



Le Metis

President's Message



President David Chartrand, LL.D

We are now past the August long-weekend, and, for many of us with young children, it marks the middle of the two-month summer holidays. Already the stores are full of parents buying pencils and paper, pens and binders. Our sons and daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren are also looking forward to seeing friends they missed during the break. The beginning of each new school year is an exciting time for our Youth.

Our university and college students are also busy. Most have already registered for their fall term. It's a mad dash to either the on-line site or in-person office registration to ensure they are able to take the course that will help them build their future career. Some took summer courses while others worked in summer jobs to help them get work experience and finances to put them through the school year.

To assist them in gaining some extra income and experience, the MMF hires students at both the Home and the Regional Offices. In return, they work hard and make important contributions to their community and their government. I would like to remind our post-secondary students, at both university and college levels, that the MMF, through our educational arm, the Louis Riel Institute (LRI), has the Louis Riel Endowment Funds to assist in their costs if eligible. I recommend a visit to the LRI website for more information.

It is not just the students who are starting a new term. This summer the MMF held its province-wide ballot box elections. Please visit our website for the official results of the election.

Your elected representatives, the MMF Cabinet, have already held their first meeting and will be having a second in late August and a third in September to prepare for this year's Annual General Assembly (AGA). This year's AGA will be taking place on the September 27th and 28th weekend; once again in Brandon.

Mark it in in your calendar, as the AGA is a critical part of your Metis self-government. Together with the Regional Meetings, it ensures participatory democracy and further accountability. It is an opportunity for your voice to be heard. It is also a time for seeing old friends, gathering with extended family, and for joining with the community to provide ideas and direction in determining the future of our children and grandchildren.

Whether you like boating, fishing, walking, gardening, playing baseball, soccer or rugby, or just like sitting out on the patio or deck, I hope that you all enjoy the rest of the summer. If you are unwell or shut in I hope you can enjoy the warmth and sunlight. I offer my congratulations to the couples who had summer weddings and who will be starting a new future together. I also offer my prayers and condolences to those who have lost a loved one. Best wishes to all.

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 *President David Chartrand, LL.D*

Jason Madden recognized as one of Canada's 25 most influential lawyers

Metis citizen and close associate of the Manitoba Metis Federation, Jason Madden for being recognized as one of Canada's 25 most influential lawyers by Canadian Lawyer Magazine.

Jason's recognition, in the human rights category, was based on his ongoing contributions to the recognition of Metis rights and development of Metis law in Canada.

Jason Madden specializes in aboriginal rights law, with an emphasis on litigation, consultation and accommodation related matters, and the negotiation and implementation of modern day treaties. He is also recognized as being at the forefront of the de-

velopment of Metis rights law in Canada.

Jason has extensive experience advising clients on consultation and accommodation related issues, including, the negotiation of impact, benefit, resource sharing, partnership and environmental protection agreements for aboriginal groups. He also regularly advises and acts for First Nation and Metis communities in the negotiation and implementation of agreements related to the recognition of aboriginal rights, self-government and modern day treaties. This work includes the development of internal laws, policies and processes for aboriginal communities and governments. Some of his litigation work has in-

cluded being legal counsel in Métis harvesting rights cases in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta (Laurin & Lemieux, Goodon, Laviolette, Belhumeur, Hirsekorn) as well as being counsel for various Métis governments in all of the cases that have been decided by the Supreme Court of Canada over the last decade that involve Metis legal issues (Powley, Blais, Cunningham, Manitoba Metis Federation).

Jason is a regular speaker at conferences and law schools on aboriginal legal issues generally and Métis legal issues specifically. He has been published in books and journals on aboriginal self-government issues and Métis rights.



Show Support for the MMF 46th Annual General Assembly

Did you know the Metis people are the fastest growing Aboriginal population in Canada? The Metis consumer base is over 100,000 people in Manitoba, and close to 400,000 across Western Canada.

The Manitoba Metis Federation 46th Annual General Assembly is being held in Brandon on September 27 – 29th 2014. This year's theme is 'Engaging Communities'.

With 3,000 delegates, exhibitors

and guests attending our AGA, the Federation boasts the largest gathering of Metis delegates in Canada. AGA participants include Metis business owners, government agencies and individual consumers. All of them come to the Assembly to review the MMF's accomplishments and celebrate their achievements. The AGA is also a place to do business.

Interested individuals and organizations can find a sponsorship package on the MMF website at

www.mmf.mb.ca - that contains many new options for supporting our event and provides a wide variety of marketing vehicles to help you reach out to Metis citizens across the province.

Sponsoring the AGA lets the Manitoba Metis community learn about MMF business and shows support for the Metis; and, that they are the customers and clients you are looking for! The MMF AGA tradeshow supports up to 100 booths each year,

enabling companies, Crown Corporations and government agencies to market directly to the Metis people. Tradeshow traffic is substantial over these two days, and the MMF encourages you to take part by registering your space on the floor today! Your contribution helps to enhance the participation of Metis Youth, Elders and Citizens. The MMF President, Cabinet, Delegates, Youth and Elders will appreciate your contribution.

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