



**Winnipeg Métis
Association Inc.**

Newsletter

Tawnsi l'etee! Hello Summer!

Summer is here at the Winnipeg Métis Association! We are excited to bring you the latest edition of our newsletter.

Here, you'll find upcoming events, youth achievements, and will be able to take a look back at what we accomplished this summer.



Upcoming Events

Bison Local - Métis Community Festival

August 8th, 6:00-9:00pm

Red River Métis Picnic in the Park - Seven Oaks Métis Council

August 17th from 1:00-4:00pm

Labour Day

CLOSED - Monday, September 2nd

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

CLOSED - Monday, September 30th

Thanksgiving

CLOSED - Monday, October 14th

A Message From Your Vice-President

Tawnshi! Hello! Bonjour!

On behalf of the Winnipeg Region of your National Government of the Red River Métis, the Manitoba Métis Federation, and staff, I wish all of you the best as we enjoy our summer months of warmth, family, and community gatherings.

We started Summer with our Graduation Ceremony where we had 336 graduates registered to attend our drive by event on Lily Street. High School graduates received \$100 while certificate, diploma, and degree graduates received a \$300.00 cheque. We had graduates take pictures with your Vice-President, Andrew Carrier and Regional Director, David Beaudin.

Regional Directors Remillard, Beaudin, and myself attended the July 18th ribbon cutting ceremony, for the purchase of the Bell MTS building located at 333 Main Street, 179 - 191 Pioneer Street.

We were also at this year's Ste. Madeleine Métis Days from July 19th to the 21st and witnessed the announcement by the Province of Manitoba in the return of the land to the Métis and had many visits with Winnipeg citizens and even took part in the Bannock Making competition by being a judge.

Please know your Cabinet will be meeting from August 12th to the 14th to discuss current and future challenges and opportunities.

On behalf of the Winnipeg Region, I thank you for your continued support. We remain committed in working with you in assisting wherever we can as we work with all levels of Federal, Provincial, and Municipal governments. Please remember to visit us on Facebook and to register for newsletters and emails from your National Government, the Manitoba Métis Federation.

Past Events



Annual Regional Meeting

Citizens gathered at Canad-Inns, Club Regent on Sunday, June 9th for our Annual Regional Meeting.

The Annual Regional Meeting is the perfect place for Citizens to connect with their community, keep up to date, raise concerns, and ask questions.



2024

Graduation

The graduates of Winnipeg Region attended a drive-by event on Saturday, July 6th where they received gifts, a cheque, lawn sign, sash, and t-shirt.

Graduates also got to take photos with Vice-President Andrew Carrier and Regional Director David Beaudin.

Congratulations Class of 2024!



Did you know that in the 2023 - 2024 school year a total of 1,646 students were funded by the Manitoba Métis Federation? This is a 37% increase from the prior year.

For this year's Spring and Summer sessions, the MMF is on track to fund 250 students at nearly \$800,000. This puts us on pace to support 1,900 students in total this year, which is an investment of approximately \$8 million.

This funding is part of MMF's commitment to invest \$90 million in the education of our citizens over 10 years!

~ President Chartrand



Introduction to Archery



Sixteen Winnipeg Region youth attended an Introduction to Archery class hosted by the MMF Youth Department in July.

This class was a great opportunity for our youth to learn a traditional skill, often used for hunting.

A second class is currently being planned, so be sure to follow us on Facebook and connect with your Local.



Summer Métis Mobile Program - Early Learning & Child Care

In July, the Summer Métis Mobile Program, run by Early Learning & Child Care department, was offered to Métis citizens in all seven regions.

The program was offered to Winnipeg Region Citizens in different locations across the city between July 2nd and 5th!

The program offers free Red River Métis activities for children.



Upcoming Dates:

The Early Learning & Child Care Summer Métis Mobile Program is back for the month of August!

Check out the upcoming Winnipeg Region Dates:

- August 13, 2024 - Charleswood
- August 14, 2024 - St. Vital
- August 15, 2024 - St. Boniface
- August 16, 2024 - Point Douglas

For more information email :
elcc@mmf.mb.ca

To register please visit :
<https://form.jotform.com/241426265893261>

Ste. Madeleine Métis Days

Winnipeg Region Staff,
Ministers, and Citizens attended
the Ste. Madeleine Métis Days
from July 19th to July 21st.

The event featured a Red River
Métis Market and lots of
activities for citizens and their
families to enjoy!



Environmental Day Camp July 23-25

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Day Camps



Red River Métis Youth ages 12-17 participated in the Winnipeg Regional environmental day camp.

At the camp, Métis youth participated in a variety of land-based games and activities to learn about our natural ecosystem and climate change.



Regional Programs

Grass Cutting Program

The Grass Cutting program is available for Métis Seniors and Elders 55+ with a valid Métis Citizenship card who require assistance cutting their grass.

If you're a Métis Senior or Elder looking to register for the program or a Métis youth 29 and under with a valid Citizenship card wanting to cut grass, please contact:

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Email at wpgregion@mmf.mb.ca

Phone 204-586-5716 x 2802



Youth in the Community!



Paige Gray

Seven Oaks Métis Council



CCAA Torchbearer

Métis Youth, Paige Gray, member of Les Rouges Women's Soccer and Futsal teams at l'Université de Saint-Boniface was selected as one of 6 recipients Canada-wide for this year's CCAA Torchbearer Award.

Paige received this award for her outstanding community work with MS Canada's Winnipeg MS Walk.

To read more visit:

https://www.ccaa.ca/general/2023-24/releases/2024_torchbearer_Gray

Congratulations Paige!

Grade 9 Athlete of the Year

Métis Youth, Milla Blocker, is a student athlete at Collège Churchill High School. There, she plays on the Bulldogs Female Hockey team, Softball team and is a standout member of the Track and Field Team.

Milla's dedication towards achieving both individual and team goals doesn't go unnoticed.

Congratulations Milla!

Milla Blocker

Bison Local



Emmett DeJaeger

Bison Local



Duathlon Athlete and Runner

Métis Youth, Emmett DeJaeger, participates in local Duathlon and running races.

Since mid April, he has run in 6 races and has 5 more races scheduled throughout July and August.

He has come 1st in timed races and in his 4 Duathlons he came 1st, 2nd, 2nd overall and 4th.

What an accomplishment!

Great job!

Métis Youth Takes on the World Stage

Métis youth, Luke Enns, is a strong Métis athlete who represented Canada at the 2024 ICF Canoe Sprint Junior World Championships in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

Luke started this journey only four years ago and has committed to intense and demanding training, even travelling overseas during the winter months in order to train for the Junior World Championships.

Prior to this, Luke participated in the 2023 North American Indigenous Games and achieved a remarkable five gold medals!

What an amazing accomplishment!

Luke Enns

Bison Local



Abigail Pott

Bison Local



Strong Student Athlete

Métis Youth, Abigail Pott, has many impressive achievements.

On top of graduating high school with many scholarships, she will represent Manitoba as a member of Team Manitoba's U22 Women's Lacrosse team at Box Lacrosse Nationals as well as representing Manitoba as a captain on Team Manitoba's U19 Women's Field Lacrosse Team.

To top it off, Abigail is giving back to the lacrosse community by coaching the Team Manitoba U13 Female Box Lacrosse Team.

Congratulations Abigail!

Advanced Youth Fiddlers

Métis Youth, Kieran Meeches, Kannon Nobess, Katherine Lorteau and Andy Dutiaume are advanced youth fiddlers.

Thanks for spreading the love for Métis fiddle music!

Youth Fiddlers

Kinew Métis Council



Landyn Raulino

Kinew Métis Council



Youth Harvester

Métis Youth, Landyn Raulino is a youth harvester.

Landyn harvested a deer hide (as seen in the photo) and learned how to tan it.

After learning how to tan the deer hide, he is now having gauntlet's made from it.

Great job Landyn!

Actively Involved Youth

Métis youth, Jayden Desjarlais, is an actively involved youth in Kinew Métis Council.

Jayden gardens, harvests, has learned how to tan and even received his Hunters Safety in 2022.

Great job Jayden!

Jayden Desjarlais

Kinew Métis Council



Victoria Hartman

Kinew Métis Council



Youth Role Model

Métis Youth, Victoria Hartman, is a great artist, a great leader and is passionate about her culture.

Thanks for being a great role model Victoria!

Jayda Raulino

Kinew Métis Council

Youth Gardener

Métis youth, Jayda Raulino, has taken up gardening.

Jayda is a second year gardener.

Great job Jayda!





Local Updates



All Locals were invited to send in a submission for the summer newsletter, only those that wished to submit, did.



Local Activity: Prairie Buffalo Local

Special thanks to
Métis entertainers:
Jason Levine and
Lionel Desjarlais

June 4th Meet and Greet

Thirty members of the Prairie Buffalo local gathered at the Winnipeg Métis Club enjoying food, entertainment and meeting fellow local members!



Meeting Information:

Lucille Bruce - Chair
Michelle Breault - Treasurer
Jeffrey Rohne - Secretary
Gisele Simmons - Vice Chair

Meeting dates at St. Mary's Academy (library) are confirmed and are as follows:

- September 25th, 2024
- October 23rd, 2024
- January 22nd, 2025
- March 28, 2025

Follow us on Instagram! 
<https://www.instagram.com/prairiebuffalo/>

All meetings are from 6:30pm - 8:30pm!

For further information email:

Prairiebuffalolocal@gmail.com

Virtual attendees can be accommodated!

Word Search!

Check out our Winnipeg Métis Association Inc. Summer 2024 Word Search located on the next page!



Métis Word Search

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