



Le Métis



President's Message

As we welcome a new year, your Métis Government is taking stock of our achievements in 2018 and rolling up our sleeves for the work ahead. 2019 will be a time to consolidate our successes of the past twelve months and to put shovels in the ground and feet on the pavement, realizing our plans to improve the lives of Métis Citizens across Manitoba.

In 2018, the Manitoba Métis Federation made great strides as partners in our distinctions-based and renewed nation-to-nation, government-to-government relationship with Canada. As I reported to you last year, under the terms of the Canada-Métis Nation Accord, I was the Métis Nation's lead negotiator for \$1.6 billion in agreements that will fund made-by-Métis solutions to our Citizens' housing, training, early learning and child care needs.

In the coming year, we will be pressing forward in negotiations with Canada on other urgent priorities for our Citizens, including health, Veterans affairs, the Sixties Scoop, and homelessness.

Our work on the development of a Health Accord builds on research and planning undertaken by the MMF over the past number of years, and will increase resources available to address the health issues facing our Citizens and families in villages

and cities across Manitoba. We know that gaps in access to health care and services have hurt Métis families and we will be working to address this through culturally and locally appropriate initiatives. We hope to make some solid headway this year, including commitments toward Métis health in the 2019 federal budget.

We also plan to achieve settlements with Canada that recognize the contributions and sacrifices of our Métis Veterans and address the legacy of harm left by the Sixties Scoop for Métis Survivors. We have had very positive responses from Canada toward resolving these matters, so stay tuned for announcements on both of these issues in the coming months.

At the same time, we will be unrolling new programs and opportunities for Métis homebuyers, working families, students, children and Elders. All of these projects will demand new capital infrastructure, so we expect to have shovels in the ground this spring to build capacity for Elders Housing, Head Start Programs, and Health in our Regions. We will also be hiring staff for new positions across the province. Consider applying your skills and experience to a career with your Métis Government this year. Economic development will continue to be a priority, as Métis have always been and continue to be successful entrepreneurs. Partnerships with other governments, institutions, and industry leaders will create further avenues for investment, education, training, and jobs.

As we work diligently to implement the gains we have made through our negotiations with Canada, we will also be advancing our rights and defending our Nation. Later this month, we expect to be back in court for the judicial review of the province's cancellation of our July 2017 Agreement with Manitoba Hydro. We will also be working in the months ahead to protect our Métis Nation

and identity from false claims, while engaging Citizens to participate more actively in our Nation's governance. 2019 is an election year for the federal government. It's important for Métis Citizens to participate in this process. Your voice matters in the call to move reconciliation forward with Canada.

As we reflect on the past year and look to the future, we also remember our history. 2019 marks 150 years since our ancestors and Louis Riel came together to defend the rights of the Métis Nation at Red River. Keep an eye out for information and events commemorating this history. In February, we will be launching a new app, in collaboration with the Louis Riel Institute and Canadian Museum for Human Rights, celebrating this story through an educational and interactive tour of Métis Rights and Sites. Mark your calendars and join us at the Museum for the launch on Louis Riel Day this February 18. Your Métis Government will also be working hard this year to establish a new Métis Nation Museum, thanks to a \$4.6 million investment toward this project to honour and preserve the story of our Nation.

We must never forget our past, nor those who once walked beside us but now watch over us. Our departed grandparents, parents, siblings and cousins will always be dearly remembered in our hearts. It is in their memory that we continue the journey toward our lasting place in the Confederation that Riel and our families helped to build. I pray and share my heartfelt condolences for all those who have lost loved ones. I also offer my best wishes for those who are sick or shut-in. May this new year bless you with healing and a fresh start. On behalf of your MMF Cabinet, staff, and Citizens, I wish you all a healthy, happy and successful New Year.

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

Métis Nation Year in Review

The Manitoba Metis Federation has worked for more than half a century to build the strength and prosperity of the Métis Nation. We are now beginning to reap the harvest of seeds that were sown many years ago. Here are some of the biggest Métis Nation stories from 2018:

Canada-Métis Nation Accord

In April 2017, the Métis National Council (MNC) and its Governing Members (Manitoba Metis Federation, Métis Nation of Alberta, Métis Nation—Saskatchewan, Métis Nation of British Columbia, and Métis Nation of Ontario) signed the Canada-Métis Nation Accord with the federal government. The Accord focused on identifying priorities and developing policy in areas that include Housing, Employment, Training, Education, and Early Learning.



The 2018 Federal Budget, for the first time, included separate and distinct funding for the Métis Nation. Under the Canada-Métis Nation Accord, the Métis Nation negotiated and signed agreements including the Métis Nation Skills and Employment Training Accord, an Early Learning and Child Care Framework, and a Métis Nation Housing Sub-Accord. Over the next ten years, these agreements will provide more than one billion dollars for job creation, career counselling, training, childcare and housing for Métis families, Elders, youth and those in need.

In November, the Métis National Council passed resolutions to advance the Canada-Métis Nation Accord through negotiation on further priority areas including Health, Homelessness, Education, Environment, Justice, and Youth.

Métis Sixties Scoop



The Métis Nation has made significant progress in addressing the Métis Sixties Scoop legacy. In a February 2018 letter, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Carolyn Bennett wrote to MMF President David Chartrand: “please be assured that it is the Government of Canada’s intention to work closely with the Manitoba Metis Federation [...] in order to resolve the remaining Sixties Scoop litigation and the Sixties Scoop legacy of impacts on the Métis Nation.” After a series of meetings, Federal Government Senior Officials affirmed Canada’s “commitment to working collaboratively with the Métis National Council (MNC) [...] to develop a process to engage with the Métis Nation in order to address the legacy of the Sixties Scoop.”



Consultation with Sixties Scoop survivors, their families, and communities is determining Métis-specific requirements for healing, wellness, education, language, culture, and commemoration activities to address the Sixties Scoop legacy. The first of these consultations was held in Winnipeg in October 2018, and more will be held across the Métis Nation as the MNC continues gathering insight from Survivors.

Developed by the MNC with support from the MMF, the Métis Nation Sixties Scoop Portal was launched in December 2018. The Portal is a central hub for information, news and events related to the Sixties Scoop for the Métis Nation, allowing Métis Nation Survivors and Citizens to access up-to-date information essential to the development of a Métis Nation Sixties Scoop resolution agreement between the Métis Nation and the Government of Canada.

Housing

Since 2013, the MMF has worked with the Province of Manitoba to build cost-effective housing for Métis Citizens. The Province, through the Manitoba Housing & Renewal Corporation, committed \$5.5 million over five years to help create new housing for Métis families. In 2018, MMF held two ribbon-cutting ceremonies for newly-built homes in Selkirk and The Pas. These latest projects bring the total number of units completed under the agreement to 26.



In July 2018, The MNC signed a Métis Nation Housing Sub-Accord, which will invest \$500 million in Métis Nation housing. Under this agreement, the MMF will develop, manage and deliver housing programs designed for Métis people. Models under consideration include promoting ownership, subsidized housing, seniors’ housing and more.

Dishonour of the Provincial Crown

In 2014, the Manitoba Government, MMF and Manitoba Hydro signed the Turning the Page Agreement, setting out a new relationship and processes to identify, quantify and address impacts from Hydro projects. As mandated in this legally binding agreement, the MMF and Hydro negotiated a further Agreement in July 2017, addressing the impacts of existing Manitoba Hydro projects such as Bipole III, as well as future projects like the Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission Project (MMTP).

These projects will create losses over hundreds of hectares now used by Métis Citizens for berry picking and hunting. These impacts will last for one hundred years or more. Such considerations informed the terms of the July 2017 Agreement with Hydro.

Neither agreement takes away from Métis rights, nor do they limit the MMF’s ability to participate in regulatory hearings for Hydro projects affecting Métis rights. There are hundreds of these types of agreements in place between

governments, industry and Indigenous groups across Canada, advancing collaboration and reconciliation on resource development.

In March 2018, the unprecedented resignation of all non-government members of the Manitoba Hydro Board of Directors set Premier Brian Pallister on the hunt for a scapegoat. He made the Métis the focus of his finger-pointing and contempt, announcing a directive to cancel the July 2017 Agreement, calling the MMF a “special interest group,” and referring to the Agreement as “persuasion money.”



On June 4, 2018, the MMF filed an application for judicial review against the Manitoba Government, asking the courts to examine the Premier’s actions. The MMF stands by the July 2017 Agreement. MMF support for the MMTP is conditional upon the agreement being honoured.

The Premier’s actions only serve to increase risks, delays and costs for developers of energy and infrastructure projects in Manitoba. The MMF will always ensure that Métis rights are upheld.

Charitable Gifts



The Manitoba Metis Heritage Fund Inc. (MMHF) is the registered charitable organization of the MMF. The MMHF officially became a registered Canadian charity in 1988 and continues to operate as the charitable arm of the MMF today. MMHF held its second annual fundraising gala in May 2018, raising \$65,000 in support of the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation.

In August 2018, MMF hosted its first annual fundraising golf tournament, which raised over \$23,000 for the MMF Bereavement Fund.

The Bereavement Fund helps families in need of financial support with expenses involved in the loss of a Métis loved one.

MMF also made its annual \$5,000 donation to the Christmas Cheer Board in December 2018. The Christmas Cheer Board provides 18,000 hampers each year to Winnipeg families in need.

Métis Nation General Assembly

During the Special Sitting of the Métis Nation General Assembly in November 2018, Governing Members of the MNC passed a resolution, moved by the MMF, to adopt an official Métis Nation Homeland Map, centred on the prairies and reflecting the extent of the territory where the Métis historically built their way of life and established their communities alongside First Nations.



The Assembly also voted to place the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) on probation for breaching the citizenship requirements of the Métis Nation. In 1994, MNO was admitted to the MNC to represent Métis people from the prairies who had moved to Ontario and those who are from Northwestern Ontario near the Manitoba border. However, MNO has consistently ignored and breached MNC General Assembly resolutions by attempting to grandfather individuals who do not meet the criteria outlined in the National Definition of Métis adopted by the MNC in 2002.

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MMF 2018 Elections

The MMF is the official democratic and self-governing political representative for the Métis Nation's Manitoba Métis Community. Every four years, the MMF holds provincial elections to choose a President as well as a Vice-President and two Cabinet members for each of its seven Regions, and a Spokeswoman for Infinity Women Secretariat. These 23 elected officials serve as the Ministers of Manitoba's Métis Government.

In 2018, David Chartrand was elected as President of the MMF for his seventh term, his second time winning by acclamation. Four new Ministers were also elected: David Beaudin, Mildred Dorion, Shawn Nault, and JoAnne Remillard.

New Portfolios



In June, 2018, MMF President David Chartrand appointed his new Cabinet at the first Caucus Meeting following MMF elections. As part of these appointments, a new French Language portfolio was created to better serve the needs of French-speaking Métis Citizens in Manitoba. French Language Minister Jean Desrosiers leads this portfolio, along with two new translators who are working toward translating MMF materials into French. The previous Culture, Heritage, Sports & Youth portfolio was also separated into two: Culture & Heritage, led by Minister Alfred Anderson; and Sports & Youth, led by Minister Richard Genaille. With these

changes, the MMF plans to further engage Métis youth and develop more cultural events and resources for Citizens.

Education

Since its inception in 1999, the MMF Endowment Fund has provided \$4,924,000 for Métis post-secondary students in Manitoba. In 2017-2018, \$763,791 was awarded to 318 post-secondary students across Manitoba.

The Louis Riel Institute operates an Adult Learning Centre and Louis Riel Vocational College (LRVC). Each year, they provide programs to further the vocational goals of Métis, Inuit, and Non-Status individuals. In 2018, the Adult Learning Centre had more than 20 graduates. LRVC has had more than 331 graduates since its creation in 2014.

Métis Cultural Events

The MMF hosts several Métis cultural events throughout the year. Some of the biggest events of 2018 included:

- Louis Riel Day, February 2018
- Indigenous Peoples Day in Selkirk, June 2018
- 202nd Anniversary of the Victory of Frog Plain, June 2018
- St. Laurent Métis Days, August 2018
- 2nd Annual Elders Gathering in Winnipeg, August 2018
- Louis Riel Commemoration Ceremony, November 2018
- Flower Beadwork Circle, every week from September to June

Annual General Assembly

In September 2018, the MMF hosted its 51st Annual General Assembly (AGA) in Winnipeg, with approximately 3,000 Métis Citizens attending from across Manitoba and beyond.

The AGA is a fundamental part of MMF's governance structure, where Citizens review accomplishments and celebrate the successes of the past year. The AGA provides each MMF Citizen the opportunity to help set goals and provide clear direction on upcoming investments and future priorities.

The MMF released its 2018 Annual Report at the AGA, which also featured the announcement of a joint action plan on Advancing Reconciliation with the federal government.



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