formation of the LRCC was an initiative of the Manitoba Metis Federation's Tripartite Self-Government department. LRCC continues to deploy valuable loan and grant (equity) funding to support and foster the Manitoba Métis business community and Métis citizens seeking to start up or buy an existing business. On average LRCC provides both loan and/or grant capital totaling more than \$3.5 million to 80 +/- new business projects each year.



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COVID-19 Pandemic Programs:

The COVID-19 Pandemic has provided significant challenges to our many Metis business clients as they struggle to keep their businesses afloat. The Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF), our

Metis Government, and LRCC along with the assistance of MEDF have been supporting our Metis businesses by providing them with a significant amount of capital to pay their operational expenses and continue to support their families. The capital provided by the MMF through LRCC has been in the form of a non-repayable grant to help keep our Metis businesses' doors open or position them to reopen in the near future when Provincial restrictions are lifted.

The MMF was the first among all levels of Government to respond to its citizens and business community with financial support being delivered as early as March 23, 2020. LRCC and MEDF through the initiative of the MMF committed to provide up to \$10,000 in non-repayable funds to all Metis businesses on a needs basis to bridge the gap from when COVID-19 restrictions were initiated to when Federal Government program funding started to flow. This early response injected \$663,000 into 195 small



In October 2020, the MMF announced a third initiative, the MMF COVID-19 Business Support Program (COVID BSP). This program was launched on November 3rd, 2020, and is being delivered through the LRCC with the support of the MEDF.

businesses and entrepreneurs' bank accounts allowing them to sustain their operations and their families until other program funding kicked in.

Early and throughout the Pandemic, the MMF, your Metis Government, continued to negotiate with Canada for multi millions of dollars in additional COVID-19 stimulus funding to support Metis citizens and businesses. Details of the COVID support programs being delivered through LRCC on behalf of the MMF are available on the LRCC website, www.lrcc.mb.ca or email: info@lrcc.mb.ca and one of our staff will contact you.

The LRCC Loan Program:

LRCC is one of the Economic Development arms of the Manitoba Metis Federation providing loans, grants (non-repayable equity contributions) to Metis Businesses and Entrepreneurs in Manitoba. We inherently take on more risk than Banks and Credit Unions when providing loan capital to our Métis Businesses. As a result, many of our clients have access to loan and grant capital when otherwise they would not have the ability to access the capital they need to start up, purchase, or expand their business.

LRCC's loan program can provide our Métis business clients with as little as \$5,000 or up to a maximum of \$250,000. Loans can be amortized to a maximum of 10 years based on the life expectancy of the assets being financed or the security available to secure the loan. Loan interest rates are fixed for the entire term and can be as low as 5.00%. The actual interest rate that a client will pay is based on the risk assessed by the adjudication team and/or the strength of the security being provided. For example, to receive the minimum rate, the loan would need to be substantially secured by tangible assets such as mortgage security. Our interest rates are very competitive and in most cases better than the fixed rates offered by other financial institutions.

Please visit our website: www.lrcc.mb.ca for more information on how to access our programs and services.

The LRCC Business Equity Contribution Fund (Grant):

The LRCC continues to deliver the Business Equity Contribution Fund (BECF) commonly known as the Business Grant Program. The intent of the business grant is to provide our Métis clients with the additional capital (equity) that the financial institutions (banks, credit unions, etc.) require in order to obtain a business loan.

LRCC has been delivering the BECF since the spring of 2013 and to date we have paid out over \$9.9 Million helping support the creation, expansion or purchase of over 240 Métis-owned businesses. The BECF is adjudicated on a needs basis. The client must demonstrate that the grant is needed in order to obtain a commercial loan from a financial institution. A further condition for a Métis client to obtain a grant is that they must contribute some of their own cash into the project. The minimum required client equity contribution is 10% of the total project cost. For example, if the client's total project cost or business acquisition is \$150,000, then the client would need to contribute a minimum of \$15,000 of their own cash in order to access the BECF.

We are pleased to report that LRCC will continue administering the BECF grant/equity funding for the foreseeable future. These business grants are non-repayable and have assisted Métis people to start up, purchase, or expand their businesses. The maximum grant is \$99,999. In order to access the maximum grant, the project size would need to be in the range of \$300,000. The estimated average grant contribution would be \$50,000. The grant/equity program on average contributes 33% of the project's cost. When applying to LRCC for a business grant or a loan, please allow sufficient time for our staff to work with you to complete the due diligence and adjudication process as it can take 4 - 6 weeks depending on the client's preparedness. We encourage all of our Métis citizens to contact the LRCC to see how they might qualify to take advantage of this valuable program. The full details of the LRCC loan and grant program including the application can be found on the LRCC website www.lrcc.mb.ca.

LRCC's Property Investments:

The LRCC, through its asset holding company, 5785066 Manitoba Ltd., owns and manages the large parking lot in front of the MMF home office at 150 Henry Avenue, Winnipeg. This parking lot can accommodate up to 185 vehicles, and 100% of the stalls are leased monthly with signed parking agreements. Public paid parking is available overnight between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 am and all day on weekends.

Our investment corporation also owns and manages a large 5' x 9' electronic message board sign at 505 Main Street in Dauphin, Manitoba. The sign offers economical marketing opportunities for business and community groups to promote themselves for a minimal fee. The message and graphics are displayed for 6 - 10 seconds, cycle every 60 - 90 seconds and seen 720 times each day, 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Approximately 10,000 vehicles pass the sign daily. The message or advertisement is guaranteed to reach a significant number of people. Our investment corporation will be entering into an agreement with the MMF's Northwest Region to donate this sign to the Region for the benefit of their citizens.

Louis Riel Capital Investments Inc.:

Louis Riel Capital Investments Inc. (LRCII) is a separately incorporated company owned and operated by LRCC. LRCII now provides small personal loans up to \$25,000 to full-time employees of the MMF and the employees of their affiliates. These loans are designed to provide funds for personal use (maximum 48 months) to employees that are no longer in their probation period. The loan will become due and payable in full should the employee leave the employ of the MMF or the affiliate. The interest rate is 19.5% for small loans of \$5,000 or less. For loans of \$5,001 and over the interest rate is competitive with Bank personal loan rates starting as low as 6.75%. The rates applied to each loan is based on credit history and the value of any security pledged.

It's easy to apply and funds can usually be obtained within three business days. For employees and caucus members of the MMF and their affiliates looking to utilize this program please contact the LRCC office at (204) 589-0772 or email: info@lrcc.mb.ca.

First Time Home Purchase Program:

A detailed report for the First Time Home Purchase Program can be found under Minister Goodon's portfolio report (Housing and Property Management).

Property Management - 5785066 Manitoba Ltd., a Division of LRCC:

The LRCC's property management company continues to manage seven commercial buildings on behalf of the MMF, MEDO Developments, and one Regional Office. A full property management report can be seen under Minister Goodon's portfolio report (Housing and Property Management).



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COVID-19

As the COVID-19 pandemic has affected all Manitoba Métis, the Louis Riel Institute (LRI) has made significant changes to both process and protocol as it relates to programming. As mandated by provincial legislation, the LRI moved all programming to a “remote learning” platform and transitioned all in-person learning, activities, and events to online access. As the LRI offers several programs, including in-class learning, each measure to ensure the health and safety of Métis Citizens has been tailored for the specific program and is detailed further below.

Standing Tall

Despite the LRI’s efforts, provincial funding sources were not secured for the 2020/2021 fiscal year until an external report on the program is conducted. In preparation for this decision, the LRI notified all Standing Tall staff in January 2020 that the program would not be offered past March 31, 2020. However, because of COVID-19, and the schools moving to remote learning, the Standing Tall program was concluded in mid-March. The LRI immediately began working with a third party to conduct the research framework needed to provide an external report.



Adult Learning Centre (ALC)

Based on the year-end statistics, the ALC has surpassed previous graduation rates finishing the 2018/2019 academic year with the second-highest number of credit completions (174), the highest average course completion rate (nearing 80%), the highest number of graduates (25), and the highest number of graduates to attend the graduation ceremony (22).

Louis Riel Vocational College (LRVC)

The LRVC offered several Diploma Programs and Certificates and continued to grow and offer more course options. This year, the LRVC offered eight Diploma programs: Health Care Aide, Health Care Aide Challenge, and Early Childhood Educator 2 with over 60 graduates. The LRVC continues to develop its partnership with the Commonwealth College, with the first joint delivery of the ECE2 Program followed by a curricular swap of three additional programs: Nail Technician, Business Accounting, and Medical Office Assistant. The LRVC also offered Customized Job-Readiness Programs such as Prosperity Through Innovation, It’s My Community Too, Culinary Arts and Intro to Recreation Technician, Life Skills. The Mobile Literacy and Essential Skills project continued to progress, with the LRVC developing its first ever

Mobile Classroom. The LRVC also offered several value-added courses, such as Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (4 classes with 57 certificates) and Thought Patterns (3 classes with 20 certificates) as well as several one- and two-day workshops.

Cultural Presentations

The LRI staff offered over 60 workshops throughout the year, increasing its participation in several large events, including Ste. Madeleine Métis Days, the Elder and Youth Gathering, the MMHF Gala, Louis Riel Day at the St. Boniface Museum, and WinterFest in Ottawa. Presentations also included Little Metis Sing with Me, Little Metis Family Fun Events and Métis Historic Tours. The LRI maintains a list of gifted Métis artisans, musicians, dancers, and knowledgeable speakers who are brought in periodically or suggested to organizations.

Métis Resources

The LRI publishes many books on Métis culture and history written for various age groups from pre-school to adult. In addition, the LRI also offers Métis Educational Resource Kits as a teaching tool. Publications for the LRI also include the production of historical travelling exhibits covering

different aspects of Métis culture, which are circulated to different events around Manitoba. The LRI continues to lend out activity kits on various Métis topics, including historical dress-up clothes. These are used extensively and go as far as The Pas for events and Riel Day celebrations. The LRI continues to house a large collection of cultural holdings which are to be used for future exhibitions.

Flower Beadwork Circle

The Flower Beadwork Circle hosts 30-40 participants weekly, who regularly help at Métis events. This year, Winnipeg hosted the International Beading Symposium for which the MMF was chosen as a host site to share Métis beadwork. The Flower Beadwork Circle put on a fabulous display for visitors from all over the world.

Research, Archives, and Special Collections

The LRI's research, archives, and special collections initiative aims to serve as an academic and community research and resource hub. The LRI continues to strengthen its research and archival capacity in an aim to preserve and protect Métis history, culture, materials, and languages; support Métis-specific research and resource

development; and serve as an educational authority on topics related to Métis history and culture. The LRI received a grant from Library and Archives Canada to digitize the Ralph Walters Bungee Collection and set up an Archival System.

Riel House National Historical Site

May and June were busy with 19 school groups. Public visitors in July and August totalled 618. Having the Interpreters garden was a learning experience but not a highly successful venture without an experienced gardener to lead them. The Thursday Night Soirées averaged 150 - 200 people a night. The year ended with the Annual Métis Harvest Corn Roast. The 2019 season was very successful with over 3,000 people visiting the site.

Michif Language Initiatives

The LRI continues to work with Michif Elders, speakers, learners, teachers, the MMF, the Métis National Council (MNC), and other Métis organizations to advance the revitalization and protection of the Michif Language. This last year, the LRI has worked with the MNC in Community Language Consultations across the Homeland.

The LRI is currently working with the MMF on a Michif Language Revitalization project. This project is setting the foundation for language revitalization through strategic planning, community language assessments, and the development of a Language Archive.

Post-Secondary Education Support Program

In November 2019, the MMF launched the program while the LRI administered the intake. Five hundred fifty-seven (557) Métis students were awarded \$2,351,570. The LRI continued to work alongside the Provincial Education Working Group Committee to implement best practices acquired from the intake and to prepare for the next PSESP intake period.

Louis Riel Bursary

The MMF's Endowment Fund held at seven post-secondary institutions is now currently over \$25 million. The LRI, in partnership with post-secondary institutions, administers the endowment on behalf of the MMF. Three hundred fifty-two (352) Métis students received a Louis Riel Bursary for a total of \$877,093.





Métis Child and Family Services

MMF Affiliate

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The Manitoba Metis Federation's (MMF) Annual General Assembly is an important opportunity for your Métis Government to update Citizens on our activities, on the activities of our agencies and Authority, and on the progress toward implementing the Act that was formerly known as Bill C-92. Our success represents the outcome of hard work and dedication of many who have worked through the years to have our right to care for our children recognized and affirmed.



The progress being made in the child and family service (CFS) sector is a critical piece of our self-government and self-determination. Ensuring we take care of the health and wellness of our children and families will shape the future of our Nation.

We are here today to recognize the vision and dedication of the MMF Cabinet, as well as the Authority and agency Boards and staff, and another year of their hard work to make this, what was once a dream, a reality. This vision has been continually focused and strengthened through the evolution of Métis Child and Family Services.

A New Approach

An Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, Youth and families (the "Act") provides Indigenous governments the ability to take full jurisdiction and authority over their child and family services. Among other things, the Act allows Indigenous Communities to act proactively and utilize our historic experiences and culture to develop our child and family services programming, policies, and laws.

This Act is Canada's attempt to renew its relationship with Indigenous peoples and follow through on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Through this Act, they anticipate reducing the number of Indigenous children in care, instead allowing Indigenous Governing Bodies, including the MMF, to focus on preventative measures, early intervention, keeping children connected with their culture, and especially to focus on the best interest of the child.

Implementation

Since the passing of the Child and Family Services Authorities Act in 2003, the MMF has been gaining experience – nearly 18 years’ worth – of direct hands-on experience navigating the complex child and family services landscape. This experience and the relationship with the existing service providers gave us a head start toward implementing the new Act.

The MMF has been recognized as the Indigenous Governing Body for Manitoba Métis children and Youth. In response to Section 12 of the Act, the MMF has been receiving Notifications of Significant Measures since March 4, 2020, from across Manitoba and other provinces. These Notifications allow us, as the government of the Manitoba Métis, to ensure that the placements of our Métis children in care are culturally appropriate and in the best interest of the children. They have helped us better understand the CFS issues facing us, both internally with the Métis CFS system, and externally with the greater Manitoba CFS system.



The next steps will be Manitoba’s acknowledgement of this jurisdiction and the transfer of full jurisdiction and authority for our child and family services provisions to the MMF. As per section 20 of the Act, the MMF submitted our application with an effective date of January 1, 2020, to begin discussions on entering into a Coordination Agreement with the provincial and federal governments.

Coordination Agreements, ideally, will have three parties – in this case Canada, Manitoba, and the MMF. If an agreement cannot be reached within a year, which passed on January 1, 2021, then we could assume full jurisdiction and authority over our Manitoba Métis CFS. However, due to numerous delays from the federal and provincial governments, we have decided to continue discussions in good faith and in the best interest of our children. We do not want to allow for more children to fall between the gaps.

Over the past year, we also drafted a preliminary and temporary set of Manitoba Métis Child and Family Services Laws. These preliminary laws are intended to be amended until the date that the jurisdiction and authority fully transfer to the MMF – and will also be amended from time to time afterward.



We conducted a preliminary consultation on these Laws in March 2021 and will have further discussion on them during this year’s Annual General Assembly. We are looking forward to hearing the feedback from our Citizens, as these discussions will undoubtedly shape Manitoba Métis Child and Family Services provisions for years to come.

Current Challenges

As mentioned in earlier reports, we continue to be underfunded by the province’s new Single Envelope Funding approach that took effect on April 1, 2019. With Single Envelope Funding, we receive one lump sum, and regardless of the number of children in care or despite unforeseen circumstances – such as COVID-19 – we are expected to continue to provide quality services to our children and families.

In April 2020, the Province tabled a bill that effectively frees it of all liabilities that result from the years of stealing the Children’s Special Allowance from our children. We are actively fighting this in the court along with First Nation Authorities and service deliverers. We cannot allow the Province to sidestep its accountability to our children.

In Conclusion

As we write this report, we continue to adapt to working and providing excellent service in these pandemic times. We will be continuing to work on our Information Technology upgrades and renewal. We look forward to our continued work with other Métis Government departments and affiliates to develop full wraparound services for our children, Youth, and families.

A complete list of programs offered by our Authority and agencies can be found on their websites: www.metisauthority.com, www.metiscfs.mb.ca, and www.michifcfs.com. The Authority and agencies’ annual reports can also be found on aga.manitobametis.com/.





Metis Economic Development Fund

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The MEDF is an affiliate of the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF), executing primarily its investment program as an economic arm of our Métis government. The MEDF supports entrepreneurs by investing capital, creating equity partnerships and/or providing debt financing to qualifying businesses. The MEDF concentrates its investment on businesses and entrepreneurs that are in growth, expansion, or acquisition phases. The Fund may also invest in start-up ventures when the viability of the business outweighs the increased investment risk.

- Maintaining a liaison between the Métis business community and government agencies and representatives at municipal, provincial and federal levels
- Supporting and encouraging Métis community economic development initiatives, and
- Encouraging the development of management skills for new and existing Métis business owners and entrepreneurs.

Fund Activities

The Fund's activities are governed by:

- Providing equity for Métis entrepreneurs
- Promoting and encouraging trade and commerce for Métis entrepreneurs and business
- Facilitating and promoting the Métis business community

Over this past year, the MEDF assisted the MMF in delivering much-needed financial support to businesses that were impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Immediately after the pandemic was declared, the MEDF commenced delivering aid through the **MMF COVID-19 Entrepreneurs Emergency Support Program**. This program provided non-repayable financial contributions to businesses

The MEDF has made investments into an array of Métis owned and controlled Manitoba companies, which include: EnerPure, Security Glass, Covert Logistics, Voyageur Internet, Nonsuch Breweries, Salisbury House, HUB Technology Solutions, and Transcona Roofing.



financially impacted by the restrictions implemented by Manitoba's Public Health orders. In November, the **MMF COVID-19 Business Support Program** was launched to provide financial support to businesses that continued to be impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic with the goal to help them survive the pandemic.

In addition to the non-repayable grant programs, the MEDF is participating in the delivery of the **Metis Emergency Business Loan (MEBL)**, which is similar to the Canadian Emergency Business Account (CEBA) that the federal government is delivering to Canadian businesses. The Métis program allows for financial contributions up to \$60,000 for which a portion is non-repayable and the balance is repayable over 48 months, interest free, with no payments in the first 12 months.

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Visit www.medf.ca to watch the testimonial videos found within the "success" tab on our website.

Entrepreneurs seeking MEDF investment support must:

- Be owned and controlled by individuals who reside in Manitoba with Métis ancestry proven through genealogy
- Have an experienced, well-balanced management team

- Submit a comprehensive business plan outlining the product and service offering, with a well-defined market with growth potential and a clearly defined exit strategy, and
- Be economically viable and able to provide a positive return on investment to the Métis entrepreneur, communities and the Fund (non-profit businesses will not be considered).

MEDF investment is available up to \$500,000 with an anticipated holding period between 3 to 7 years (in some cases up to 10 years) and a maximum ownership of 35% of the fair value of the corporation. A variety of financing instruments could be utilized and tailored to meet the specific needs of each opportunity. The Funds investment and ownership is formalized through the following financial instrument(s): common and/or preferred shares, convertible preferred shares, convertible debentures, subordinate debt, and/or others as agreed to by MEDF.

Join the MEDF Métis Business community by connecting with one of our social media groups at www.medf.ca and network with other entrepreneurs in the Manitoba market.

All specific MEDF inquiries should be directed as follows:

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The Metis Economic Development Organization (MEDO) is a business investment and management firm that works under the auspices of the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) to make key business investment decisions based on generating profit and building capacity for the long-term sustainability of the Métis within Manitoba. MEDO is dedicated to pursuing greater financial self-sustainability for the MMF by investing in for-profit ventures. MEDO provides support to other Métis business owners and entrepreneurs through access to programs and services, business partnerships, and potential sources of equity for business development. Over the past year, MEDO Directors and staff have focused their attention on several distinct lines of business: ESGS Inc., which includes both a procurement division and the Métis store located at Home Office; MEDOCare Pharmacy; MEDO Developments; and MEDO Golf & Country Club.

ESGS Inc.

ESGS Inc. was created by MEDO to provide clients with the business development and procurement expertise required to provide sustained financial growth. ESGS Inc. is positioned to secure wholesale or reduced pricing on high-quality products and services and pass along the savings to our clients. Our focus is building strategic Métis alignment into all client relationships. For the fiscal year ending March 2020, procurement sales increased by 257% from the previous year. In December 2019, ESGS Inc. took over the operation of the Métis store located at Home Office, which focuses on the sale of cultural items, jewelry, handcrafted items made by Métis artisans, books written and/or illustrated by Métis authors, and MMF-branded hard goods and apparel.

MEDOCare Pharmacy

MEDOCare Pharmacy is a division of ESGS Inc. The Pharmacy is located at the MMF Home Office building, 150 Henry Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba. MEDOCare Pharmacy provides innovative services and strategies tailored to the Métis Community to provide Comprehensive, Accessible, Responsive, Exceptional (CARE) pharmacy services. MEDOCare aims to raise the bar of pharmaceutical care. With its specialized knowledge and extensive health care networking and resources, its unique focus is to service the needs of the Métis Community, and to be available to all Manitobans. MEDOCare offers highly personalized services to clients. Our mission is to provide high-quality health care and excellent service to help achieve the best outcomes for clients. At the core of the business are the values of professionalism, personalized customer care, and integrity. As a for-benefit company, profits from MEDOCare are re-invested back into our community and enable us to provide additional programs and services to our Métis Citizens.

The Pharmacy offers free delivery throughout the province. In Winnipeg, prescription drugs are delivered by a medical service. For deliveries outside of the city limits, Canada Post Express Post is used.

MEDOCare is the preferred provider for the Prescription Drug Program (PDP) for Métis Citizens, which was launched in 2017. This program is an MMF initiative which pays for Pharmacare eligible prescriptions drugs for Métis Citizens who are 65 years of age and older with a net income of \$25,000 or less. The program is administered by Canada Life. As of March 2020, over 500 approved Citizens were utilizing MEDOCare Pharmacy for their prescription drug needs.

In collaboration with the Metis Community Liaison Department, an agreement was negotiated with Prairie Eye Care Clinic to provide mobile vision care to our Citizens in all regions. Prairie Eye Care has three locations in Winnipeg with a team of eight optometrists. They have a wide range of experience and expertise in managing ocular disease.

MEDOCare Pharmacy partnered with Diabetes Canada and Dynacare to provide A1C testing in several Regions, including the Winnipeg, Northwest, and Southwest regions. This is an important partnership since there is a high incidence of diabetes among our population, and early detection is vital in managing the disease and improving health outcomes. MEDOCare is committed to exploring other partnership opportunities in collaboration with the MMF Health & Wellness Department that are focused on the unique medical needs of our Citizens.

MEDO Developments

MEDO Developments Ltd. is a construction management and land development firm working with the public and private sector to create large-scale opportunities for redevelopment and construction in the Manitoba marketplace. MEDO Developments properties include: 150 Henry Ave, (the MMF Home Office); MEDO Square; 70, 80, 90, and 100 Sutherland Ave.; and 340 McLaren St. in Ottawa, which is leased by the Métis National Council. The buildings remain part of the Housing and Property Management portfolio under Minister Will Goodon. The Louis Riel Capital Corporation's property management company is responsible for the daily management of all the MEDO properties. MEDO Developments works with communities and local people to bring a "community focus" to development projects.

MEDO Golf & Country Club

MEDO Developments Ltd. acquired the land in the Métis village of St. Laurent, Manitoba, where the Manipogo Golf Course was formerly located. The 154 acres of land will be developed into a campground as an additional economic development venture. MEDO Golf & Country Club was incorporated to conduct the business operations of the golf course. The newly constructed clubhouse will be opening next season and will provide a venue that includes a sports club, conference centre, and restaurant boasting Métis cuisine.

Metis Generation Fund

The Metis Generation Fund (MGF) is administered by MEDO and provides equity for Métis businesses to increase their participation in Manitoba's resource sectors and major infrastructure projects. As a result of strong partnerships with Métis businesses, the fund maximizes opportunities and benefits for Métis people. Investments include Green Mountain Health Alliance and HD Petroleum.



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