

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT CARON

I have spent the last two weeks visiting people and places across the Métis Nation Homeland. To be able to once again visit with our families and communities is both refreshing and exciting, especially in this important era of nation building and fully implementing our inherent rights to self-government and self-determination. Throughout our collective journey, I feel it is important to highlight the incredible work being done by our Métis Governments, our communities, families and volunteers. There is so much for us to celebrate and be proud of!

Two weeks ago, I brought greetings alongside the Federal Minister for Families, Children and Social Development at the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan's Conference on Early Learning and Childcare, titled "Guiding our children: Elders sharing their voice." Métis Elders have an incredibly important role to play building a bright,

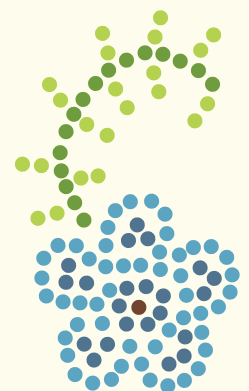


prosperous future for the Métis Nation. Their guidance, knowledge, and love for our people has kept our culture and stories alive. The work being done by all our Métis Governments around Early Learning and Childcare is centring, honouring and uplifting our Elders to ensure Métis children have access to supportive and culturally grounded learning opportunities so that they too can contribute to building a strong Métis Nation for generations to come.

May 5th was the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ individuals. The Métis National Council will continue to advocate for lasting

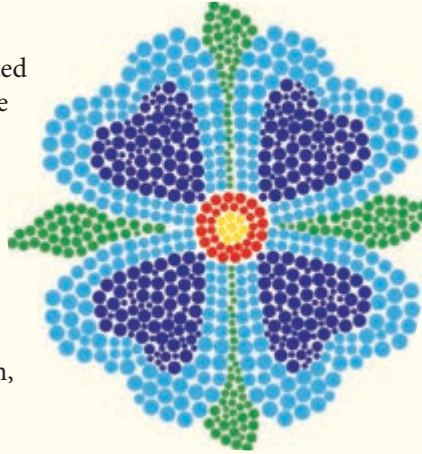
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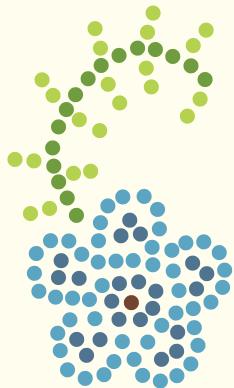


justice, doing all that we can to raise awareness around this ongoing travesty. We are committed to working alongside Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak in actioning Weaving Miskotahâ, our Métis specific plan and Implementation Framework for the National Inquiry Final Report's Calls for Justice and the 62 Calls for Miskotahâ. I was honoured to spend this important day visiting and discussing our collective pathway forward with provincial, regional and community leadership from the Métis Nation of Ontario at their annual Rendezvous.

Finally, this past weekend was Mother's Day. I wanted to take time to honour my own mother and the strong Métis women who raised me, including my Grandma and Aunties. I also want to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing Métis moms, aunties, kokums, great-grandmothers, sisters, guardians and all those who mother in our communities. I am so grateful for all you do and the incredible examples you are setting for the next generation. On behalf of the entire Métis Nation, thank you!



Darian Kovacs



Moments in History

May 9-15th, 1885: The Battle of Batoche was the final major action of the North-West Rebellion, which pitted the Canadian authorities against a force of Métis and First Nations people. The numbers and firepower of General Middleton's forces eventually overwhelmed the Métis fighters, led by Gabriel Dumont and Louis Riel.

The defeat of the defenders of Batoche and its capture led to the surrender of Louis Riel on May 15.

Citizen Spotlight

Darian Kovacs is the founder of Vancouver based SEO company Jelly Digital Marketing & PR and digital marketing school, Jelly Academy. He is the host of the podcast Marketing News Canada, he is a contributing writer for the Globe & Mail, Forbes, Entrepreneur, Canadian Business Quarterly, Future Economy and is on the board of NPower Canada. He was recently nominated by SME Magazine as Indigenous Entrepreneur of the Year. Darian lives in Fort Langley, BC with his wife and four children and likes to mountain bike, watercolour and read in his free time.

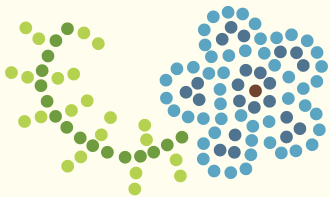
Citizen Spotlight

-Written by President Caron

This incredible Métis woman has a story worth hearing. Elder Angie Crerar so bravely shared her story of her residential school experience with the world last month at the Vatican, but her story is so much more than just that chapter of her life.

Angie is the epitome of resilience. Her dedication to serving our people and communities goes beyond what the eye can see. The love Angie has for her family, her identity as a Métis woman, and all Métis people is something we can all use a little more of. She has worked so hard in her community of Grande Prairie, Alberta, fighting to make a real difference in the lives of Métis living there and also across the Homeland. I was honoured to be toured around GP seeing the real impact Angie has made, and to spend the day listening to her stories of how we can continue improving the lives of our Métis families and communities.

“Love, kindness, and respect. That’s all you need, and our people are relearning that” - Angie Crerar





ONE NATION. MANY STORIES.

BI-WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE GOVERNING MEMBERS

MNBC

Métis Family Connections – Early Years was developed by Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) for families with Métis children birth to 8 years. The program is focused on helping families build a network of support that provides children with opportunities for early learning and childhood development. Métis Family Connections – Early Years Navigators assist families to access programs and services that are available in their region and connect them to community and culture. Since the program launched in April 2019, the program has surpassed 1000 enrollments in over 7 Regions across British Columbia. The Ministry



of Education would like to give special thanks to all who have trusted in us and joined our Métis Family Connections – Early Years family. Helping families build a network of support creates amazing opportunities for early learning and childhood development. We are eager to continue growing alongside our families. By enrolling in Métis Family Connections –

Early Years, families can learn more about Métis identity and the Métis Nation, connect with other Métis families, attend community events and gatherings, receive Métis cultural resources, and have support through each stage of childhood development. Our Métis Family Connections – Early Years Navigators are positioned throughout the province, assisting families in obtaining the supports and services that are locally available to them.



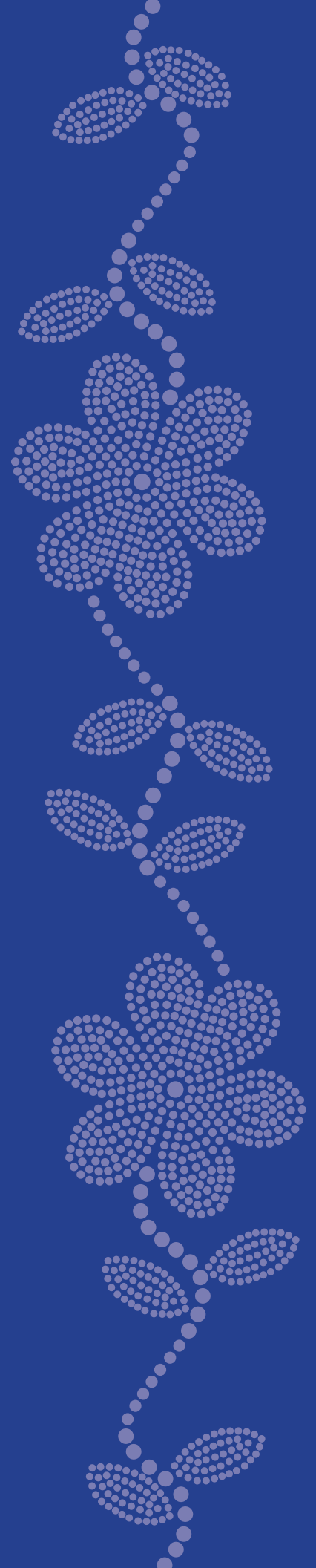
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ELECTED
VICE-PRESIDENT

For more information, or to enroll in Métis Family Connections – Early Years, please visit: <https://www.mnbc.ca/mfc/>

Walter Mineault has been elected Vice President of MNBC. The election results can be found here.





MNS



Métis culture and heritage. From daily entertainment to sporting events to Métis food vendors, there's plenty in store for the whole family.

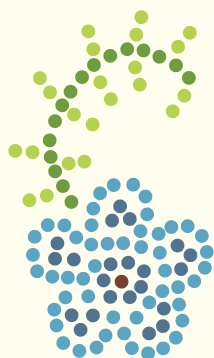
The closing date to submit applications to be a supplier or performer is May 31, 2022.

Application forms can be found at backtobatochedays.ca. For more information call 844-222-8522 or email backtobatoche@mns.work.

Visit the backtobatochedays.ca website often for all the latest festival information. See you at Back to Batoche July 21-24, 2022.

MNA

We are thrilled to be back on the green for the 23rd Annual Audrey Poitras Golf Tournament! Join us on June 17 at the Legends Golf Course in Sherwood Park as we raise money for the Métis Nation of Alberta Benevolent Fund. Sign up today as an individual player or as a team. Enjoy free food, free swag, and fantastic prizes! Details on the poster. Register with Tiersa Rast at 780-455-2200 or trast@metis.org




23rd Annual Audrey Poitras GOLF TOURNAMENT

JUNE 17 | Legends Golf Course
53541 Range Road 232
Sherwood Park

Register Today!

- \$200 per player
- \$800 per team
- Bannock, chili dogs & free drink included
- Free swag & prizes
- Team registration begins at 7:30am
- Shotgun start at 8:30am

For more information or to register your team please contact **Tiersa Rast:**
780-455-2200 or trast@metis.org

All proceeds go to the Métis Nation of Alberta Benevolent Fund!

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KOKUM'S KITCHEN RECIPES

Dandelion Syrup

Ingredients:

- 50 dandelion flower heads, untreated with chemical sprays
- 1 lemon
- 8 cups water
- 5 cups white sugar
- Makes 4 cups.

Instructions:

- Put dandelion flower heads in a large sauce pan.
- Squeeze in the juice out of the lemon and add water. Bring to a boil.

Cover and simmer for 1 hour.

- Remove from heat and let stand overnight, covered.
- Strain, return the liquid to a clean saucepan, and add white sugar.

Stir well and bring to a boil.

- Reduce heat and simmer for 1 1/2 hours or until it reaches the consistency of maple syrup.
- Store in sealed, sterile jars in the refrigerator. Serve over waffles or pancakes.

Found in: Métis Cookbook and Guide to Healthy Living 2ND EDITION





MNO

Report card season is approaching! GULP. But have no fear because the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Education Advocacy program is here to help. Our upcoming Effective Parent Advocacy Workshop on May 26, 2022 @ 7PM (eastern time) will cover how Métis parents can support and advocate for their children ages 0-12. During the workshop we will review:

- ∞ language used in report cards and assessments;
- ∞ questions to ask during parent/teachers interviews;
- ∞ and how to follow-up if you disagree with aspects of the assessment.

We will also discuss how report cards will differ if your child is on an IEP (Individual Education Plan).

For questions or to sign-up email: NicoleD@metisnation.org

MNC Updates

May 16th is the National Adaptation Strategy Symposium. The Symposium will launch public engagement on the development of Canada's first National Adaptation Strategy (NAS). Provincial, territorial, Indigenous, and private sector leaders will showcase adaptation efforts across the country, while NAS Advisory Table co-chairs will provide a high-level update on the work to date in the development of the Strategy, and set the stage for public engagement over the coming months. President Caron will be speaking on a panel at 11:35ET called "From a National Strategy to Local Action: Provincial, Territorial, Municipal and Indigenous Leadership and Strategies". Leaders will share their lived experiences on adaptation and highlight the important roles of provinces, territories, municipalities, Indigenous Peoples, and private sector through the development and implementation of adaptation initiatives in Canada, including the National Adaptation Strategy. You can register [here!](#)

Members of the Métis Nation Health Committee (MNHC) met in Alberta on April 26th & 27th to continue their discussions and planning as they move towards the development of a Métis Nation Health Data Development Strategy. The MNHC was attended by the Directors of Health of Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA), Metis Nation British Columbia (MNBC), Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Metis Nation Saskatchewan (MN-S), Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak (LFMO) and the Metis National Council (MNC). Each Governing Member was represented, which ultimately ensures that the entire Metis perspective was included in the Métis Nation health

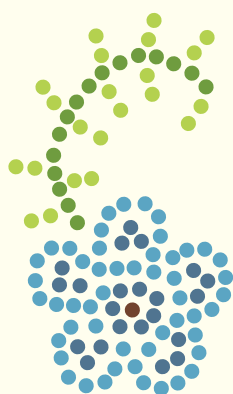




agenda. The first day at MNA offices with a dialogue on Métis Health Priorities. The objective of this dialogue was to provide an opportunity to learn about the common health priorities identify for each Métis Governing Member (GMs).

From here, each of the GMs was able to discuss how the Métis National Council Action Plan moving forward.

The Committee was also able to discuss several issues including the role of MNC – Health Sector on identified health priorities, alignment with current national projects and Métis Nation Perspective about Non-Insured Health Benefits. Next Health Committee will be held in Saskatoon, SK at the beginning of June.



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