



# Le Metis

## President's Message



President David Chartrand, LL.D

This past weekend was the inaugural ceremonies for the Upper Fort Garry Provincial Park and Recognition Wall in Winnipeg. Judging by the large turnout on a very cold Saturday morning, clearly this new park will become a centerpiece for urban recreation and history education, and the Metis role in the creation of our province and its growth over nearly two centuries.

This site, at the corner of Broadway Avenue and Main Street, is of historical significance and future importance to the Manitoba Metis Community. Back in 1836, Hudson's Bay Company Governor George Simpson decided to build Upper Fort Garry at the Forks. The fort was built on Metis Traditional Territory. As you know, Upper Fort Garry and the Red River Settlement, now known as Winnipeg, is at the Birthplace of the Metis Nation and is at the Heart of the Metis Nation Homeland.

Upper Fort Garry was the Home of Louis Riel's Metis-led Provisional Government and it was there in 1869 that the Metis introduced what has been described as one of the first Bills of Rights in Canadian history. One day, it will also be the site of the future Metis National Heritage Centre to showcase Metis history, artifacts, and culture to Winnipeggers, Canadians, and indeed, to the world.

Our Ancestors made great sacrifices in creating and building Manitoba. It is unfortunate that many sites and museums ignore this despite our Ancestors' struggles, hard work, and dedication. Metis contributions are not fully recognized. The Metis National Heritage Centre, and other initiatives we will undertake through our Louis Riel Institute such as classroom education and public information campaigns, will lift this veil of ignorance.

Unfortunately, I could not be there at the inaugural ceremonies and I had to send my regrets. I want to thank MMF Vice President Ron Chartrand for giving remarks on my behalf. He offered my best wishes to all for the successful celebration on this important occasion. By all reports it was a great celebration despite the weather.

We would again like to thank the Friends of Upper Fort Garry for the kind invitation to be an integral part of the ceremonies. We again thank all the volunteers of the Friends, with whom we will continue to work in partnership, as well as the various levels of government, companies, and individuals who through their labour or contribu-

tions made the day possible. I would like to give special thanks to Minister Gord Macintosh for attending and for his work in establishing the new Park.

In the recent news there has been comment that some people feel there will be an unprecedented or unbalanced focus on the Metis-related programming and history at the new Upper Fort Garry Park. On the other hand, others correctly say that our Metis History is Manitoba History. Without the Metis there would be no Manitoba. The Metis are the Founders of Manitoba. As the Supreme Court said, the Metis are Canada's negotiating partners in Confederation.

Back in 1965, Metis Leader Malcolm Norris once said "to be ignored is more vicious perhaps than to be oppressed." It is truly a welcome change to see there an enlightened perspective and inclusive approach in public education, and I thank Dr. Jerry Gray and his team at the Friends of Upper Fort Garry. This new Park and the future Centre will be a great opportunity to share the Metis side of Manitoba's story.

Upon closing, I offer my prayers those who have passed on and my condolences to those who have recently lost a loved one, friend or neighbour. My thoughts and hopes are with those who are sick. May you get well soon. I offer my best wishes to all.

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 *President David Chartrand, LL.D*



The Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) is the self-government representative with the mandate to promote and protect the political, social, cultural, and economic interests and rights of the Metis Nation's Manitoba Metis Community. In addition, the MMF delivers programs and services to our community including: child and family services; justice; housing; youth; education; human resources; economic development and natural resources.

The Metis Employment and Training Department (MET) seeks to fill one full-time Partnerships Coordinator (Natural Resources) position located at the MMF Home Office in Winnipeg, MB; remuneration is \$40,238.00 – \$49,318.00 per annum, depending upon qualifications and experience.

#### **Partnerships Coordinator (Natural Resources)**

Under the general supervision of the Executive Director working collaboratively with the Senior Policy Advisor, the Partnerships Coordinator (Natural Resources) will facilitate Metis partnership opportunities in the Natural Resources field between the Metis Employment & Training Department, Industry and the MMF. The incumbent will assist in the identification, development, negotiation, implementation and monitoring of Metis partnerships in the Natural Resources field. The duties associated with the Partnership Coordinator (Natural Resources) position must be flexible to address the opportunities, needs and challenges as they arise.

#### **Skills and Qualifications:**

- Post-secondary degree in Business Administration, Management, Social or Natural Sciences or an equivalent combination of education and relevant experience. Natural Resources and experience would be an asset;
- Minimum of 2 years experience in the natural resources field in a management or administrator capacity;
- Demonstrated experience working with a diverse array of industry partners, external stakeholders, public agencies and training institutions;
- Proven experience in project development, negotiation, implementation, monitoring and management;
- Demonstrated policy development experience;
- Experience or training in quantitative data analysis ;
- Knowledge and experience with Geographical Information Systems (GIS) an asset;
- Superior communication, facilitation and presentation skills;
- Proficiency in a variety of computer applications in a network environment ;



- Demonstrated conflict management and negotiation skills;
- Experience working with an Aboriginal community and with volunteer Boards & Committees;
- Valid Driver's License and able to travel.

Preference will be given to qualified Metis applicants. Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply and self-identify on their resume. The MMF appreciates the interest of all applicants; however, only those individuals considered for an interview will be contacted.

We offer a competitive benefits package which includes but is not limited to: health and dental insurance, life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment, short term and long term disability and a retirement savings plan. We also offer inexpensive downtown parking, access to our fitness facility as well as an in-house restaurant.

Please forward covering letter and resume by 4:30 p.m., on Friday, October 24, 2014 to the MMF Metis Employment & Training Department, 300-150 Henry Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 0J7, e-mail to: [nspence@mmf.mb.ca](mailto:nspence@mmf.mb.ca) or fax to (204) 947-3251.

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## **Metis Employment and Training set to sign MOU with Canonbie Construction**



Friday October 24th is scheduled for an MOU signing between Metis Employment and Training (MET) department and Canonbie Construction.

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) describes a bilateral or multilateral agreement between two or more parties. It expresses a convergence of will between the parties, indicating an intended common line of action. In this case the MOU will focus on the recruitment and training of Metis into construction jobs throughout Manitoba and Western Canada.

Canonbie is an Alberta based multi-discipline construction company offering superior civil, structural, mechanical (process piping & equipment), electrical, instrumentation, insulation, scaffolding, boilermaking, turn-around and maintenance services.

The Manitoba Metis Federation's Metis Employment & Training Department operates through funds provided under the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Strategy (ASETS) Agreement with Employment & Skills Development Canada (ESDC). This is a 5 year agreement between Canada and the MMF that provides funding for labour market driven employment and skills training programs.

