



# Métis Nation



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## Canada and the Métis Nation move forward on Canada-Métis Nation Accord



On June 15, 2018, Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau met with the President of the Métis National Council (MNC), Clément Chartier, and the Presidents of the MNC Governing Members at the annual Crown-Métis Nation Summit. Together, they reviewed progress made during

the first year of the Canada-Métis Nation Accord and confirmed priorities for the coming year.

The priorities identified during today's meeting include education, health, Métis veterans, the new fiscal

relationship, child and family services, economic development, environment, clean growth, and infrastructure. Participants will work together over the next year to advance these priorities, and will report on progress made at the next Crown-Métis Nation Summit.

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The Canada-Métis Nation Accord reflects Canada's commitment to work with the Métis Nation to co-develop policies and programs, and drive progress toward the Métis Nation's vision of self-determination.

### Quotes

"The signing of the Canada-Métis Nation Accord last year was the first step toward a renewed relationship with the Métis Nation. These meetings provide an important opportunity to hear directly from leaders of the Métis Nation about their unique needs and concerns. We will continue to work together with the Métis Nation as partners to address these needs, and strengthen the Canada-Métis Nation relationship for the benefit of our country and all Canadians."

—The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

"The Canada-Métis Nation Accord is enabling the Métis Nation to make significant strides toward our social and economic development. We look forward to working with the Prime Minister and his ministers on this year's priorities."

—Clément Chartier, President of the Métis National Council

"Today's meeting with the Prime Minister and key federal ministers was a very valuable exchange between the leadership of the Métis Nation and Canada. These meetings are helping us to make a difference in the lives of all Métis people in British Columbia and throughout the Métis Nation. Full credit goes to the Prime Minister and the Canada-Métis Nation Accord. The Accord was signed in April last year, and it really has established a nation-to-nation, government-to-government relationship between Canada and the Métis Nation."

—Clara Morin Dal Col, President of Métis Nation British Columbia

"Today's meeting with Prime Minister Trudeau was positive, and I thank him for his commitment to a distinctions-based approach. The work we are doing nationally will benefit Métis citizens in Alberta."

—Audrey Poitras, President of the Métis Nation of Alberta

"I am proud to have a renewed relationship with Canada—working together

nation-to-nation and government-to-government toward social and economic prosperity for the Métis Nation."  
—Glen McCallum, President of Métis Nation-Saskatchewan

"Today, I am very pleased to meet with a Prime Minister and a Cabinet that keeps their promises. The Métis people have always contributed to the betterment of Canada but for generations we have been ignored and denied our place. Our Métis veterans and our 60's Scoop survivors deserve to be addressed and today I know this will happen. Our children and our youth are being made a priority and Métis Nation housing will become a reality. These and other high level issues will continue to be priorities in the immediate future."

—David Chartrand, President of Manitoba Metis Federation

"The Métis Nation of Ontario is pleased with the progress made over the past year and we look forward to advance on areas of priority that respect and address the unique needs of Métis throughout Ontario and create real positive change for families and communities."

—Margaret Froh, President of Métis Nation of Ontario

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“I am proud to see the implementation of the Canada-Métis Nation Accord and further movement on the priorities under the Métis Nation Accord.”  
—Melanie Omeniho, President of the Women of the Métis Nation

## Quick Facts

Earlier in the day, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour Patricia Hajdu and the Métis Nation leadership signed the Métis Nation Skills and Employment Accord, which provides a framework for

working together to implement the new Métis National Labour Market Strategy. The strategy focuses on enhanced employment services, skills development, and job training to improve the overall well-being of Métis Nation.

This is the third meeting of ministers and Métis Nation leaders, and the second meeting with the Prime Minister, since the signing of the Accord on April 13, 2017.

Budget 2018 provided \$516 million in funding over 10 years to respond to the unique needs

and concerns of the Métis Nation, including:

- \$500 million over 10 years to support a Métis Nation housing strategy
- \$10 million in 2018-19 to support Métis Nation post-secondary education
- \$6 million over five years to support the Métis Nation in gathering health data and developing a health strategy.



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# Métis Nation Signs Métis Nation Skills and Employment Training Accord with Canada



On June 15, 2018, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, and Métis Nation leaders signed a Métis Nation Skills and Employment Accord in Ottawa.

Budget 2018 provides for \$625,369,476 over 10 years for the Métis Nation stream of the Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program which supports employment services, skills development, and

job training. The Métis Nation Skills and Employment Accord marks the first sub-agreement under the Canada-Métis Nation Accord signed by the Prime Minister and Métis Nation leadership in 2017.

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The sub-agreement outlines the way in which Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC), the MNC and its Governing Members will work together to:

- give more Métis people the skills and education they need to succeed, including access to post-secondary education;
- help more Métis people find and keep good jobs;
- expand Métis Nation capacity to deliver its own programs and services;
- position the Métis workforce to meet the demands of the next generation of jobs in our rapidly evolving economy; and,



- implement the new Métis Nation Labour Market Strategy.

“Every Canadian deserves a real and fair chance at success. Today, we make history as we sign the

first sub agreement of the Canada-Métis Nation Accord, in the spirit of a true nation-to-nation relationship. Access to education and skills training has the power to change generations., stated Minister Hajdu.



“This agreement will change the lives of tens of thousands of our Métis citizens. We know that it will help fill the gap that exists for our people in Canada’s economy in both trades and educational opportunities. Now we have a federal government that understands the steps needed to assist the Métis Nation in becoming a true partner in this economy,” stated David Chartrand, Métis Nation Minister of Social Development.





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## Message from the President

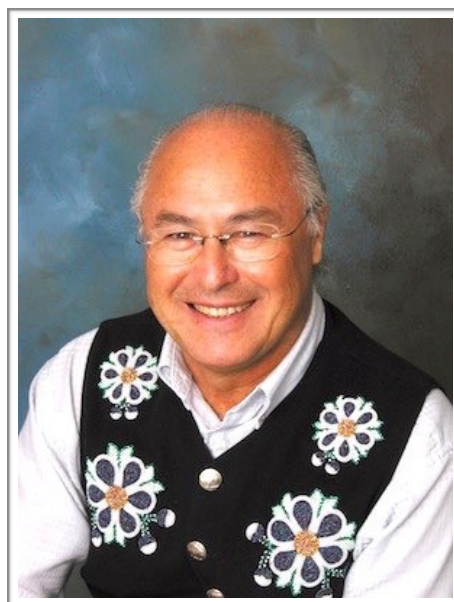
On June 15<sup>th</sup> we once again concluded another successful Métis Nation – Canada Summit between the leadership of the Métis Nation governments and the Canadian government represented by The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau and number of his key Cabinet Ministers engaged in the Indigenous-Crown relationship.

The Métis Nation and its historical and contemporary governments has a deep connection to its ancestral homeland in Western Canada and, as is common knowledge, has all the attributes which makes a people a people or a nation a nation. These include a substantial population, a language, distinctive culture and way of life, a geographic territory, a long history and traditions of government and struggle, including armed struggle when required. As such, there is no wonder, why the Métis Nation is finally and currently in direct negotiations with the federal government

through the Permanent Bilateral Mechanism and the section 35 rights reconciliation tables with our Governing Members.

While it is clear that the Métis Nation and its citizens are s.35 Aboriginal rights holders, including the right to a land base and self-government based on both the Canadian Constitution and the right of self-determination under international law, political developments within Canada, since the 1982 patriation of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, the *Powley* decision of 2003 and the *Daniels* decision of 2016 have given rise to an avalanche of individuals with some degree of Indian ancestry jumping up and claiming to be rights-bearing Métis.

While it is undeniable that there are in fact thousands, if not millions of Canadians who can genealogically connect to a remote Indian ancestor, this does not in itself, standing



alone, make them a distinct people, let alone a Métis people or nation. To date the courts in eastern Canada have been consistent in refusing to find that such persons with remote Indian ancestry meet the criteria laid out by the Supreme Court of Canada 2003 *Powley* decision. Regardless, for the historic Métis Nation, a contrary finding would not affect its existence as a distinct

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Indigenous nation and people based in its traditional homeland.

It is puzzling however, to see the federal government actively heading out into the field to give life to self-styled groups who purport to be Métis, as in being a distinct people or nation. Perhaps this is the mischief created by the Supreme Court *Daniels* decision wherein all individuals who claim to be Indigenous fall within the term "Indians" in s. 91(24) of the *Constitution Act 1867*. This would include those person with some Indian ancestry in eastern Canada who purport to be Métis, but do not possess s.35 Aboriginal rights as a people or community.

According to a June 29, 2018 CBC news report by Elizabeth Chiu, Crown-Indigenous Relations staff were in Nova Scotia on a "reconciliation" venture, meeting with a number of self-identifying Métis organizations: Eastern Woodland Métis Nation Nova Scotia; Bras D'or Lake/ Unama'ki Voyageurs Métis Nation; Highlands Métis

Nation Association; Eastern Shore Métis Nation Association; Association des Acadiens-Métis Souriquois; Sou'West Nova Métis Council; and Kespu'kwitk Métis Council. According to CBD, the Council of First Métis Peoples of Canada, which is based in Ontario was also at one of the meetings.

Also in the news recently was the Eastern Woodland Métis Nation Nova Scotia as it is being made public that some of the persons they provide membership cards to, use them to avoid sales tax when encountered by unsuspecting sales clerks, including the purchase of cars. This certainly would be an incentive for individuals to purchase a membership card!! At the current time, Indigenous Services, the other branch of Indigenous Affairs, is investigating this abuse. Once, again, the uneducated general public will very likely believe that the citizens of the Métis Nation do not pay taxes of any form, which is the furthest from the truth. We pay our fair share of taxes, but certainly, as

governments, we expect a fair return of our taxes in order to serve our people, no less than do the provincial and territorial governments.

Also, on occasion, news reports show the unauthorized use of the Métis Nation's flag at various events, including demonstrations. This is clearly a misappropriation of a sacred symbol of the Métis Nation, as well as an insult to our ancestors who first unfurled the flag at the Battle of the Frog Plain (Seven Oaks) on June 19, 1816. This is also in violation of the Métis Nation government's official marks: both the flag and the term "Métis Nation".

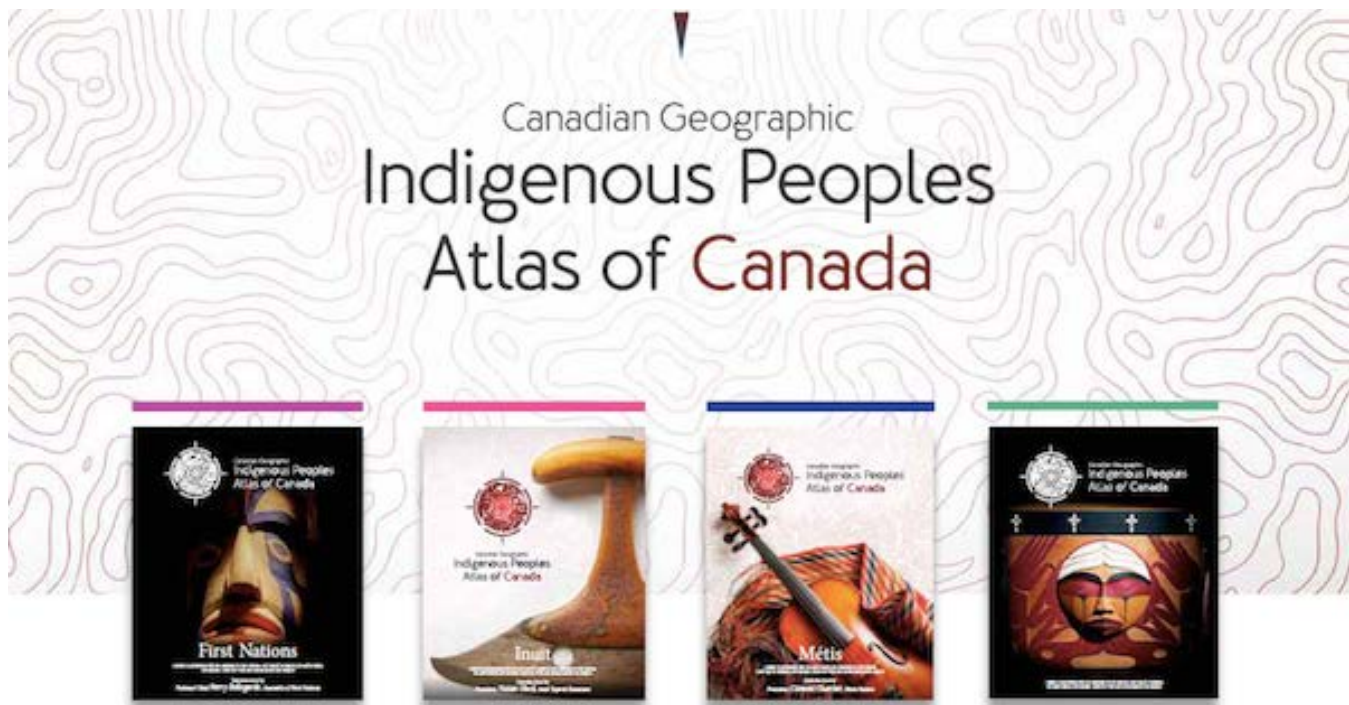
While it is unfortunate that there is this proliferation of individuals self-identifying as Métis in eastern Canada, we, the citizens of the Métis Nation, can rest assured that this will not affect our deeply rooted existence as the historic Métis Nation in western Canada. Our roots, sacrifices and blood run deep within our homeland.





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## The Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada




On Thursday, June 21, 2018, the Royal Canadian Geographical Society (RCGS) unveiled its Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada. The Atlas includes a four-volume print atlas, one of which is devoted to the Métis Nation, an online interactive atlas with an accompanying app, giant floor maps, and various other educational resources for

classrooms that explore themes of language, demographics, economy and culture. Important topics are covered in-depth; the Métis Nation volume explores the history, culture and contributions of the Métis people.

In addition to the Atlas, the RCGS and its partners including

the Métis National Council have developed a suite of complementary resources for educators, including five giant floor maps that will circulate among schools across Canada, downloadable tiled maps, and plastic-coated maps for frequent use. These will be accompanied by two teaching guides — one for elementary students and one

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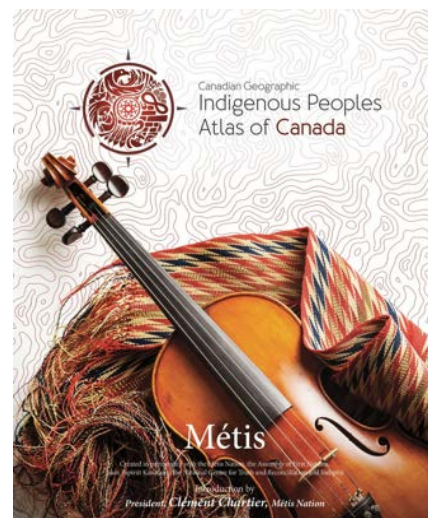




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*Métis Elder Oliver Boulette speaks at the launch event*



number of classic Métis tunes on the fiddle. Other dignitaries addressing the reception were RCGS representatives, federal Heritage Minister Melanie Joly, and Inuit leader Natan Obed.

for secondary students. Alongside the old-school paper atlas is a free app that puts the knowledge in your pocket, including a geo-locator that tells you on which Indigenous nation's territory you stand.

“For the Métis Nation, the Indigenous Peoples Atlas helps set the stage for a better understanding of the Métis people and our role in Canada's development, both historical and ongoing,” said Clément Chartier, President of the Métis National Council. “Educational resources such as the Atlas are critically important in telling that long neglected story.”

Métis Nation elder Oliver Boulette represented the Métis Nation at the reception for the Atlas in the stunning new headquarters of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society alongside Rideau Falls in the nation's capital. He spoke of the central importance of the fiddle in the culture and identity of the Métis people. Joined by guitarist Al Desjarlais, he performed a





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## National Indigenous Day

On June 21, 2018, the National Indigenous Day Ceremony once again was held at the National Aboriginal Veterans Monument in Confederation Park to celebrate the unique heritage, diverse culture, and to recognize the contributions of Métis Nation, First Nations and Inuit peoples.

This annual Ceremony of Remembrance was hosted by the Aboriginal Veterans Autochtones (formerly National Aboriginal Veteran Association). Métis veterans from across the Métis Nation homeland participated in the ceremony along with representatives from



*Métis Elder Oliver Boulette laying a wreath on behalf of the Métis Nation*

AFN and ITK. A wreath was laid by the Métis National

Council to pay tribute to the thousands of Aboriginal veterans who gave their lives for their country.

“National Indigenous Day is a time to share with one another, learn from one another, celebrate together and commit to a new era of respect, recognition and reconciliation” stated President Chartier, adding “I encourage all Canadians to take every opportunity to learn about Indigenous peoples, cultures and rights and to participate in events and celebrations this weekend.”





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## Manitoba Metis Federation Launches Update of Economic Development Strategy

On June 25 and 26, 2018, the MMF government, MMF Regions and members of the Manitoba Metis community participated in a Manitoba Metis Economic Summit at the Lakeview Hecla Resort. The Summit was the first in a series of engagements with Métis Nation citizens in Manitoba called “The Path to Economic Prosperity”.

In 2008, the MMF established a Manitoba Metis Economic Development Strategy to provide the MMF with the capacity to support the Federation’s economic vision and ensure a prosperous future for the Metis people of Manitoba. Many of the initiatives proposed in the Strategy were undertaken and have been serving the economic interests of Metis people in Manitoba.

A decade later in 2018, the MMF finds itself on the cusp of sweeping new opportunities amid the negotiation of a historic land claims agreement, the co-development of new Metis Nation policies and

programs with the Trudeau government, and unprecedented Metis Nation investments in federal budgets. President David Chartrand has declared the need to update the Manitoba

Metis Economic Development Strategy in order to capitalize on these new opportunities and investments.

The Summit heard from MMF Cabinet ministers, Board members from the 7 Regions, senior managers of MMF departments and affiliated institutions, and Metis entrepreneurs from a variety of fields such as information technology, communications, and construction. Delegates offered many ideas and proposals that identified emerging opportunities and steps that could be taken to realize them.



Among the topics discussed were the role of the MMF in economic development, how to use new federal Métis Nation investments in areas such as housing and early learning to advance economic development, business development, procurement and regional development. The MNC presented on the work it is undertaking on economic development with the Governing Members and federal government under the Canada-Métis Nation Accord. The recent Canada-Métis Nation Summit with the Prime Minister on June 15, 2018, identified economic development as a priority for this year’s work.





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## Indigenous Leaders/Ministerial Environment Meeting Held in Ottawa



On June 28, 2018 President Chartier attended a meeting of Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers Responsible for Parks,

Protected Areas, Conservation, Wildlife and Biodiversity chaired by the Hon. Catherine McKenna. Also in attendance was President Natan Obed from

the ITK and Chief Byron Louis representing the AFN.

The purpose of the session was to discuss a national approach,

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including principles that would guide collaborative implementation work and the establishment of a set of shared priority places, species and threats. This included an opportunity to discuss progress toward meeting the 2020 biodiversity goals and targets for Canada, including the Pathway to Canada Target 1 initiative (setting aside 17% of Canadian lands) and conserving species at risk.

Each of the three leaders made 10-15 minute presentations. President Obed spoke about the distinctive Inuit reality, including its regional homeland/land base, way of life and ways of doing conservation, thus preferring to work directly with other jurisdictions which interface with their reality. President Chartier re-inforced this distinctions-based approach, adding that for the Métis Nation this would be both territorial and jurisdictions based, centred in western Canada. President Chartier proposed that based on the inherent right of self-government, and a nation to nation intergovernmental basis, the federal minister and the five provincial ministers Ontario-west should meet with the Métis Nation leadership.




President Chartier also made it clear that the issues of conservation, biodiversity and species at risk management go to the heart of Métis Nation culture, identity and well-being.

These presentations were then to be followed by discussion, but which witnessed nothing but silence from the provincial/territorial ministers/representatives, and a brief general comment by Minister McKenna's Parliamentary Secretary, Jonathan Wilkenson. This led both Presidents Obed and Chartier to express their deep disappointment that it is simply not good enough for

Indigenous leaders to show up and make interventions and then be met by silence and dismissed from discussions during their brief period of time with ministers, and subsequently excluded from their main meetings.

This prompted Chair McKenna to also express her disappointment at the lack of provincial/territorial dialogue, stating that this engagement with Indigenous peoples must be taken more seriously.





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## Indigenous Leaders meet with Minister Joly

On June 19, 2018 the Hon. Mélanie Joly, Heritage Canada, met with the three National Representatives of Indigenous Nations and Peoples: National Chief Perry Bellegarde, Assembly of First Nations; President Natan Obed, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami; and President Clément (Clem) Chartier, Métis Nation.

The meeting took place in Yellowknife, NWT in advance of the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers of Culture and Tourism pre-meeting with the National Indigenous Organizations, which included CAP and NWAC. As a matter of principle, and based on a lack of government-to-government, or nation-to-nation intergovernmental approach, the leadership of the Métis Nation has unanimously agreed to not participate in such meetings where advocacy or special interest national organizations are invited to participate.

Due to the Métis Nation's position, both last year and this



year, Minister Joly has met with the three National Representatives of Indigenous Peoples, including the national government of the Métis Nation. The focus of this meeting revolved around the proposed Indigenous Languages Act which the federal minister and the three Indigenous leaders are co-developing. During this next phase, further consultations will take place over the summer months, with the introduction of a draft bill in the Fall. The objective is to have the proposed Act adopted by Parliament prior to the next

federal election scheduled for October 2019.

President Chartier also had an opportunity to discuss with Minister Joly preparations for celebrating the Métis Nation's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of joining Canada in 1870 through the Manitoba Act, 1870 and the Rupert's Land Order for the rest of the Métis Nation homeland outside of the original postage stamp province of Manitoba. Discussion on honouring President Louis Riel also took place, as the Founder of the Province of Manitoba and a key figure in Confederation.





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## Community Visits:

### *President Chartier joins President McCallum at Southbay Gathering*

On June 8-9, President Chartier attended an outdoor meeting to the North West Saskatchewan Métis Council (NWSMC) at Southbay, near the village of Ile a la Crosse. President Chartier joined President McCallum and discussed some of the pressing issues facing the Métis of northwest Saskatchewan, including the Ile a la Crosse Boarding School, the 60s Scoop, harvesting rights and the draft s.35 Framework Agreement between the MNS and Canada.



There was a lot of interest and discussion on all of these matters by the meeting participants which included the Local Presidents from the Council, as well as other Métis representatives from the Region

and from other parts of the province.

A presentation was also made by lawyer Emilie Lahaie on behalf of Tom Isaac who has been retained by the MNS to lead their s.35 rights process. A lot of

interest was shown to the potential for the Framework Agreement for the province generally and for the 1994 land claim statement of claim filed in 1994.

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*Manitoba Métis Government Inauguration*



On June 11th, President Chartier attended the inauguration of the newly elected leadership of the Manitoba Métis Community government. There were a lot of smiling faces and well wishes by the families and friends who turned out to see their new Cabinet sworn-in by Lieutenant Governor Janice Filmon.

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*Elder Myrtle DeMuelles receives Order of the Métis Nation*



On June 16th, President Chartier joined MMF President David Chartrand for a celebration of the contributions made by Elder DeMuelles to the Manitoba Métis Community and government. Elder DeMuelles was born in Cumberland House, Saskatchewan, and joining her for this celebration was her brother, Bobby McCauley as long time Métis activist in

Saskatchewan. In 1956, Elder DeMuelles ended up in Churchill, Manitoba in search of employment and made her life there. She served as Local President from 1985 to 1999 and became well known for her artistic talent and knowledge of the Métis Nation and its history.

Elder DeMuelles is best known for her art of tufting (caribou hair sculpting), and for the talks

she would give to tourists as they stopped by the Local's Heritage Hall, where she had her art works on display.

On behalf of the citizens of the Métis Nation, President Chartier presented Elder DeMuelles with the Order of the Métis Nation.

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## *GDI holds Grand Opening in La Loche, Saskatchewan*

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, the MNS Minister of Education, Earl Cook, joined by staff and management held a ceremony for a re-opening of the newly renovated GDI building which saw a million plus dollar make over. Also in attendance were MNS President Glen McCallum and President Clément Chartier. The province of Saskatchewan was represented by the Hon. Tina Beaudry-Mellor, Advanced Education and the Hon. Warren Kaeding, First Nations, Métis



and Northern Affairs.

From the village, Local President Keith Shewchuk and Mayor and Local Vice-President, Robert St. Pierre. Regional Director Leonard Montgrand was also in attendance.





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## American Council of Indigenous Peoples makes it rounds in Washington and Ottawa

From June 1 – 7<sup>th</sup> the Executive of the newly created American Council of Indigenous Peoples (ACIP) engaged in a number of meetings in Washington DC and Ottawa, ON. Vice-President Hugo Tacuri of Peru and Secretary Brooklyn Rivera of Nicaragua joined President Clem Chartier of Canada in the Council's first series of meetings with government officials.

In Washington, the Executive on June 1<sup>st</sup> met with Officials at the Canadian Embassy as well as Ambassadors to the Organization of American States (OAS) from Peru and Bolivia and a representative of Mexico. The major topic of discussion was the introduction of the new Council and the role that it planned to undertake within the OAS and in with Indigenous peoples, nations and governments. The four government representatives from Canada, Peru, Mexico and Bolivia were quite interested in the Council and looked forward to working with the Executive




*l-r: Brooklyn Rivera, Clément Chartier, and Hugo Tacuri*

going forward, as there has been a major vacuum of Indigenous peoples representation within the OAS system, but for the negotiations which took place with Indigenous representatives which led to the adoption in 2016 of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the 2017 Plan of Action for its implementation.

These four countries have consistently been supportive of Indigenous matters and informed the Council that the OAS was planning on holding an Indigenous peoples week around August 9<sup>th</sup>, which formerly had been declared International Indigenous Day by the United Nations. In this connection, it was agreed that the Council would be willing to work with them and the OAS Secretariat

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to make this event a success.

Following this a meeting was held with OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro, who was very supportive of the new Council and pledged to work closely with the newly elected Executive. The SG also encouraged the Council to get involved in the proposed first Inter-American Week for Indigenous Peoples in August.

On June 2<sup>nd</sup> the Executive met with other Indigenous



delegations for the purpose of preparing their five minute intervention/presentation to the OAS General Assembly, along with Civil Society, Youth, Labor and the Business Sector (Social Actors) scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup>. This meeting was organized by the Indian Law Resource Center (ILRC) through its Washington DC office, which acted as the official coordinator for Indigenous delegations.

At the June 3<sup>rd</sup> inter-active dialogue between Social Actors

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and the OAS GA members, ACIP Secretary Brooklyn Rivera made the presentation on behalf of the Indigenous Coalition. Following this session, the ACIP Executive met with Assistant Secretary General Nestor Mendez who will be heading up the work in preparation for the August 2018 Inter-American Indigenous Week. ASG Mendez pledged to work closely with the Council, and also agreed with our suggestion that we continue utilizing the ILRC as Indigenous delegations coordinator as they are based in Washington and that this procedure worked well for this General Assembly.

After attending the GA on June 4<sup>th</sup>, where President Chartier had an opportunity to have a brief chat with the Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Foreign Affairs, the ACIP delegation caught a late evening flight to Ottawa.

On June 5<sup>th</sup> the delegation met with the International Development Research Council (IDRC), Ambassador Enrique Ruiz Molero of Spain, and with Dr. Paulette Tremblay, Executive Director of the Assembly of



First Nations. The purpose of these meetings was to introduce the ACIP Executive and to forge new relationships and potential collaboration going forward. AFN as a founding/organizing partner was brought up to date on the meetings in Washington and discussion on potential engagement during the August Indigenous Week at the OAS.

On the final day of the visit, June 6<sup>th</sup>, the ACIP delegation met with about 15 senior officials from agencies within Foreign Affairs and had a good discussion on the reasons for the formation of the ACIP and the potential plans moving forward.

To cap off the Ottawa visit, the delegation met with the Hon. Francois-Philippe Champagne, Minister of International Trade who is interested in fostering Indigenous to Indigenous trade. His first Indigenous trade mission will be to New Zealand in October of this year, but has indicated that other such trade missions could be undertaken to Latin America.





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| • Métis Nation Policy Session on Education              | July 4-5   | Vancouver, BC    |
| • Métis Nation Policy Session on Economic Development   | July 5-6   | Vancouver, BC    |
| • Sixties Scoop Working Group Meeting                   | July 10-11 | Calgary, AB      |
| • FPT Ministers of Fisheries/Indigenous Leaders meeting | July 11-12 | St. John's, NL   |
| • Métis Nation General Assembly                         | July 18-19 | Saskatoon, SK    |
| • Métis Nation Youth Conference                         | July 18-19 | Saskatoon, SK    |
| • Back to Batoche                                       | July 20-22 | Batoche, SK      |
| • First Inter-American Indigenous Peoples Week          | Aug 6-10   | Washington, DC   |
| • MNA 90th Annual General Assembly                      | Aug 11-12  | Lac La Biche, AB |
| • MNO 25th Annual General Assembly                      | Aug 17-19  | Peterborough, ON |





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