



# Le Métis



## President's Message

We are in the middle of Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) elections. Election Day is in just two weeks, on Thursday, May 31st. In this 2018 election, no challengers were nominated to run for the position of President. I have been acclaimed as President for a second, consecutive term. I am proud, honoured, and humbled to be chosen by our constituents to lead your Manitoba Métis Government.

Elections are an integral part of your Métis Government's democracy and take place every four years. Through the elections, Métis Citizens have the unequalled opportunity to shape their Government's mandate and direction for the next four years. Elections are much like report cards on the performance of your elected representatives. The elections also send a message about when change is needed and where we are following the right path. Clearly, we are on the right track.

The Chief Electoral Officer runs the MMF elections, independent of the MMF Caucus and the MMF departments. This provides for security and independence of the election and confidence in

its results. We are proud of the process developed since the mid-1960s. MMF elections are a critically important part of our democracy, yet only one part. Democracy does not happen only once every four years – democracy is every year, every week, and every day throughout the term.

Always at the top of our minds, our Citizens are involved as participants throughout the MMF's structure. The MMF has an Annual General Assembly (AGA) open to all Métis Citizens. At the AGA we have reports, discussion, debates, and resolutions giving further direction or course changes. Regional Assemblies are also held each year, in villages, towns, and cities across the province, where our Local executives meet with Citizens. There are also many consultation workshops on important issues throughout the year, led by your elected Ministers and attended by our Citizens.

It is important to state that we are not a small, insignificant special interest group, nor a fly-by-night organization. Together with your MMF Caucus, we represent over 120,000 Métis people across Manitoba, at both urban and rural levels. The MMF governance structure is province-wide, with more than 130 Locals across Manitoba. The MMF provides democratic governance for all Métis Nation Citizens in Manitoba. There isn't an inch of ground in the province where Métis people don't have democratic self-government representation.

The MMF is the voice of our Manitoba Métis community. As I have recently said elsewhere: it has been through our political and legal struggles, in the

political arena and in the courts of law, that we have advanced the claims, rights, and interests of our Métis Nation Citizens and our local communities over the past two decades. We made it clear that we want to be partners with other governments, as well as industry, but we will not be forgotten or walked on.

I am honoured that our electorate has confidence in the work and accomplishments we have made together. I want to thank everyone who made this possible: elected representatives in our Caucus and elected representatives in each of our Locals across the province. Our volunteers, always ready to voice their concerns, share the load, and roll up their sleeves to help, must also be thanked.

Over the coming weeks, I am and will continue to be on the road attending many campaign and cultural events. For example, this week we had a ribbon cutting ceremony at two newly-built homes on Dufferin Avenue in Selkirk. This is another step in our initiative to develop and deliver housing for our Citizens. We are looking at a variety of models for housing that will meet the needs of our community. I look forward to seeing you at many of these kinds of events.

I offer my best wishes for those who are sick or shut-in. I pray you will be blessed with healing, health, and peace. I also pray and share my heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies for all our neighbours, friends, and families who have lost loved ones. And good luck to all candidates on the campaign trail who are working hard to be your representatives.

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



# MMF 2018 Election FAQs

## Election Voting: What you need to know

### What day is the election?

The MMF 2018 Election is May 31, 2018. Polls will be open from 8am to 8pm.

### When are advance polls?

Advance polls take place May 24, 2018 from 8am until 2pm, and May 25, 2018 from 3pm until 9pm. Electors who choose to vote at an Advance Poll must vote in person at the Advance Poll established in the region in which they are entitled to vote.

Advance polls will only be available in the Winnipeg Region, Southeast Region, and Northwest Region for the 2018 election. For questions on polling locations, contact the Chief Electoral Officer.

### How do I know if I am eligible to vote?

Eligible voters, also known as "electors," must be:

- Members of the MMF
- At least 18 years old, and
- On the Voter's List

All eligible electors should by now have confirmed their name on the Voter's List. No names will be added to the list except those missing due to clerical error, who make a special application to the Chief Electoral Officer to have their name added.

### I live outside Manitoba. Can I vote in the election?

Members living outside Manitoba can still vote in the election, however, they must vote in person and in the local to which they belong as a member.

### I have been accepted as a member of a First Nation but still consider myself Metis. May I vote in the election?

No, only MMF members may vote. Article IV, Paragraph 3 of the MMF Constitution states that individual membership with MMF is terminated upon: "The entry of the member's name in a Band list or in the Indian Register according to the provisions of the Indian Act, R.S.C., c.1-6, as amended".

### I live in Winnipeg, but I belong to a local in another region. Where do I vote?

Members may only belong to one local at a time. A person remains with the local they originally joined until they change that designation. That change must be done before an election is called. After the call of an election, you must vote in the local of which you are a member.

For example, if you are registered to a local in the Southwest Region, but now live in Winnipeg, you may only vote in person at your local in the Southwest Region.

### Do I need identification to vote?

Yes. Article XXVI of the MMF Constitution requires that every person voting must provide identification prior to voting. MMF Metis Citizenship Cards issued after September 10, 2009 are the best identification, but other forms of identification are acceptable. Generally, identification issued by a government that has a photo will be accepted, as will evidence that you are the person listed in the poll book (final Voter's List) which could not be reasonably obtained by another person and which confirms your identity.

### How do I run for office?

Nominations for candidates closed on May 2, 2018, and the opportunity to challenge nominations has concluded. Nomination will open again ahead of the next MMF elections in 2022.

### For more information contact the Chief Electoral Officer:

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## Employment & Training Opportunities!

- PROVINCE-WIDE Recruitment for Summer Student Positions
- Bartending Course in Winnipeg May 22-25



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for more information and to view all of the employment and training opportunities.

## Métis Lawyer Nominated as one of Canada's 25 Most Influential Lawyers



Jason Madden (left) has been nominated for Canadian Lawyer magazine's "25 Most Influential" under the Human Rights, Advocacy, and Criminal Law category.

Métis lawyer and MMF legal counsel Jason Madden has been nominated for Canadian Lawyer magazine's "25 Most Influential." This annual survey names five top lawyers and judges in five different areas of legal practice. Madden is nominated for the Human Rights, Advocacy, and Criminal Law category.

Madden is at the forefront of the advancement of Métis rights law in Canada. He has represented clients before the Supreme Court of Canada, the Federal Court of Appeal as well as all levels of court from Ontario westward. He also regularly advises and acts for First Nation and Métis communities in the negotiation and implementation of agreements related to the recognition of Indigenous rights, self-government and modern-day treaties.

Madden provided legal counsel to the MMF leading up to the pivotal Manitoba Métis Federation v. Canada decision of 2013, where the Supreme Court of Canada determined that the federal Crown failed to implement the land grant provision set out in s. 31 of the 1870 Manitoba Act. This decision paved the way for the framework signed between the Manitoba Metis Federation and Canada in 2016, which opens the door to formal negotiations on land, self-government and compensation for Manitoba Métis: the first agreement of its kind with a Métis group south of the 60th parallel.

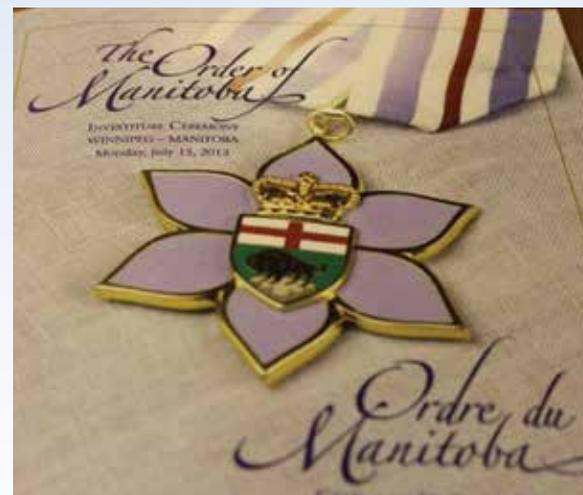
Colleagues say Madden drawing the map of Canada to put the Métis Nation back on it. To support Madden's nomination or to view the full list of nominees for Canadian Lawyer's "25 Most Influential," visit [CanadianLawyerMag.com](http://CanadianLawyerMag.com) and click on "Surveys & Reports."

## Métis Citizens to Receive Order of Manitoba

Two Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) Citizens will receive the Order of Manitoba this summer. Michael Patrick Belhumeur Jr. and Barbara Bruce will be invested to the Order in a special ceremony to be held at 4pm on Thursday, July 12 in Room 200 of the Manitoba Legislative Building.

Michael Patrick Belhumeur Jr. has spent nearly 40 years creating positive change through volunteerism. At a young age, he organized a volunteer community foot patrol in 1976 to support safety and wellness in his home of Winnipeg. An advocate for veterans with PTSD and a veteran himself, Belhumeur later founded the Urban Angels Ambassador Outreach Patrol, which helps homeless Indigenous veterans connect with resources and supports, and the Manitoba Coalition of Families of Homeless Veterans. Belhumeur is also a long-time member of the MMF and a former Chair of the Riel Local in Winnipeg.

Barbara Bruce is an entrepreneur and elder who has spent her life working with and for the Métis Nation and First Nations' communities. Early in her career, Bruce worked for several years with the MMF, including a term as Executive Director. In 2009, she launched her own planning and consulting firm, All My Relations Inc., focused on curriculum development, facilitation and events coordination for Indigenous cultural awareness and community-building. Bruce has served on more than two dozen



The Order of Manitoba was established in 1999, and is the highest honour bestowed by the province. (File photo)

Boards of Directors and was directly involved in planning national events for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Bruce is a two-spirit elder who follows her traditional spiritual way of life.

The Order of Manitoba was established in 1999, and is the highest honour bestowed by the province. Twelve members are inducted into the Order of Manitoba each year, and only 222 Manitobans have received this honour to date. Other notable Métis recipients of the Order of Manitoba have included country musician Ray St. Germain and MMF President David Chartrand.

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## **MMF 2018 PROVINCIAL ELECTION POLLING LOCATIONS**

### **ELECTION DAY POLLS**

May 31, 2018 from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm

#### **Winnipeg Region**

Polling for all Winnipeg Locals will take place at the Winnipeg Indian and Metis Friendship Centre,  
45 Robinson Street.

#### **Southeast Region**

St Malo Local:  
St. Malo Catholic Church

Powerview Local:  
Papertown Motor Inn

Anola Local:  
Springfield Curling Club

Grand Marais, Traverse Bay & Victoria Beach  
Locals: Grand Marais Recreation Centre

Lorette Local:  
Parish Hall

St. Rita Local:  
Ste. Rita Hall

Manigotagan, Seymourville & Berens River  
Locals: Manigotagan Community Hall

Richer & LaBroquerie Locals:  
Richer Young at Heart Hall

South Junction & Vassar Locals:  
Pine Grove Senior Centre

St. Adolphe Local:  
Le Club Amical

Stoney Point Local:  
Patricia Beach Community Club

Woodridge Local:  
Woodridge Community Center

#### **Northwest Region**

Camperville & Briggs Spur/Cowan Local:  
Camperville Community Council

Crane River Local:  
Crane River Community Council Office

Dauphin & Glibert Plains/Grandview Locals:  
Lion's Den - Parkland Recreation Complex

Duck Bay Local:  
Duck Bay Hall

Shell River & Roblin Locals:  
Shell River Metis Centre

Little Muddy Waters Local:  
Winnipegosis Youth Centre

Manitoba House, Bacon Ridge, Cayer &  
Reedy Creek Locals:  
Kinosota Community Club

Mallard Local & Waterhen Locals:  
Mallard Community Hall

McCreary Local:  
McCreary Rec Office Meeting Room

Ste. Rose, Rorketon, Spence Lake &  
Eddystone Locals:  
Ste. Rose R.M. Board Room

SanClara/Boggy Creek Local:  
San Clara Boggy Creek Metis Centre

Swan River, Minitonas & Birch River Locals:  
Elbert Chartrand Friendship Centre

### **ADVANCED POLLS**

May 24 8:00 am until 2:00 pm and  
May 25 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm

#### **Winnipeg Region Advanced Polls**

Polling for all Winnipeg Locals will take place at the Elections Office, 406 McGregor Ave.

#### **Southeast Region Advanced Polls**

Powerview:  
Papertown Motor Inn

St. Malo:  
St. Malo Catholic Church

#### **Northwest Region Advanced Polls**

Dauphin:  
Strilkewski Lounge - Parkland Recreation  
Complex

Swan River:  
Elbert Chartrand Friendship Centre

### **MMF 2018 Provincial Election Candidate List**

#### **Northwest Regional Director**

James Bruce  
Darlene Genaille  
Richard Genaille  
John Parenteau

#### **Southeast Regional Director**

Jean Desrosiers  
Carol Laramée  
Shawn Nault

#### **Winnipeg Region Vice President**

Gerald Barron  
Andrew (Andre) Carrier

#### **Winnipeg Regional Director**

David Beaudin  
Eric Chartrand  
Eugene Martel  
Anne Remillard

#### **Please consult the MMF Election By-Law for more information or contact:**

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