



Le Metis



President's Message

Métis have always been, first and foremost, a Nation built on partnerships and trade. In the 18th century, our communities formed along the waterways of the North West fur trade. As traders, interpreters, hunters and harvesters, we built up our early economies through partnerships with one another, with First Nations trappers and with European traders alike.

In the 19th century, as our Nation grew larger, stronger and more economically independent, we built a new way of life for our people through the bison hunt. Our twice-yearly hunts formed the basis, not only of a flourishing economy, but also for our governance practices and protocols. Our Laws of the Hunt set out the rules for our self-government, guiding our political organization during the Red River Resistance of 1869 and laying the foundation for our Métis Government today.

At the time of the Red River Resistance, the Métis were the dominant economic, political and cultural force across our Homeland. After 1869, the Reign of Terror against our people pushed the Métis to the margins of our land and economy. For more than a century, we struggled to sustain our families, communities and livelihoods. The community at Rooster Town from 1901-1961 was a prime example of the poverty, racism and lack of recognition we faced in those years as governments tried to force us to assimilate.

Another example of the horrors of these years was the Sixties Scoop which, from the 1950s to the 1990s, stole our children to be placed with non-Métis families. This past weekend's Sixties Scoop Symposium in Winnipeg marked the beginning of our effort to reconcile this horrible chapter in our history. Listening to, and guided by, Métis Survivors who participated in this consultation, we are launching a process to establish a framework for negotiations that will provide a settlement for Métis Survivors of the Sixties Scoop.

I encourage you to learn about the dark chapters in our past, while also keeping your heads high with an eye to the brighter future we are creating together. Today, we are at last reclaiming our rightful place as full partners in prospering relationships among Nations, across our Homeland and around the world. The World Indigenous Business Forum is an example of the new economic relationships we are building with other Indigenous peoples. Our renewed distinctions-based, nation-to-nation relationship with the Government of Canada offers an example of successful partnership with other governments.

Our path forward truly grows out of the understanding we carry about the past. In the coming week your Métis Government and the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan will be convening in Regina, as we did in the early years of our organizations, to strategize on matters of common concern including reconciliation and the rights of our Harvesters across the provincial boundaries.

To our Métis Harvesters, I hope you are having a good and a safe season. I understand a few of you have faced some confrontation from Conservation Officers, but to date, no charges have been laid against those practicing our traditional way of life. We should always be proud of who we are, and have no fear of sustaining our traditional harvests of game, fish, berries and medicines on our Homeland. Should those rights ever be challenged, your Métis Government stands beside you.

For those who are unwell, grieving or shut in, I send you my condolences, prayers and best wishes. May you find your own path to wellness and healing. May each of you also find fulfilment and prosperity, always connected by our shared history, culture and community.

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From October 9 to 11, I had the privilege of participating in the 9th annual World Indigenous Business Forum in Rotorua, New Zealand. Each year, the Forum draws together hundreds of Indigenous entrepreneurs, leaders and strategists to share knowledge, engage in economic discussions, and build Indigenous-to-Indigenous trading partnerships across the globe. As MMF Minister of Economic Development and Métis National Council Minister of Finance and Social Development, I led our Métis delegation to the Forum, where I spoke alongside Ministers of New Zealand's government, Indigenous entrepreneurs and Māori leaders.

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MMF Partners with Indigenous Peoples of Colombia for Economic and Cultural Initiatives

As the government of the Manitoba Métis Community, the MMF has been working with leaders from other Indigenous Nations to develop businesses that can bring high-quality, Indigenous products from across the globe to the Canadian market on the principle of Fair Trade.

Over the past year, the MMF has been strengthening relationships with Indigenous peoples of Colombia, toward the goal of creating new cultural and business exchange opportunities. On October 10, the MMF signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Ancestry & Development, an Indigenous-led, Colombian organization that promotes traditional cultures and economies through international eco-tourism and trade.

Under the terms of this new agreement, the MMF will establish a Joint Working Group with Ancestry & Development to promote business partnerships, exchange business knowledge, facilitate new opportunities and build capacity for both organizations to explore innovations in Fair Trade and sustainable economies. The Joint Working Group will operate on the principles of mutual respect and cooperation. The new partnership will bring locally-produced goods, such as coffee and sugar cane, from the Quillasinga people of Colombia to Canada.



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This Indigenous-to-Indigenous business relationship promises mutual benefits for economic and social development to our communities in both countries. Like the Métis, the Quillasinga understand the important relationships between economic prosperity, environmental stewardship, and community wellness. Like the Métis, the Quillasinga are committed to environmental sustainability for our future generations. The Manitoba Métis

Community's new partnership with the Quillasinga people presents an opportunity to exchange knowledge and resources through a model of responsible business development and economic self-determination. This model has the potential to address the struggles of the working poor from Indigenous Nations in our communities and across the globe. For more information visit aydmarketing.co and mmf.mb.ca.

We're Hiring Employment & Training Counselor

The Metis Employment & Training Department (MET) is seeking a highly motivated individual to perform the functions of a full-time Employment & Training Counselor position located at the Winnipeg Regional Office in Winnipeg, MB.

Deadline for applications is **Thursday, November 1, 2018**

If you are interested in joining our team, please forward covering letter indicating the position you are applying for along with a resume to metresumes@mmf.mb.ca.

Preference will be given to qualified Métis 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.

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We're Hiring Regional Coordinator - REPOSTED

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New book details the history of Rooster Town, an urban Métis Community

Rooster Town: The History of an Urban Métis Community, 1901-1961 is a brand-new book detailing 60 years of history from Rooster Town, a community that was formed on the outskirts of Winnipeg more than a century ago.

In the early 1900s, Winnipeg was afflicted with price inflations and chronic housing shortages that made it difficult for working class families to manage. Rooster Town sprouted on the edge of the city, where Métis families could build their own homes and stay connected with their Métis culture while participating in the urban economy. At its peak, the community housed more than 250 residents.

Rooster Town documents the rise of this community, the many families that lived there, and the external forces that led to its demise. The land Rooster Town was built upon was sold to developers in the 1950s. While many families pushed back against forced removal, they were eventually evicted and had their homes set ablaze. Only a few homes from the original community still stand today.

The book is authored by Evelyn J. Peters, a former professor of Urban and Inner-City Studies at the University of Winnipeg, with co-authors Matthew Stock and Adrian Werner.



Lawrie Barkwell, Coordinator of Métis Culture and History Research at the Louis Riel Institute, also contributed. The book launched at McNally Robinson at the Grant Park Shopping Centre, located on the land where Rooster Town once stood.

During the launch, an 88-year-old Métis woman proudly voiced that she was born in Rooster Town and lived there for decades in her youth.

"I was born in Rooster Town, and I'm going to be 89," she said, holding up black and white

photographs of her family. "My grandma had chickens, and every New Year's Day she would kill those chickens and everybody in Rooster Town was invited for a big feast. Then after the feast, they would clear all the furniture out of the living room. They would jig, they would square dance, and we would have a whale of a time."

Rooster Town: The History of an Urban Métis Community, 1901-1961 is on sale now at McNally Robinson's Grant Park and The Forks locations, or available online from www.uofmpress.ca and www.mcnallyrobinson.com.

Métis National Council hears from Sixties Scoop Survivors at historic Symposium

Métis Survivors of the Sixties Scoop gathered in Winnipeg for a Métis Sixties Scoop Symposium from October 19 to 21. The symposium marks the first in a series of engagements, directed and guided by Survivors, to shape a framework for reconciliation with Canada.

The event was organized by the Métis National Council in collaboration with the Manitoba Metis Federation, who hosted the event in Winnipeg. Métis Survivors from Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia attended, along with Métis leaders and invited delegates.

"It is one of the saddest chapters in our history. In your heart there is always going to be that rip, that tear is there forever," said MMF President David Chartrand. "Our job is to hopefully start to repair that. We'll never heal it, but our job is to minimize the pain and show that there's hope."

In addition to presentations and consultation sessions, the Symposium featured a trauma team on site throughout the weekend to support the health and wellness needs of survivors in attendance, while a gathering place and accommodations were available for Métis Elders. In addition, an interview room was set up with camera equipment for Survivors who wanted to have their stories recorded and shared, or for those who wanted to tell their stories in a more private setting. Others chose to share their stories during the symposium, where several microphones were set up for Survivors to use.

"My father had to go to work in Churchill, Manitoba. My mom was by herself, she signed something and didn't know what it was. It is not my mother's fault. She didn't understand what she was signing. At that time, it was 1967," said Gary Tinker, a Sixties Scoop Survivor from Pinehouse, SK. "I didn't realize I was an Aboriginal child until 1972, I believe. My foster mom told me my dad was from far away. I was around four or five years old when I was introduced to my father. I remember it very vividly, every little detail."

One year ago, the federal government announced that it would settle numerous lawsuits related to the Sixties Scoop, an era from the 1950s through 1990s during which thousands of Indigenous children were placed with non-Indigenous families. As these lawsuits only involved First Nations survivors, Métis survivors were not included in the settlement. MMF President Chartrand, in his role as Vice-President for the Métis National Council leads this file, working on the creation of a framework that will advance

reconciliation for Métis Sixties Scoop survivors.

The symposium was a preliminary consultation. The Métis National Council is launching a registration database to connect Métis survivors with the reconciliation process and will be holding

several consultations in the coming months across the five provinces. They hope to reach a reconciliation agreement by October 2019. For more information, contact the MMF's Tripartite Self-Government Negotiations Department.

