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President's Message

Summer is half way done and many are looking to September and the fall to return to work, and school, and for others some autumn days off to travel, work around the house, or go hunting. At this time many of our Métis post-secondary students are preparing for university or college. As I said recently, with education comes knowledge, understanding and power. Important tools for our Youth as they seek to make a positive impact on their families, community, province and country.

I want to take a moment to remind our Métis students that the Manitoba Metis Federation offers financial opportunities that may help them attain their career goals. We have many different bursaries and scholarships through the Louis Riel Institute and at various colleges and universities across the province. Some have been set up in honour of those who have

contributed to the Métis Nation. These include the Mary Guilbault Métis Bursary (due October 1st) available to Manitoba Métis students who excel in academics and their community; Audreen Hourie Indigenous Governance Graduate Fellowship (due September 14th) for University of Winnipeg Métis students pursuing a Master's Degree in Indigenous Governance; Manitoba Metis Federation - Vickar Community Chevrolet Métis Student Award (due December 15th) available to Métis students attending Red River College who are taking an automotive course or Administration (any year) and Commerce, Industry, Sales and Marketing Programs; a veterans award established by Brian Cyr and recently an award established in honour of Marielee Nault - a former Director of the Board for Southeast Region and Minister of Health and Wellness. This bursary will be for students taking a health-related program. The deadline for these bursaries have not been reached yet, so I encourage any Métis returning to school who need assistance to apply for these. You can find a list of the available bursaries online at www.louisrielinstitute.com or by calling the Louis Riel Institute at (204) 984-9480.

In the lead up to the changing of the seasons, many people will also starting their fall hunts for food, and canning, drying, and freezing for the winter months. After your harvesting have been completed for the 2015-16 seasons, I encourage you to finish a harvester survey so we can be sure to have an accurate record of our community's harvesting activities, needs and successes. This provides us with valuable information so we can be a part of the care and management of our natural resources, thereby ensuring sustainability and availability to our children, our grandchildren and their families in the future. Please contact the MMF Natural Resources Department or your Regional Harvester Clerk for more information about doing a survey.

An important event not to miss that takes place in the fall is our Annual General Assembly. This year our AGA is taking place September 26th and 27th at the Assiniboia Downs in Winnipeg. This is an exciting

time for our Métis citizens as we come together to celebrate, take stock and plan for the year to come. Please take a moment and visit our AGA web page where you can learn about great opportunities to sponsor this important gathering and how you can register to attend. All this information can be found on our through the MMF website or at www.mmf.mb.ca/aga.php.

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The Louis Riel Institute administers several scholarships and bursaries. These awards are available to Métis students attending participating universities in Manitoba. The funds for this award come from the Manitoba Metis Federation and are matched by the participating university.
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A lot of people, elected representatives, staff and volunteers are involved in helping the MMF govern and providing the services and activities that make the MMF strong and effective. Their hard work and dedication has helped advance many important initiatives and programs that make a difference all across our Homeland. When we lose one of our dedicated citizens, it is a loss felt by all. My heart is heavy for our recent loss in Marielee Nault. Marielee devoted much of her life to the Métis people of Manitoba. She served for many years as Board Director for the Southeast Region and as an MMF Cabinet Minister. My heartfelt sympathies and prayers go out to Marielee's family.

Finally, I offer my hopes for our Métis people who are sick or shut in. I also offer my prayers for those who have departed and my condolences to their families, friends and neighbours. My best wishes to all.

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 *President David Chartrand, LL.D. (hon), O.M.*

Make the Right Connection

Manitoba Metis Business Directory

The Metis are a strong, vibrant community and Manitoba is the heartland of the Metis community. The Manitoba Metis Federation provides two unique branches of governance to promote and cultivate a rich environment for Metis business success - the Metis Economic Development Fund and Louis Riel Capital Corporation.

The Metis Economic Development Fund (MEDF) is an equity investment fund intended to stimulate economic development activities of the Metis people throughout Manitoba by providing equity and capital for Metis entrepreneurs and businesses to support economic development initiatives. As a non-profit self-sustaining entity, all revenue generated by the fund will be reinvested back into the fund to grow its supply of capital for investment in other Métis-owned enterprises.

The Louis Riel Capital Corporation (LRCC) is a Manitoba Metis-owned lending institution created to finance the start-up, acquisition and/or expansion of viable Metis controlled small businesses based in Manitoba.

Through both MEDF and LRCC the Manitoba Metis Federation is able to provide resources and supports necessary for Metis business success. If you are a Metis entrepreneur or business looking to increase you exposure to the public, industry and government agencies why not join the Metis Business Directory?

The Metis Business Directory is a province-wide, searchable online directory of Metis Businesses and Entrepreneurs. When you list on this directory you can take full advantage of procurement opportunities, network and collaborate with other Metis businesses and raise your business profile.

"The Metis Business Directory can increase the competitiveness of your business, broaden you awareness of opportunities for growth and connect you more strongly to the Metis Community," believes MMF President David Chartrand.

Joining the business directory is simple. All you need to do is visit www.lrcc.mb.ca and click the image "Join the Metis Business Directory".

When you join the Metis Business Directory you will help ensure your Manitoba Metis owned business is receiving the maximum exposure to the various opportunities available province-wide. If you need assistance in elevating your business or simply need help in starting up your business or expanding it, make an appointment with the Louis Riel Corporation or the Metis Economic Development Fund to see how we can help you succeed. Call toll free (800) 387-6004 and make your appointment for success.



Manitoba Metis Federation Membership Update

It has been a very busy and exciting year in our Central Registry Office with both Citizenship and Harvester applications.

At the Annual General Meeting held in 2014, a proposed Constitution Amendment was brought forward to open our borders for Manitoba Metis Citizenship. Our Metis relatives that live outside of the province of Manitoba are now able to apply for a Manitoba Metis Citizenship card. The applicant will have to prove their ties and kinship back to the Manitoba Metis Community but they do not necessarily have to live in our Province.

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If you received your membership before 2009, it is important for you to reconfirm your membership. Call the Central Registry Office at (204) 586-8474 for more information.
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This year also there was legislation passed in Manitoba to open birth records related to adoption. This allows adoptees and birth parents to apply for access to identifying information. The adoptees must be 18 years of age or older and can request pre-adoption birth registration information. This will allow our potential Metis citizens who were adopted to apply for their birth certificate with birth parents' names thereby enabling them to conduct genealogical research on their Metis ancestry. For further information about this new access to

adoption records, please contact Post Adoptions at 1-855-837-5542.

It is important for our Citizens who received their cards before 2009 to reconfirm their membership through a revised application process. This will help the Manitoba Metis Federation verify current records and provide current, up-to-date contact information on all our Metis citizens. This information will assist the Federation in communicating important information and updates in the Metis community. These confirmed memberships also show just how strong our Metis Nation is.

To apply for Manitoba Metis Citizenship an applicant must provide an official genealogy from one of our recognized Genealogical Institutions:

St. Boniface Historical Society
Telephone: 204-233-4888

Metis Resource Centre of Canada Inc.
Telephone: 204-956-7767.

A birth or baptismal certificate with parents' names on it is required to accompany your application along with a Government issued photo ID.

For further information on our process or to download an application please check our website at www.mmf.mb.ca/membership.php or contact our Central Registry Office at 204-586-8474. Your Regional Office is also an excellent resource for further information regarding membership and the Manitoba Metis Federation.



AGA 2015: Governance in Action

The Manitoba Metis Federation 47th Annual General Assembly (AGA) is taking place at Assiniboia Downs in Winnipeg on September 26th and 27th, 2015. This year's theme is "Governance in Action". Our AGA is a time for our leaders to report back to our citizens on the advancement of their Metis government. It is a time for our citizens to help set the direction for the coming year. It is also a time for reflection, accountability and the advancement of the Metis agenda.

With 3,000 delegates, exhibitors and guests attending our AGA, the Federation boasts the largest gathering of Metis delegates in Canada. Our participants include Metis government officials and agencies, Metis business owners and entrepreneurs, and individual consumers. As a matter of fact this year The Honorable Thomas Mulcair, Leader of the Official Opposition in Canada and possibly the next Prime Minister of Canada will be in attendance. This is a good opportunity for our citizens to share our vision for a Canada that realizes and appreciates its partner in Confederation, the Metis Nation.

During the AGA delegates have opportunity to renew friendships and reacquaint themselves with other Metis from across the Homeland. The Gala Saturday evening is sure to be a great time with friends and family as we celebrate together our Metis heritage, culture, success and government.

During our AGA Metis Youth will also meet at their annual Youth Conference. This year's theme is "Jobs in Trade: Meeting the Demand for Skilled Workers." To support this focus there will be a number of presentations, workshops and group activities to help show our youth the variety of skilled labour jobs available to them. Youth will also be connected with Metis Employment and Training resources for training that will help them jump-start their careers.

An important part of our AGA is the Tradeshow Expo we conveniently host on site. The key to self-sufficiency for our Metis citizens is access to information and opportunity. At the Tradeshow expo, we provide vendors the chance to meet face to face with our citizens and share with them valuable

information on good and services they offer as well as an opportunity to network and form partnerships that could lead to stronger business and better success.

There are many great opportunities for businesses to show their support of our 47th AGA and enhance the experience of our Youth, Elders and citizens. With over 100,000 people in Manitoba and close to 400,000 across Western Canada, our AGA is a gateway to a significant consumer group and a place to make connections with Metis entrepreneurs and businesses. To become a sponsor of our 47th AGA and help us create a strong future for all Manitobans, contact our Tradeshow and Sponsorship Coordinator, Jasmine at (204) 586-8474 extension 234.

Information about our AGA can also be found online at www.mmf.mb.ca/aga.php. Here you can download a complete Sponsorship and Tradeshow Package as well as register as a Delegate for this year's AGA. See you there!



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In Loving Memory of Marielee Nault

Manitoba Metis Federation President David Chartrand, Cabinet and staff are deeply saddened by the loss of one of our great leaders, past MMF Cabinet Minister and Southeast Board of Director. Marielee Nault passed away on Friday, July 17, 2015.

Marielee served six terms as Board of Director for Southeast Region. She proudly served the Metis Nation and was very honoured to represent the Metis Government of Manitoba as Minister of Health until her retirement from politics in 2014. During her tenure as Board of Director, Marielee was the outspoken voice in Cabinet for foster children in care. Her love and compassion for children without homes and family led Marielee to become a loving foster parent for the past 20 years.

The Manitoba Metis Federation offers its sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathies to Marielee's family - her husband Elmer and their four children Sean, Terri, Tammy and Troy, her grandchildren and all of Marielee's foster children. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.

For her outstanding contributions and love of the Metis Nation, President David Chartrand and Cabinet will be honouring Marielee Nault with the Manitoba Order of the Sash at the 2015 Manitoba Metis Federation Annual General Assembly being held in Winnipeg on September 26 & 27, 2014.

What we have once cherished, respected and loved can never be lost, for all that we love deeply, cherish eternally and respect immensely becomes a part of us - we are family.



Line Worker Certification Training Program

Manitoba Metis Federation Metis Employment & Training in partnership with Forbes Bros is accepting applications for people interested in becoming skilled labourers in the power line construction industry.

Individuals that successfully complete this 4-week program will be referred for entry-level positions with Forbes Bros.

Who Can Participate

- Unemployed or Underemployed Metis, Non-Status, or Inuit individuals;
- Must be 18 years of age or older;
- Possession of a valid Class 5 Driver's License or higher is an asset;
- Physically fit, able to work in extreme temperatures;
- Mobile and willing and able to relocate to Winnipeg for the 4 week training program and for employment opportunities after training.

If you are interested in pursuing employment as a skilled labourer please contact:

Amy Dowsett, Recruitment Coordinator
MET Recruitment.

(204) 586-8474 or
amy.dowsett@mmf.mb.ca

Application Deadline: August 17, 2015



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