



**"WE MUST CHERISH OUR INHERITANCE. WE MUST PRESERVE OUR NATIONALITY FOR THE YOUTH
OF OUR FUTURE. THE STORY SHOULD BE WRITTEN DOWN TO PASS ON."
- LOUIS RIEL -**

RED RIVER MÉTIS LOCAL RESOURCE MANUAL

**Manitoba Métis Federation
Programming and Contact Information
2022**



MANITOBA MÉTIS FEDERATION

The Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) is the National Government of the Manitoba Métis – also known as the Red River Métis – the origin, root, and core of the Métis Nation. The Red River Métis is Canada’s negotiating partner in Confederation, founder of Manitoba, and the only Indigenous people to create a province, Manitoba, when our Ancestors negotiated the Manitoba Act in 1870.

Today, the MMF continues the legacy of Cuthbert Grant, John Bruce, Louis Riel, Gabriel Dumont, and the countless other Red River Métis leaders who shaped the Métis Nation and Canada.

Since the time of the buffalo hunt, the Red River Métis utilized the three governance institutions of President, Council (also called Cabinet), and the Assembly. These three institutions have provided the structure for our collective and democratic decision-making since the ethnogenesis of our People. The MMF’s Annual General Assembly (AGA) is a fundamental and traditional component of our governance system.

It is with our past in mind that the founders of the MMF continued to use the Assembly as a forum for our Citizens to come together to receive updates, set priorities, and provide direction to the MMF’s elected officials. The importance of the AGA is echoed by our Local Leaders, our Citizens who dedicate themselves to make the MMF’s AGA the largest Indigenous assembly in Western Canada.

Bringing together various community groups and associations through it’s collective, the MMF was founded in 1967 by a group of forward-thinking Métis leaders to promote the political, social, cultural and economic interests and rights of the Red River Métis. Through the subsequent decades, the MMF continued to grow into one of the most robust Indigenous governments in Canada.

Today, the MMF, with its family of institutions, employs approximately 1,000 people and provides a variety of programs and services to its Citizens in all walks of life, as it continues to advance the rights and aspirations of its Citizens. From the children and youth, who benefit from the early learning child care programming the MMF has to offer, to our seniors and Elders who benefit from the affordable senior housing complexes that are being built across Manitoba, as well as our Métis Pharmacare Program, also known as our Prescription Drug Program, which helps our Elders in meeting their medicinal needs.

On July 6, 2021, the MMF and Canada signed the Manitoba Métis Self Government Recognition and Implementation Agreement which, among other things, immediately recognizes the MMF as the existing democratically elected government of the Red River Métis collective inside and outside of Canada as well as our democratic institutions, including the Assembly. This Agreement and our current negotiations of our Modern-Day Treaty continue to follow the direction provided by our Citizens and through our AGA including the 2019 Manitoba Métis Self-Government Declaration.

The MMF has always stood firm as the protector of the Métis Nation and the defender of the national definition of Métis. We continue to prove that we stand ready to defend the Métis Nation from those attempting to steal our identity and discredit the contributions of our Ancestors. As we strengthen our role as the National Government of the Red River Métis we will continue to protect our Citizens and our rights across borders now and into the future.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am pleased to introduce to you the Manitoba Métis Federation's Local Resource Book that is being distributed to our Local Executives, providing information on programs and services offered by your Métis Government.

Locals and Local leaders have always been a critical component of Red River Métis governance. Throughout our history, the Red River Métis, also known as the Manitoba Métis, have utilized three core governance institutions: Grassroots Leadership, Cabinet, and President. These structures have provided us with a collective and democratic decision-making process for critical matters to progress our community.

From the time of the Buffalo Hunt, this structure has provided a stable core for the Red River Métis. Not only was the community brought together to elect and guide the Captain of the Hunt during the Buffalo Hunt, but President John Bruce also assembled a system of governance that provided the parishes of the Red River Settlement with the opportunity to guide the Provisional Government. The founders of the Manitoba Métis Federation also used this system of governance when designing the Constitution in 1967.

In Louis Riel's memoirs he confirmed that, although the elected leaders of the Buffalo Hunt set the Laws of the Prairie and acted on the authorities entrusted to them, for matters of significant importance the leaders of the Hunt relied on the majority voices of the Citizens. We have always relied upon an Assembly of grassroots leaders and Citizens to guide our Red River Métis leaders. It is with the vision of our Ancestors that we have continued to rely on the guidance of our Citizens to make decisions that face our Community to this day.

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From my very first election, I have always committed myself to strengthening the voices of our Local leaders. MMF's Cabinet will always be guided by the vision of our grassroots leaders. Through resolutions and the design of our Constitution, all our Citizens can rest assure that their voices and opinions will always be heard by Cabinet.

Given the significant role that our Locals and Local Executives play in our governance system, it is crucial that we continue to provide you the updated information to inform your respective communities. The enclosed material will assist your Locals in finding information about services and programs offered by your Métis Government.

I thank all elected Local leaders for their dedication and vision as we continue to work together on key issues affecting the Red River Métis. I am incredibly proud of the contributions of each and every Local. Every Cabinet meeting; Regional meeting; Annual General Assembly; and every opportunity in between, I am told about all your good work and Cabinet is deeply impressed by the devotion of our grassroots leaders.

On behalf of the Cabinet, we thank you for your commitment as Local leaders of the National Government of the Red River Métis.



A LETTER TO CITIZENS

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THE MANITOBA METIS FEDERATION WITHDRAWS FROM THE METIS NATIONAL COUNCIL

September 29, 2021

The Red River Métis – the Indigenous collective also known as the Manitoba Métis – is the origin, root, and core of the Métis Nation. Without us, there is no true Métis Nation. The Red River is the birthplace of the Métis Nation and the heart of the Métis Nation Homeland. The Red River Métis are Canada's negotiating partners in confederation and the founders of the province of Manitoba.

We have a long history of protecting our land and our right to self-determination and self-government. Much of this is in the history books and in the oral knowledge of our Elders. Our ancestors fought many battles, negotiated treaties, and put political pressure on others to recognize us. An example was forming the MMF in 1967 to be the successor to the 1869 National Committee of the Red River Committee and Louis Riel's Provisional Government seated at Upper Fort Garry.

After the Provisional Government's creation of Manitoba in 1870, the Red River Métis experienced the reign of terror. Where our people dispersed across our Homeland and beyond, in search of peace and security. After World War II, our returning Veterans began the work to strengthen our community and recover our pride.

In 1983, as a founding Governing Member, the MMF created the Métis National Council (MNC) to ensure the national voice of the Métis Nation centered on and connected to the Red River Métis. Through it, we had a national voice independent from pan-aboriginal organizations. In 2002 our independence and identity were strengthened by our national definition of Métis. All Governing Members ratified this definition and it was put into all of our constitutions or bylaws.

Today, unfortunately, despite what we believed was every Governing Members' commitment to the definition, the MNC has become a pan-aboriginal organization. We cannot be part of what it has become. Therefore MMF is announcing that we are leaving the MNC. Going forward, the MMF will exclusively represent the rightful heirs and descendants of the Red River Métis – the true Métis Nation.

Over the last several decades, we have started to crystallize the essence of our identity, while working hard to protect your rights as harvesters, along with other rights such as governance, along with our shared culture and heritage.

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The MMF has long been the protector of the definition of our identity, while others sought to find a way to take our place as their own. But these are people with no connection to us. The only reason they seek this connection now is because we've achieved so much in the last decade. But what they don't realize is that this work has taken us 150 years to accomplish.

This Identity Theft is taking what our grandparents and great-grandparents fought so hard to maintain, and the perpetrators have little understanding of the struggles our ancestors endured, and we endured, to get to this place. We were pushed off our land, attacked, assaulted and murdered, and our future was stolen. This is part of our history, and it's why we have always been strong united, together, as a collective, since the times of the buffalo hunts. It's not just because we shared kinship, music, beadwork, dances, and other traditions - it's also because of what we've endured together as a people.

The presidents of Alberta and Saskatchewan, along with the vice-president in British Columbia, have chosen to support Ontario in this endeavour, setting the stage for the entry of thousands and thousands who are not us.

When we consulted with you in 2019, you gave your Cabinet and I a single explicit message, delivered by three thousand united voices in General Assembly, unwavering in your position that we must take all measures necessary to protect who we are. Your Métis government heard you, loud and clear. You told us that if the Métis Nation of Ontario was permitted to bring these Identity Thieves into our Nation, to endanger our place in Canadian Confederation and claim to be us, then we must withdraw. We took your message to heart. Now it is has been turned into action.

Your Cabinet and I as your President have now done what you have guided us to do. Effective this morning, September 29, 2021, we are no longer part of the Métis National Council.

If you're a descendant of the Red River Métis, the MMF is your government no matter where you live. We will continue to offer existing programs, services and opportunities for all Red River Métis while protecting the unique identity, culture and heritage of the Red River Métis. Your Métis government will always protect you, no matter what comes next.

Thanks to the July 6, 2021 Canada - MMF Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Agreement we signed, we, the Red River Métis - the Métis Nation - are the only Indigenous nation to have a nation-wide recognition agreement without borders, with a modern-day treaty and a settled land claim soon to come.

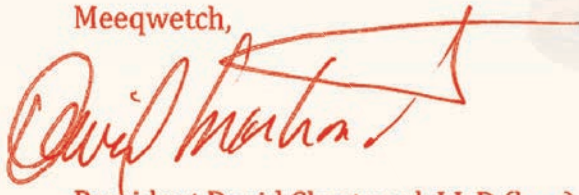
In 1982, your leaders worked hard to secure our rights in section 35 of the Canadian Constitution. When you reflect back now, you can remember a time when nobody wanted to be Métis in Eastern Canada. It is only now that they see the progress we've made in advancing our overall rights and our harvesting rights, the funding we can offer for education and housing, our daycares, our land claim and our modern-day treaty development – now, they are coming after something we fought to regain for 205 years. We will not let them take our identity or the resources we've earned today, and we will not let them be stolen from the next generation – these resources belong to the Red River Métis.

Rest assured, we will take all the necessary steps to protect our achievements, identity and the legacy our ancestors. Our goal is to ensure that the next generation can embellish on our vision and pass on a rich tradition, culture and heritage to future generations. Your Métis government stands strong and ready to accomplish this important task.

We are your government – the democratic government of the Red River Métis – the Manitoba Métis - the historical and modern-day Métis Nation. And remember: we will always have your back.

Our time has come!

Meeqwetch,



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

Believe in yourself – Believe in the Red River Métis.



CENTRAL REGISTRY OFFICE

CITIZENSHIP FORMS

The Central Registry Office maintains a database for MMF Citizenship, ensures that all of our Citizens' information is up-to-date, and assists Métis people in obtaining Métis Citizenship with the MMF.

Location: 150 Henry Ave. Winnipeg, MB.

Contact: (204) 555-0123

GENEALOGIES

We encourage all of our Métis Citizens to obtain their genealogy; to claim their birthright and confirm their Citizenship with the MMF and the Métis Nation.

Location: St.Boniface Historical Society

Contact: (204) 233-4888

HARVESTERS FORMS

Métis harvesters must validate their MMF Harvester Card yearly by purchasing the current year's CTF sticker on or after April 1.

Location: 150 Henry Ave. Winnipeg, MB

Contact: (204) 586-8474

EXPIRATION DATES

The Central Registry Office would like to remind Métis Citizens to be aware of when the expiry date is on your Citizenship card and ensure to have your card renewed when your expiry date is approaching.

Location: 150 Henry Ave. Winnipeg, MB

Contact: citizenship@mmf.mb.ca



CULTURE AND HERITAGE

THE LIFE OF LOUIS RIEL

The theatrical play "The Life of Louis Riel" follows Manitoba's founding father through his struggles and successes since his childhood.

Location: Canadian Museum of History, Ottawa, ON.
Contact: 819-776-7000



MÉTIS JIG ANDJAM VARIETY SHOW

The department showcased some incredibly gifted Métis Citizens via the virtual Métis Jig and Jam Variety Show.

Location: YouTube Livestrem
URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OM1KyIBisLE>



MICHIF WORD OF THE DAY

This year the Culture & Heritage Department started the "Michif Word of the Day"; a series of social media posts translating Michif words into English

Location: Facebook and Instagram
Contact: @manitobametisfederation



MÉTIS MUSIC VAN

Spreading our culture across Manitoba was the mission of the Métis Music Van and the reason why it was created during the COVID-19 restrictions. This first prototype van has been a proud achievement of our department this year.

Location: Interlake and Winnipeg Areas (travelling)
Contact: 204-586-8474





EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE

NEW CHILD CARE FACILITIES

The Early Learning & Child Care is committed to creating new child care spaces across the province of Manitoba.

Location: Multiple Locations

Contact: 204-589-4327



GOVERNANCE AND PARTNERSHIPS

Child Care Committee: Manitoba Metis Federation and Affiliated Centres will be governed by a Child Care Committee. Committee members will be informed on the Best Practices Licensing Manual for Early Learning and Child Care, centre by-laws and personnel policies, etc.

Multiple Partnerships

URL: <https://www.mmf.mb.ca/early-learning-child-care>



EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

The department is looking to enhance existing Early Learning and Child Care programs by providing resources and other Métis culture-based supports to augment their ability to effectively address the cultural, social, and language needs of Manitoba.

Become an Early Childhood Educator

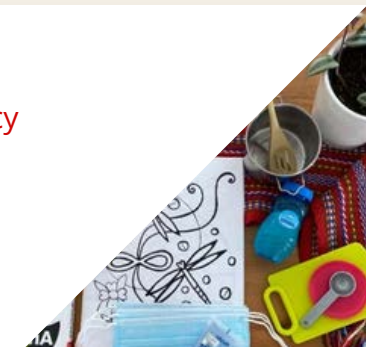
Contact: elcc@mmf.mb.ca



CULTURAL KITS AND TRAINING

Maa-Maan Pi Soon Biibii, Super Dad's Super Kids, The Little Metis Literacy Program (3-5 years,) My Little Métis Box, Culture Kits

Contact: elcc@mmf.mb.ca





ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION DEPARTMENT

The Department ensures a consistent and thorough approach to Engagement and Consultation by ensuring the Red River Métis voices are heard.

WHAT IS RESOLUTION NO.8?

Unanimously passed in 2007 at the MMF Annual General Assembly, Resolution No. 8 is a framework for engagement and consultation to be followed by government and proponents when a proposed project or legislation may impact the rights, interests, and claims of the Red River Métis.

THE "SINGLE WINDOW" APPROACH

Resolution No. 8 framework aims to ensure a "single-window" approach. Meaning all notifications come through our Department at Home Office.

HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Contact the Engagement and Consultation Department if there is a project you would like to share your feedback or comments. This will ensure your Métis Government mitigates potential impacts on your rights, interests or claims.

Phone: 204-586-8474

Contact: consultation@mmf.mb.ca



ENERGY, INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

AGRICULTURE

Red River Métis farmers and ranchers have a long history of utilizing crown lands to support their families and local communities. Farming and ranching represent both a modern livelihood and a traditional economic foundation of the Red River Métis, and is currently under significant stress.

ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Energy and Infrastructure is focused on a number of industry sectors including natural gas and oil pipelines, hydro transmission and generation, nuclear, solar and wind energy, and major infrastructure projects such as roads, water diversion projects and outlet channels. The E and I team works to ensure the voice of the Red River Métis is heard loud and clear by government and industry alike through participation in environmental assessments, regulatory processes, consultation and engagement meetings and monitoring opportunities. On a project by project basis, we prioritize the inclusion of Red River Métis specific information and mitigation, that perspectives are integrated into proposed projects, and that our rights, claims and interests are protected.

ENVIRONMENT AND MINING

To this day, many Métis Citizens work closely with, and rely strongly on, our environment for day-to-day livelihood, sustenance, and cultural purposes. It is imperative that the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) works to ensure our environment is protected for ourselves as well as future generations. Without a healthy, sustainable environment, it is not possible to continue many of our traditional social and economic practices or exercise our Métis rights.

FISHERIES

Many challenges were realized in the year of 2021, with these challenges persisting into 2022. With the wisdom gained from the first year of the pandemic, we were able to adapt and succeed in some important areas of the Fisheries portfolio. The Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) took steps toward protecting and advocating the rights and interests of Métis commercial fishers and the inland fishing industry to ensure its sustainability and profitability for future generations.

NATURAL RESOURCES

The Manitoba Métis Federation's (MMF) Natural Resources portfolio, housed within the MMF's Energy, Infrastructure and Resource Management (EIRM) department, is centered around the Métis Laws of the Harvest and the constitutionally protected section 35 rights. As the Minister Responsible for Natural Resources, Leah LaPlante is dedicated and passionate about protecting Métis harvesters, and has ensured that the Manitoba Métis' concerns and interests are brought forward to help conserve and manage the lands, waters, and resources of Manitoba.



HARVESTERS

HARVESTING

Delegates to the 2018 MMF Annual General Assembly (AGA) voted unanimously in favour of a Resolution to defend Métis harvesting rights in Game Hunting Areas (GHAs)

Location: 150 Henry Ave. Winnipeg, MB.

Contact: 819-776-7000



PUBLIC SAFETY

Métis harvester must follow the laws of public safety, must adhere to Métis Laws of the Harvest: Revised 3rd Edition, and must hold a validated MMF Harvester Card with the current year's Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) sticker.



NIGHT HUNTING

Complete prohibition on dangerous spotlighting throughout Manitoba, and second, prohibition of night hunting within Agro Manitoba from dusk to dawn, with continued night hunting and stationary spotlighting in Non-Agro Manitoba when away from settlements and local populations.

Contact: @manitobametisfederation



MAPS AND ZONE BOUNDARIES

For more information about Métis hunting areas throughout Manitoba, please visit our website at <https://www.mmf.mb.ca/harvesters>

URL: <https://www.mmf.mb.ca/harvesters>



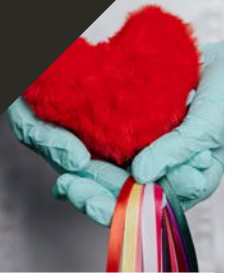


HEALTH AND WELLNESS DEPARTMENT

MANDATE

Established in 2005, the HWD is a leader in actualizing its vision of 'a well Métis community in Manitoba' by developing and using culturally grounded, holistic knowledge.

The HWD aims to improve the quality of life and wellbeing of Red River Métis through prevention, health service delivery, research, and innovation through a distinctions-based approach.



HEALTH RESEARCH

The HWD has chosen to use the Métis Life Promotion Framework and refers to the Wellness Areas originally developed by Dr. Judith G. Bartlett and adapted within the MMF for Métis use. Our intention is to create Métis-specific health and wellness knowledge.



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM - Métis citizens aged 55 and older with an annual income of \$25,000 or less, who use MEDOCare Pharmacy for prescription dispensing and delivery are eligible for the Prescription Drug Program.

HEALTH FORUM - Continuous community engagement is vital to our work at the HWD, to ensure we are addressing the health concerns of citizens in an effective way. The HWD is hoping to provide another Forum in Fall 2022.



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT LINE

The MMF is prioritizing the mental health of its citizens. The need for Métis specific mental health supports is evident now more than ever in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Contact: 1-833-390-1041 Ext. 1 (7am-11pm)





HOUSING AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

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Contact: 204-586-8474 EXT: 2680
Email: HousingAdmin@mmf.mb.ca

FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER PURCHASE PROGRAM

FTHPP makes home ownership possible for Métis first time home buyers through a one-time grant that helps cover the down payment and closing costs needed to purchase a home. Delivered through the Louis Riel Capital Corporation (LRCC), this program is designed to help low to moderate income Métis citizens overcome financial challenges related to purchasing a home. The grant covers 5% of a home purchase price up to a maximum of \$15,000 towards an initial down payment, as well 1.5% up to a maximum of \$2,500 towards all closing costs. To apply, please contact LRCC or visit their website at: <https://www.lrcc.mb.ca/first-time-home-purchase-program>



HOME ENHANCEMENT LOAN PROGRAM (H.E.L.P.)

H.E.L.P. provides financial support for low to moderate income Métis Citizens through a one-time forgivable loan up to \$18,000 in Southern Manitoba, \$25,000 in Northern Manitoba, to undertake emergency repairs or home renovations. This program allows Métis Citizens to live in their homes safely and comfortably, all while adapting, improving, upgrading, and maintaining the efficiency and/or accessibility of their property. Immediate priority is given to those demonstrating emergency or health and safety-related housing needs. For additional information and examples of eligible repairs, please visit our website.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The MMF is committed to building and maintaining affordable housing units for all Métis Citizens. To date, over 45 units have been built and dozens are under construction or in their design phases, with many more homes planned for the future. Current developments across all regions of the province have largely focused on affordability, with an emphasis on Senior Housing. Senior units exceed basic accessibility standards by offering ramps, grab bars in bathrooms, wide hallways, and more. If you're interested in applying to live in one of the MMF's Affordable Housing Units, please visit: <https://www.mmf.mb.ca/housing-property-management>



STRATEGIES TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS

In response to an increased risk of homelessness, the MMF launched 550 Selkirk Avenue, a transitional intake hub and providing services for those without a place to call home. The MMF will expand transitional housing with wrap-around services, ensuring safe spaces for all. Available early 2023 are two new centres. 670 Main Street will be a 'one stop shop,' providing emergency refuge and services for basic needs, addictions, mental health, counselling, and more. Mazoun Infinitii Pakosahyimoohk, also known as Infinity Lodge, will provide housing for Métis youth aging out of CFS' care. In-house supports will help youth transition to independent living through employment navigation, cultural connection, and community-based programs.





INFINITY WOMEN SECRETARIAT (IWS)

WHAT WE DO

Infinity Women Secretariat (IWS) is a non-profit, provincial organization that works with Métis women, girls, youth, and 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals throughout the Province of Manitoba. IWS is an affiliate of MMF. IWS provides programs that assist Métis women throughout each of the seven Regions of the MMF.

PROSPERITY THROUGH INNOVATION

A collaboration to help Métis women find employment with MMF's MET department which provides training, and MMF affiliate LRI which provides education, while MMF and external organizations provide work placement. Training and transportation allowances provided by MET allow more individuals to participate, and childcare is also provided.

EMPOWERING INDIGENOUS WOMEN FOR STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Online virtual sessions for Métis women to build leadership skills to run for public office and leadership positions.

IWS EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE STRATEGY

This program is in collaboration with MMF's ELCC department and provides programs for children from 12 weeks to 12 years of age.

FAMILY VIOLENCE AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION PROGRAM

A partnership with MMF, the Ma-Mow-We-Tak Friendship Centre in Thompson, and the Joy Smith Foundation. Resources and programs are provided for Métis women, girls, and 2-Spirited individuals to counteract gender-based violence.



INFINITY WOMEN SECRETARIAT (IWS)

EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY FOR METIS WOMEN

A partnership with MMF to provide summer student placements at MMF locals across the province, and assist female Métis youth and women in Manitoba to find employment.



ENHANCING GOVERNANCE AND ADVOCACY CAPACITY

This program provides governance and advocacy training and facilitation sessions to IWS board members, Regional and Local representatives, and Métis women in Manitoba.



COVID-19 INITIATIVES

In partnership with MCLD, IWS provides Métis Elders with care packages for products such as shampoo, conditioner, laundry tabs, face masks, and leisure activities. MCLD sends the packages with food hampers provided to Elders weekly.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Mailing address: 11-150 Henry Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba
Phone: 204-586-8474 Ext. 2775
Email: IWS@mmf.mb.ca

Governance: IWS is comprised of staff members, and a board of directors made up of seven regional directors, the spokeswoman, and a youth representative.





LOUIS RIEL CAPITAL CORPORATION

WHAT WE DO

Founded in 1992 by the economic development initiatives of the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF), Louis Riel Capital Corporation (LRCC) is a Manitoba Métis-owned lending institution created to finance the start-up, acquisition and/ or expansion of viable Métis controlled small businesses based in Manitoba.

SERVICES

- Business Term Loans & Equity Contribution (Grant) Programs
- MMF Entrepreneurship Initiative (Youth, Fishers, Small/Home-Based Businesses)
- Developing Business Plans
- Analyzing Business Performance
- Business Advisory Services
- Understanding Financing Options
- COVID-19 Business Support Programs (when available)

PERSONAL SERVICES

In order to be eligible for consideration of LRCC services, an applicant must be an individual of Métis ancestry or a corporation or other approved entity, controlled or owned by Métis people.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Address: 340-150 Henry Avenue, Winnipeg, MB, R3B 0J7

Phone: 204-589-0772

Toll Free within Manitoba: 1-800-387-6004

Fax: 204-589-0791



LOUIS RIEL INSTITUTE

BACKGROUND

The Louis Riel Institute was created as an institution of self-governance by the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF). In December of 1985, the Manitoba Métis Federation Inc. appointed a working group to study the feasibility of establishing an institute which would serve as a vehicle to deal with the educational concerns and aspirations of the Métis people of Manitoba. The Institute would be known as the "Louis Riel Institute."

LRI MISSION STATEMENT

As the Educational Authority for the Manitoba Métis Federation, the Louis Riel Institute promotes, builds capacity and supports the heritage and history of Métis in Manitoba through efficient, effective, culturally sensitive programs and activities.

LRI MANDATE

The Louis Riel Institute is the Métis Educational and cultural institute that will promote the advancement of education and training for Métis people in Manitoba; and foster an understanding and appreciation of the culture, heritage and history of Manitoba and the Métis people in Manitoba for the benefit of all Manitobans.

LRI VISION

As the Educational Authority for the Manitoba Métis Federation, the Louis Riel Institute serves to empower the Métis Nation of Manitoba made of up skilled and proud Métis citizens, families and communities.

Please visit us online at: www.louisrielinstitute.ca

Contact lri@mmf.mb.ca

Phone: 204-984-9480



LOUIS RIEL VOCATIONAL COLLEGE

WHAT WE DO

The Louis Riel Vocational College is your answer to an affordable investment in your future. We offer a unique cultural and educational experience. Although originally created as an "educational vehicle" for the Métis people, we are pleased to welcome all students from all backgrounds to experience what we have to offer.



DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

Our diploma programs provide a "culture and history" component designed to promote tolerance and understanding across all cultures. We were the first to mandate these teachings as part of our diploma programs.



CORPORATE TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

We also provide relevant education to the Indigenous communities, business community and corporations through our one and two day workshops that can be hosted at our site or in your workplace. We offer an entire library of relevant training programs that can be customized to your exact business model or community need.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Website: www.lrvc.ca

Email: lrvc@mmf.mb.ca

Phone: 204-984-9480





METIS CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AUTHORITY

WHO WE ARE

The Metis Child and Family Services Authority is a non-profit organization responsible for the administration and provision of child and family services by the agencies under its jurisdiction, Metis Child and Family Community Services and Michif Child and Family Services.



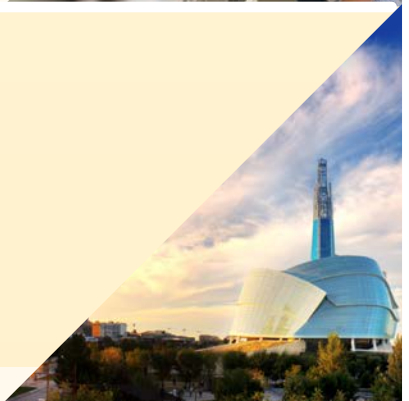
OUR AGENCIES

METIS CHILD, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Winnipeg Region | Southeast Region | Interlake Region

MICHIF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

Southwest Region | Northwest Region | The Pas, Thompson Regions



BILL C-92

As Bill C-92, An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families comes into fruition, our responsibilities as a CFS organization have never been higher. The Métis will soon fall under federal jurisdiction and be recognized as an independent nation responsible for the care of its own children.

URL: <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2019/06/an-act-respecting-first-nations-inuit-and-metis-children-youth-and-families-receives-royal-assent.html>



CONTACT INFORMATION

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MÉTIS COMMUNITY LIAISON DEPARTMENT

WHAT WE DO

The Métis Community Liaison Department (MCLD) provides support in a culturally appropriate manner for the well-being of Métis elders, families and citizens of Manitoba. The MCLD promotes healthy lifestyles, Métis pride, and self-determination. MCLD assists Métis individuals, families and elders to access services and resources in their communities, locally and regionally. MCLD currently has liaison workers in all seven regions.

MÉTIS PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM

The Prescription Drug Program is a Manitoba Métis Federation initiative that pays for Pharmacare eligible prescription drugs. Métis Community Liaison Workers assist our Métis seniors by facilitating intake and collecting supporting documentation. To qualify for this program clients are to be 55 years of age or older, hold Métis citizenship and have an annual income of \$25,000 or less. This program is in partnership with the MMF Health & Wellness Department and MEDOCare Pharmacy.

SENIOR VISION CARE INITIATIVE

The Senior Eyeglass Program and Vision Care Initiative aid those Métis seniors that require assistance in managing their eye care. This program includes regular eye examinations and prescription eyeglasses. Clients need to meet the same criteria as the Prescription Drug Program. MCLD has continued its partnership with Dr. Nana Owusu and Dr. Renee Phipps, owners of Prairie Eye Care in the City of Winnipeg. Prairie Eye Care has four locations throughout Winnipeg to serve clients with eye exams and eyeglasses. Through this partnership, we have been able to provide service to all Métis Citizens regardless of where they live. Please get in touch with your Regional Métis Community Liaison Worker for further details.

MMF BEREAVEMENT FUND

The MMF Bereavement fund helps our Métis families in need of financial support with expenses involved with the loss of a loved one. Financial resources are replenished through fundraising efforts of the MMF. MCLD assists the family by facilitating intake and collecting supporting documentation to ensure the family receives the \$200 donation.



MÉTIS COMMUNITY LIAISON DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

This initiative is not an established program however the need is quite apparent. MCLD carefully reviews each request and assess them on a case-by-case basis. Although MCLD is not able to provide assistance in every case, we do our best to provide the citizen with partial supports or referrals to

assist their medical needs. Citizens from across Manitoba have approached MCLD in each of the seven Regions seeking supports of various forms. Some examples of supports requested and provided include but are not limited to medical equipment (walkers, wheelchairs, canes, bathroom bars, shower/tub seats), financial aid for travel to medical appointments as well as assistance with the purchase of medication

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM

This program provides free income tax prep services for Elders, families and individuals who meet eligibility criteria. MCLD offers income tax clinics and walk ins.

CLIENT SUPPORTS AND ADVOCACY

MCLD provides resources and advocacy to Métis citizens in a variety of areas including but not limited to; **Child & Family Services (CFS), Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI), Worker's Compensation Board (WCB), Employment & Income Assistance (EIA) Employment Insurance, Old Age Pension (OAS) & Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Income Tax Benefits & Credits, Residential Tenancies Board (RTB), Northern Patient Transportation (NPT), Manitoba Health, Cancer Care**

LITTLE MÉTIS SING WITH ME

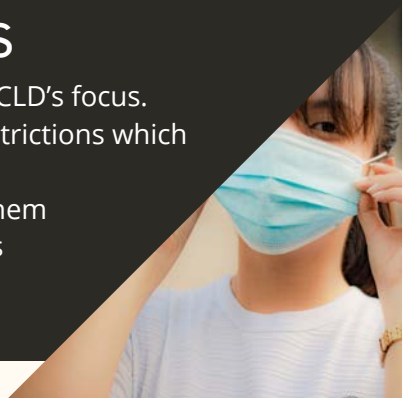
Little Métis Sing with Me is a parent-child literacy program promoting Métis culture, language and heritage. Programming has been offered in partnership with several different organizations and community groups. MCLD Winnipeg staff facilitated the program at Hastings School, Tye Tykes, Lord Selkirk school and River Elm School. Due to the onset of COVID-19 in person programming was suspended due to the restrictions however virtual programming could be accommodated.



MÉTIS COMMUNITY LIAISON DEPARTMENT

COVID 19 INITIATIVES AND PREPAREDNESS

Due to the onset of COVID 19 in March of 2020 there was a major shift in MCLD's focus. MCLD began preparing our citizens for what was to become mandatory restrictions which included the province wide lockdown. We reached out to all our elders and most vulnerable citizens and provided them with Wellness Checks, taught them the proper handwashing protocols and guided them with how the MMF was there to support them during this uncertain time.



MMF COVID HAMPER PROGRAM

In the beginning of the COVID 19 Pandemic, MCLD Winnipeg partnered with Cantor's Quality Meats and Groceries, Downtown Family Foods and Active Courier to begin preparing and delivering hampers to Métis citizens in the Winnipeg area. Regional MCLD staff throughout the province worked alongside their VP's to form partnerships and help with the execution of each Region's hamper program. On March 26, 2020 the MMF Hamper program began with the first deliveries going out. The program has continued to run, with six rounds of hampers being delivered. MCLD assisted with the preparation and delivery of over 15,000 hampers province wide.



MMF MEMORIAL SERVICE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The purpose of this Memorial Service Financial Support Program (the "Program") is to assist our deceased Citizen's family with costs associated with the planning of a funeral or memorial service of their loved one. The MMF Program will provide financial assistance of up to \$5,000.00 to eligible Métis Citizens to cover basic costs associated with funeral home expenses. MCLD is the central point of contact for the Program and operates as the hub for the intake and facilitation with the funeral homes and families of the deceased citizen.



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METIS JUSTICE INSTITUTE

MANDATE

The mandate of the MJJI is to develop and maintain a wide range of justice programs and services that meet the expectations of the Red River Métis in Manitoba. The MJJI is guided by the MMF Minister of Justice to establish working relationships and partnerships to provide support and advocacy to Red River Métis Citizens in need of justice support. Through our Métis Community Consultations, the MJJI has focused efforts in the identification of key justice sectors to support our Red River Métis Citizens throughout the province. The MJJI continues to lobby Manitoba and Canada to negotiate funding support within our sectors to work towards the development of needed Métis Justice Programs and Services.



CURRENT INITIATIVES

- The Métis Community Justice Program
- The Thompson Community Justice Program
- The Justice Support Program
- Métis Community Inquiries and Resources Assistance.
- Metis Community Safety Sessions, Life Skills and Mediation
- Court Diversion Domestic Violence Programming
- Court Diversion Anger Management Programming
- Police Partnerships with RCMP



RCMP MÉTIS COMMUNITY INITIATIVES COORDINATOR

The Manitoba Metis Federation has partnered with the RCMP with the Signing a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a cooperative process for the development of a long-term relationship in regards to Policing.

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MÉTIS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

MET/ISETS

Manitoba Employment and Training/Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Strategy Agreement - Manitoba Métis Federation's Métis Employment & Training operates through funds provided under the Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ISETS) Agreement. This is a 10-year agreement between Canada and the MMF that provides funding for labour market driven employment and skills training programs.

MÉTIS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING RECRUITMENT

MET Recruitment provides a range of services to clients seeking employment. These services include needs assessment, career planning, resume writing, reviewing job search techniques, access to job boards and labour market information, access to academic program information and referral to training programs, academic programs and employers

MMF ENDOWMENT FUND

The MMF Endowment Fund is well over \$24 million and has been established through partnerships with the University of Brandon, College Universitaire de Saint Boniface, University College of the North, University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg. From its inception in 1999 to present, 7,002 students have applied for bursaries and scholarships, resulting in 4,318 students receiving awards totaling \$8,049,688.

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MÉTIS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

METIS ELDERS WOOD PROGRAM

The Metis Employment & Training department administers the Metis Elders Wood Program. The program combines an employment readiness training program for MET trainees with real work experience preparing and delivering wood to Metis Elders. The Metis Elders Wood Program was developed as a training program to provide short term training while assisting our Métis Elders and persons with disabilities to offset the cost of heating their homes. Through the program, Métis Elders who meet the program criteria receive two cords of prepared wood per residence..

MÉTIS ELDERS WOOD PROGRAM

The program is available across the province and continues to grow every year.

2020-2021	303 homes received wood, 606 cords delivered
2021-2022	339 homes will receive wood, 678 cords will be delivered

For more information and to apply, please contact the Metis Employment & Training department.

LOCAL BURSARY AWARD

The Local Bursary Award is a partnership created with MMF Locals wanting to create an annual bursary opportunity within their Local.

Locals are encouraged to partner with Metis Employment & Training to provide a bursary opportunity for active youth in their Local who are graduating from High School and continuing on in their education into post-secondary studies.

Through this initiative, Metis Employment & Training matches the funds provided by the Local, to a maximum of \$500. For more information and to apply, please contact the Metis Employment & Training department.

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MÉTIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

WHAT WE DO

The Metis Economic Development Fund (MEDF) stimulates the economic development of Manitoba Metis businesses & entrepreneurs by providing equity and/or debt financing creating equity partnerships. MEDF concentrates on businesses and entrepreneurs which are in growth, expansion, or acquisition phases. The Fund may also invest in start-up ventures when the viability of the business outweighs the increased investment risk.



CURRENT OBJECTIVES

- Providing equity for Métis entrepreneurs and businesses
- Promoting and encouraging trade and commerce for Métis entrepreneurs and business
- Facilitating and promoting the Métis business community
- Maintaining liaison between the Métis business community and Government agencies and representatives at Municipal, Provincial and Federal levels



INVESTMENT CRITERIA

- Be owned and controlled by individuals who reside in Manitoba with Metis ancestry proven through genealogy.
- Have an experienced, well-balanced management team.
- Submit a comprehensive business plan outlining the product and service offering, with a well-defined market with growth potential and a clearly defined exit strategy.



HOW TO APPLY

We want to hear from you! Call us today at **(204) 589-0772 ext. 2241** or toll free at **1 (800) 387-6004** to start your business opportunity conversation and take advantage of the funding opportunities available to you. The Fund is accepting applications from Manitoba Métis entrepreneurs and businesses. You can also email at **info@medf.ca**





MÉTIS RIGHTS AND CONSTITUTION

IDENTITY

It is known that the Métis Nation was born in the Red River. The Métis flag was first unfurled here. The beautiful prairie flower beadwork has its roots here, as does Michif. It can only be found here. The Red River Métis formed a unique identity here in the Red River and those in Mattawa and Toronto cannot say the same.



LOCALS

Traditionally, the Métis Nation has heavily emphasized grassroots participation and using the wisdom of our Citizens to guide our elected representatives as we move forward on major issues. Strong, active Locals are critical to fulfilling this vision and as such, three resolutions are being brought forward to better equip our Locals with the constitutional tools to strengthen your Métis Government.



ELECTIONS

Democracy is a fundamental value of the Métis Nation. Since the days of the buffalo hunt, Métis have held elections where our Community comes together and selects the Captain of each buffalo hunt. The MMF has remained a protector of the democratic rights of our Citizens. Whether it be participating in the federal, provincial, municipal, or Métis Government elections, we want to encourage all to fulfill their role and participate in the democratic process.



GOVERNANCE

We are entering a new era as the MMF asserts itself as the national voice and protector of the Red River Métis. This national responsibility is taken very seriously, as well as the commitment to continuing to evolve and adapt our institutions of governance to the everchanging political and legal landscape that is unfolding around us.





MICHIF LANGUAGE

MICHIF REVITALIZATION PROPOSAL

\$250,000 (2019-2021) was approved by the Indigenous Languages Component, the Department of Canadian Heritage, for \$250,000. The proposal was submitted by the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) as a governing member.

MICHIF DOCUMENTING AND INDEXING PROJECT

\$295,000 (2020-21) The LRI directly applied to Heritage Canada Indigenous Languages Component for an additional Michif project for the 2020/21 fiscal year, requesting approximately \$320,000. This project was designed to continue with the foundational work started in the Michif Revitalization project, including training documenters, indexers, transcribers, archiving staff, and beginning the work to document, index, transcribe, and digitize language samples.

MUKURTU SHARING PROGRAM

The LRI and Prairies to Woodlands have worked closely as part of the Métis Languages Collaboration, to hire or contract professionals as required for the training. Both existing and new language samples will be shared with users through a language sharing platform called Mukurtu. This project also required some redesigning and an extension due to continued pandemic restrictions. As of March 2021, the project was extended to September 30, 2021. An important piece of this project was to develop capacity for all the work required to revitalize Indigenous languages.

MASTER APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

P2W continued to run MAP with pandemic-safe adjustments to keep pairs as family members only or meeting by Zoom. MAP is known as the most effective program to create speakers due to the immersion nature of it.



PROVINCIAL EDUCATION

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

The Provincial Education launched the third PSESP online application in July, 2021. A PSESP Selection Review Sub-Committee and Appeals Sub-Committee have been put in place for application approvals. In 2019/2020 we were pleased to report that 671 students completed their applications online. Within three days of launching approximately 300 students had completed their application online.



FINANCIAL AID AWARDS

On behalf of the MMF Provincial Education Department, the LRI, in partnership with post-secondary institutions, administered the Louis Riel Bursary (LRB) endowment. The LRB Endowment Fund is currently at \$25 million. Other bursaries provided by the MMF are; the **Mary Guilbeault Métis Bursary**, the **Vickar Community Chevrolet Métis Student Award**, the **Audreen Hourie Indigenous Governance Graduate Fellowship** and the **Senator Gerry and Margaret St. Germain Bursary**.



K-12 EDUCATION

In June 2019, the MMF Provincial Education Department made a submission to Manitoba's Commission on K-12 Education. Recommendations to improve the education of Métis students in K-12 and to promote the awareness of Métis people, culture, and history in Manitoba for all students.



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION STEERING COMMITTEE

The steering committee is composed of representatives from all ten of Manitoba's post-secondary institutions as well as the Manitoba School Boards Association, Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools, the Manitoba Métis Federation Provincial Education, Manitoba Inuit Association and the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre. The Blueprint is an initiative that commits to making excellence in Indigenous post-secondary education a priority.





RIEL HOUSE

WHO WE ARE

Riel House is a National Historic Site commemorating the life of the Métis politician and activist Louis Riel, and also the daily life of Métis families in the Red River Settlement.

RIEL HOUSE ON THE MOVE

Riel House on the Move program was created where staff were able to attend one daycare to deliver the program before the house opened. Again, due to COVID-19 restrictions, there were no special events at Riel House this year. The Soiree Jeudi/ Thursday Jam, the Métis Harvest Corn Roast, Canada Day and any related Manitoba 150 events were all cancelled.

COVID-19

Despite the public only being allowed on the grounds, and not in the house, the interpreters found creative ways for visitors to enjoy Riel House. Interpreters facilitated enjoyable experiences from doorways while visitors looked in or peeked through open windows.

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YOUTH PROGRAMS

WHAT WE DO

Our youth programs focus on providing innovative opportunities, services and events that address the wants and needs specific to each region. Primarily programs are to enhance employability and life skills, youth and community engagement, build leadership abilities, and create connection to the Red River Métis identity.



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Youth Advisory Committees provide a link between the MMF and our Métis Youth as well as our communities by sharing insights to issues that impact Métis Youth and creating program ideas that are reflective of the needs and wants throughout all regions.



MMF ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

Youth conferences target specific themes that are specific to key topics identified by the youth to further assist with connecting to identity, economic development, and encourage youth engagement.



CONTACT

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THE RED RIVER MÉTIS HOMELAND

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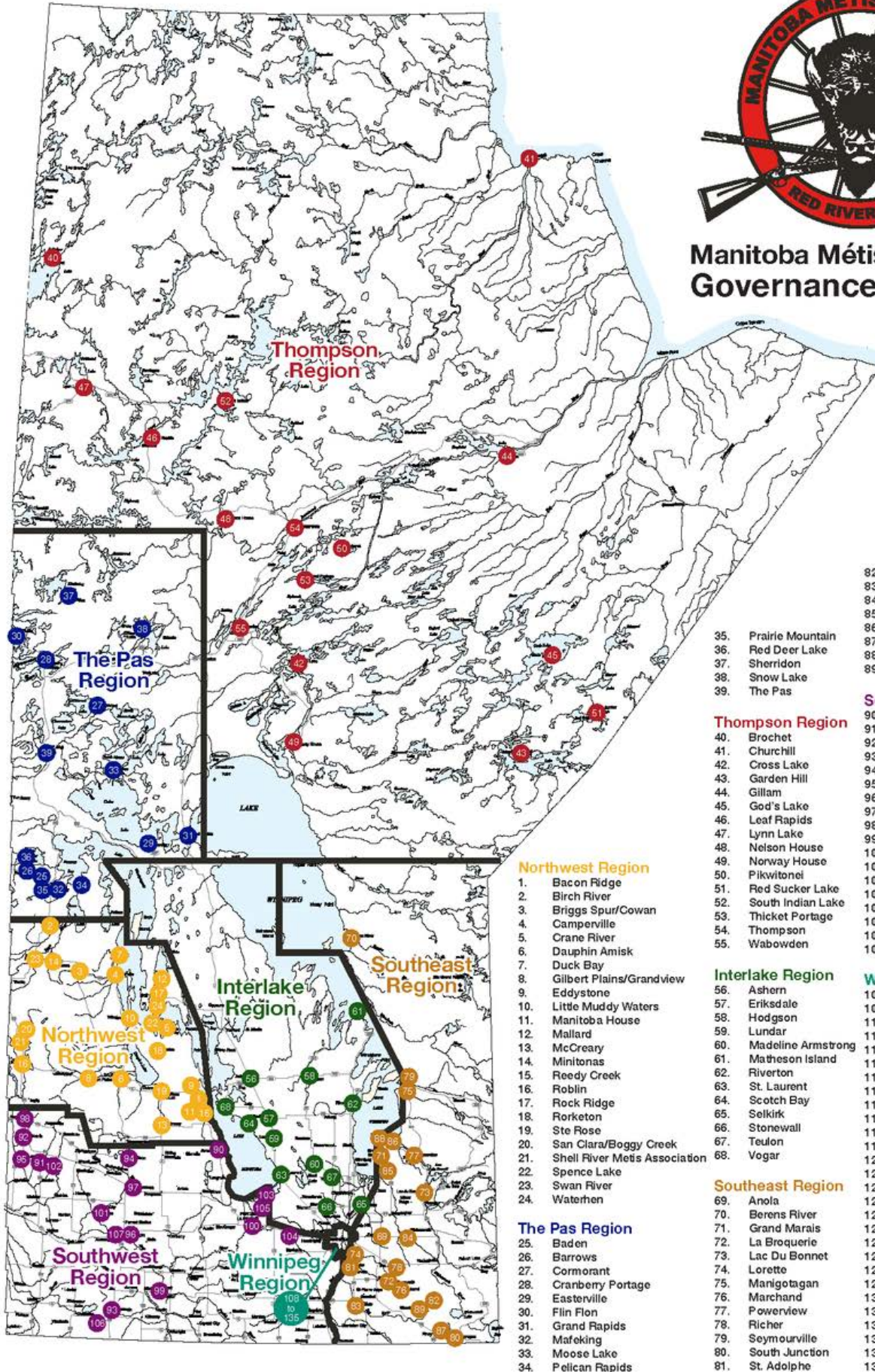


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Manitoba Métis Federation Governance Structure



- 35. Prairie Mountain
- 36. Red Deer Lake
- 37. Sherridon
- 38. Snow Lake
- 39. The Pas

Thompson Region

- 40. Brochet
- 41. Churchill
- 42. Cross Lake
- 43. Garden Hill
- 44. Gillam
- 45. God's Lake
- 46. Leaf Rapids
- 47. Lynn Lake
- 48. Nelson House
- 49. Norway House
- 50. Pikwitonei
- 51. Red Sucker Lake
- 52. South Indian Lake
- 53. Thicket Portage
- 54. Thompson
- 55. Wabowden

Interlake Region

- 56. Ashern
- 57. Eriksdale
- 58. Hodgson
- 59. Lundar
- 60. Madeline Armstrong
- 61. Matheson Island
- 62. Riverton
- 63. St. Laurent
- 64. Scotch Bay
- 65. Selkirk
- 66. Stonewall
- 67. Teulon
- 68. Vogar

Southeast Region

- 69. Anola
- 70. Berens River
- 71. Grand Marais
- 72. La Broquerie
- 73. Lac Du Bonnet
- 74. Lorette
- 75. Manigotagan
- 76. Marchand
- 77. Powerview
- 78. Richer
- 79. Seymourville
- 80. South Junction
- 81. St. Adolphe

Northwest Region

- 1. Bacon Ridge
- 2. Birch River
- 3. Briggs Spur/Cowan
- 4. Camperville
- 5. Crane River
- 6. Dauphin Amisk
- 7. Duck Bay
- 8. Gilbert Plains/Grandview
- 9. Eddystone
- 10. Little Muddy Waters
- 11. Manitoba House
- 12. Mallard
- 13. McCreary
- 14. Minitonas
- 15. Reedy Creek
- 16. Roblin
- 17. Rock Ridge
- 18. Rorketon
- 19. Ste Rose
- 20. San Clara/Boggy Creek
- 21. Shell River Metis Association
- 22. Spence Lake
- 23. Swan River
- 24. Waterhen

The Pas Region

- 25. Baden
- 26. Barrows
- 27. Cormorant
- 28. Cranberry Portage
- 29. Easterville
- 30. Filn Flon
- 31. Grand Rapids
- 32. Mafeking
- 33. Moose Lake
- 34. Pelican Rapids

- 82. St. Labre
- 83. St. Malo
- 84. Ste Rita
- 85. Stoney Point
- 86. Traverse Bay
- 87. Vassar
- 88. Victoria Beach
- 89. Woodridge

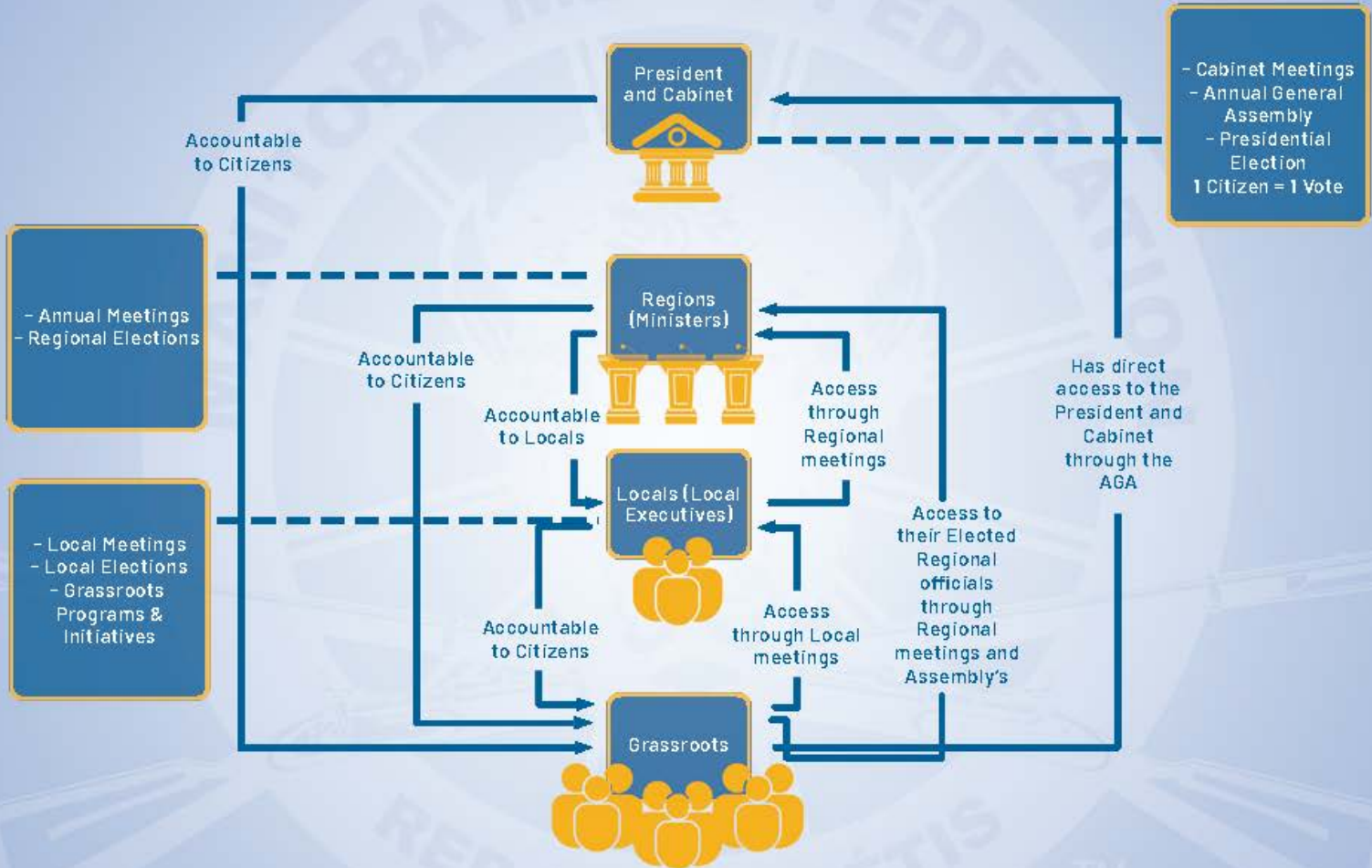
Southwest Region

- 90. Amaranth
- 91. Assiniboine
- 92. Binscarth/Ste Madeline Birle
- 93. Cherry Creek Metis Council
- 94. Erickson/Wapiti
- 95. Fort Ellice
- 96. Grand Valley
- 97. Les Metis
- 98. Pelly Trail/Russell
- 99. Pembina River
- 100. Portage
- 101. Rivers
- 102. Snake Creek
- 103. St. Ambrose
- 104. St. Eustace
- 105. St. Marks
- 106. Turtle Mountain
- 107. Westman

Winnipeg Region

- 108. Blueberry
- 109. Bosco
- 110. Catfish
- 111. Conseil Elzéar Goulet
- 112. Dakota
- 113. Dumont
- 114. Fontaine
- 115. Gilbert Park
- 116. Heritage Proud
- 117. Infinity
- 118. Keenleyside
- 119. Kinew
- 120. Liberty
- 121. Metis Elders
- 122. Michif
- 123. New Horizons
- 124. Point Douglas
- 125. Prairie Buffalo
- 126. Red River
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MMF Government Structure and Accountability Diagram



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**Deeds are not accomplished in a few days, or in a few hours.
A century is only a spoke in the wheel of everlasting time.**

- Louis Riel -

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