



“Métis Lands – Métis Rights” Conference

**April 1st – 3rd, 2006
Fairmont Hotel
Winnipeg, Manitoba**

AGENDA

Friday, March 31

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Registration and Reception**
Location: West Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel

Day One: Saturday, April 1

Conference Co-Chairs: Michelle LeClair-Harding and Will Goodon

9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony: Procession and Flag Raising

Opening Prayer

- Elder Ted Chartrand

Welcoming Comments

- David Chartrand, President, Manitoba Métis Federation
- Rosemarie McPherson, Spokesperson, Women of the Métis Nation
- Jennifer Brown, Chair, Métis Nation Youth Advisory Council
- Rod Bruinooge, Winnipeg South (Manitoba), Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians

9:50 a.m. Conference Overview

- Clément Chartier, President, Métis National Council

10:30 a.m. Health Break

10:45 a.m. **Mapping Our Past**

- a) **Voyageurs/Cart Trails**
 - James McKillip, University of Ottawa
- b) ***Dominion Lands Act (Scrip Commissions)***
 - Frank Tough & Erik Ellehoj, University of Alberta
- c) **Land Use through Historical Photos**
 - Les Branconnier, Saint Boniface Historical Society

12:00 p.m. **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. **Traditional Land Use Study**

- Manitoba Métis Federation

1:30 p.m. **Scrip Presentation**

- Frank Tough, University of Alberta

2:00 p.m. **Updates on Harvesting Rights and Land Issues**

- Métis Nation of Ontario
- Manitoba Métis Federation
- Métis Nation - Saskatchewan
- Métis Nation of Alberta
 - Metis Settlement Lands in Alberta
- Métis Nation British Columbia

3:30 p.m. **Health Break**

3:45 p.m. **Update on *Powley* Implementation and *Taku/Haida* Duty to Consult Workshop**

- Jason Madden, General Counsel, Métis National Council
- Jean Teillet, Pape Salter Teillet

4:45 p.m. **Meeting Adjourns**

6:00 p.m. **Evening Banquet – Honouring Our Veterans Ceremony and Special Presentation of the Order of the Métis Nation**
Location: Winnipeg Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel

Day Two: Sunday, April 2

9:00 a.m. **Panel Discussion on Litigation across the Métis Nation**

- Clément Chartier, Minister of Métis Rights & Self-Government, Métis Nation Cabinet and Counsel, *Morin v. Canada*
- Jason Madden, JTM LAW and General Counsel, Métis National Council
- Jean Teillet, Pape Salter Teillet
- David Chartrand, President, Manitoba Métis Federation
- Thomas Berger and Jim Aldridge, Counsel, *MMF v. Canada*
- Frank Tough, University of Alberta, Principal Investigator, *Morin v. Canada*

10:30 a.m. **Health Break**

10:45 p.m. **Questions and Discussion on Métis Litigation**

12:00 p.m. **Lunch**

Harry Daniels Video Showing

1:00 p.m. **Relationship with Government of Canada (First Ministers Meeting on Aboriginal Issues; Kelowna Accord; Canada-Métis Nation Framework Agreement; Métis Jurisdiction and s. 91(24) of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, Resolving Métis Claims and Land Issues)**

- Clément Chartier, Minister of Métis Rights and Self-Government
- Jason Madden, General Counsel, Métis National Council

Questions and Discussion on Relationship with Canada

2:00 p.m. **History of the Métis National Council and Workshop on Métis Nation Constitution**

- Clément Chartier, Minister of Métis Rights and Self-Government
- John Weinstein, Consultant and Former Executive Director of Métis National Council

Questions and Discussion on Métis Nation Constitution

3:00 p.m. **Health Break**

3:30 p.m. **Workshop on Acceptance Process**

- Clément Chartier, Minister of Métis Rights and Self-Government
- Jason Madden, General Counsel, Métis National Council

Questions and Discussion on Acceptance Process

4:30 p.m. **Meeting Adjourns**

6:30 p.m. **“Métis Lands – Métis Rights” Celebration**

Location: The Forks

Day Three: Monday, April 3

8:30 a.m. **Conference Summary**

10:30 a.m. **Closing Remarks and Prayer**

5:30 p.m. **Traditional Métis Feast**

Location: Lombard Room, Fairmont Hotel