



Le Metis



President's Message

The Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) is the democratic self-government of the Manitoba Metis Community. Our Community is not made up solely of what can commonly be called "bricks and mortar." We are not just one village or a small plot of land. We are nearly a hundred hamlets, villages, and towns with our traditional territory across all of Manitoba. Our Community encompasses a great area and a great number of people within and outside of the province.

We are part of the Metis Nation. The MMF is the successor of historic Metis governments and has deep roots in the events of 1869-70. The Manitoba Metis are the Founders of the Province of Manitoba and Canada's Negotiating Partners in Confederation. The MMF is the Metis Government resting on the Birthplace of the Metis Nation, centered at the Heart of the Metis Nation Homeland.

Our MMF Constitution briefly describes the Manitoba Metis Community in its Preamble, and it is worth repeating here: "[...] the Manitoba Metis Community comprises Metis Citizens, settlements also known as local communities, and traditional territories, and is defined by a common identity, culture, history and, among other things, social and kinship relationships;"

Our Constitution makes clear that, as the government, we are "[...] to provide responsible and accountable governance on behalf of the Manitoba Metis Community using the constitutional authorities

delegated by its members." The MMF leadership has the first responsibility and duty to our Community and to our Citizens.

This past week, after completing a recount, the Chief Electoral Officer released the final and official results for the 2018 Provincial Election. In this election several candidates were elected by acclamation, including myself as President. I am ready to serve my seventh term. I am proud, honoured, and humbled. Our people have shown their confidence in our governance and in our mandate.

Again, I want to thank everyone who took up the challenge and accepted his or her nomination to run for a position in our Manitoba Metis Government. I know I am speaking on behalf of all our elected representatives when I say that it is privilege to participate in our caucus and an honour to serve our Metis Citizens. Together we will continue to advocate and protect our rights as well as develop innovative ways to address our People's needs and meet their aspirations.

Subsequent to the successful election, this week was the MMF Inauguration Ceremony for our democratically elected Leadership. At the Inauguration, each of our Caucus Leaders, including myself, made our Oath and were sworn into office. With our Oath, we declare to be faithful to the Metis people, and to the MMF. Each of us commits to upholding and defending the MMF Constitution and carry out his or her duties, obligations and responsibilities in a manner that will bring honour to the Metis Nation.

Since 1997, the MMF has grown from a half-dozen staff to nearly 800 in the MMF and its affiliates. The MMF represents approximately 120,000 Metis Citizens across Manitoba at both urban and rural levels. The MMF provides democratic governance province-wide for all Metis Nation Citizens of

Manitoba with over 80 Locals in the rural areas. As I said elsewhere: there isn't an inch of ground in the province where Metis people don't have self-government representation.

This growth corresponds to the increased responsibilities and trust in our Caucus, staff, and myself. I again want to thank our citizens, leaders, and staff. Together we have built the nationally recognized Government of the Metis Nation's Manitoba Metis Community. Through our political and legal struggles, in the political arena and in the courts of law, we have advanced the claims, rights, and interests of our Metis Nation Citizens over the past two decades.

Your elected Leaders on the MMF Caucus have a heavy responsibility. As Leaders, we have the duty to promote the political, social and economic interests and rights, as well as the history and culture of our Metis Citizens. As our Leaders they are to search for innovative solutions to resolve the challenges as well as meet our people's needs and aspirations. At times this requires hard decisions to meet objectives and, often, as they say, it is "to square the circle." Politics has been described as the "art of the possible."

We have come very far over the past 20 years. We have accomplished much but there is more to do over the next four. We have only started. I look forward to working together over this next term on many new initiatives and to complete unfinished business. Together we will continue united as Citizens, Leaders, and partners for the benefit of our Citizens living today and for our future generations.

I offer my prayers for our family members, friends and neighbours who have passed on. I also offer my condolences to their families. It is my hope that those with ill health and pain may be healed. Best wishes to everyone.

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

University of Manitoba to display Metis sash at all future convocations

The University of Manitoba displayed a handwoven Métis sash on their podium during this year's convocation ceremony, a tradition they plan to continue for all convocations going forward. The sash was created by Teresa Byrne, a Métis Historic Tour Coordinator at the Louis Riel Institute, an affiliate of the Manitoba Metis Federation.

The University requested to have the sash made as a part of their initiative to weave Indigenous culture into the institution.

"They approached us," said Byrne. "They thought it would be an excellent idea to have a sash for their celebrations to honour the Metis students. They will now have a sash for their convocations, celebrations, dinners or wherever they want to acknowledge the Métis at the university."

The colours chosen for the sash symbolize the University of Manitoba (brown and gold), as well as significant parts of the Métis history of Manitoba, including the Red River (red and white), the Métis infinity flag (blue and white), the heart and blood shed by the Métis Nation (red), and the dark times in Métis history (black). In a traditional Metis sash, each colour and pattern has significance.

Byrne learned the art of inkle loom sash weaving from Mary Conway of the Turtle Mountains in 2017. This is the sixth sash Byrne has made, and she plans to pass on her knowledge to other Métis who want to learn the tradition.

"When you learn traditional knowledge, you should be proud of it and be able to share it with our Métis Nation and community," said Byrne.

The Louis Riel Institute hopes to offer sash weaving workshops in the fall.



List of Candidates Elected in the 2018 MMF Provincial Election:

President of the Manitoba Metis Federation

David Chartrand

MMF Interlake Region Vice-President

Alfred (Buck) Anderson

MMF Interlake Region Board of Directors

Mona Buors

John (Jack) G. Park

MMF Northwest Region Vice-President

Audrey Frances Chartrand

MMF Northwest Region Board of Directors

Richard Genaille

John Parenteau

MMF The Pas Region Vice-President

Judith (Judy) Mayer

MMF The Pas Region Board of Directors

Darrel Ferland

Joan Ledoux

MMF Thompson Region Vice-President

Julyda Lagimodiere

MMF Thompson Region Board of Directors

Mildred Dorion

Vincent Mark Parenteau

MMF Southeast Region Vice-President

Denise Thomas

MMF Southeast Region Board of Directors

Jean Desrosiers

Shawn Nault

MMF Southwest Region Vice-President

Leah LaPlante

MMF Southwest Region Board of Directors

John W. M. Fleury

Will Goodon

MMF Winnipeg Region Vice-President

Andrew (Andre) Carrier

MMF Winnipeg Region Board of Directors

David Beaudin

JoAnne Remillard

Ray St. Germain Honoured by Red River College



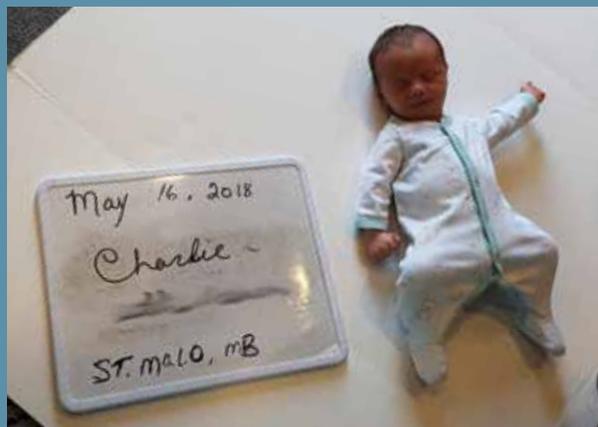
Photo courtesy Red River College.

Ray St. Germain, legendary Métis artist and host of Metis Hour x2 on NCI FM, received an honorary Creative Communications diploma from Red River College at a convocation ceremony held on June 5.

The award-winning producer, host, entertainer and voice actor is the 25th person to receive the award since 1995, joining notable Manitobans such as Senator Murray Sinclair, Stella Blackbird and Ace Burpee in being recognized.

"I am so thrilled to receive this," said Ray. "Thank you, Red River College!"

St. Malo Newborn set to Become Youngest MMF Citizen



Say hello to Charlie, the youngest Métis ever to apply for Manitoba Metis Federation Citizenship. Charlie lives in St. Malo, Manitoba, and was two weeks old when his family applied for his Citizenship Card.

We are proud to have you as part of the Manitoba Métis Community, Charlie!

Province-Wide Recruitment

LINE 3 PIPELINE TRAINING PROGRAM

**We are now recruiting for our
two week - Line 3 Pipeline
Training Program!**

Limited space is available in our Line 3 Pipeline training to be offered between the dates of May 28th and July 3rd, 2018 being delivered in a camp environment located just west of Saint Claude, Manitoba.

The intent of the Line 3 Pipeline Training Program is to provide Metis Citizens the means to gain key technical knowledge, practical hands-on experience and transferable skills to continue career growth and development, with a specific focus on basic pipeline skills.

Eligible Participants:

- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Must identify as Metis.
- Must pass a drug and alcohol test.

Submit Resumes using Subject Line:

Pipeline 101
to
metresumes@mmf.mb.ca

If you don't currently have a resume or require updating, Metis Employment and Training has staff available to assist you.

We thank all applicants for their interest; however only those who meet the eligibility requirements will be considered to participate in training.

www.mmfemployment.ca



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Happy 66th Birthday Janice Yakiwchuk!!



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ALL DAY STARTING AT 9 A.M.

Selkirk Park (Aboriginal Day)

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