

MÉTIS NATION

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of the Métis National Council



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MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT *of the Métis National Council*

On behalf of the Métis National Council, I am honoured to share my views on what has been another historic year for the Métis Nation.

The report speaks to progress made toward Métis Nation cultural, social, economic and political well-being, through a strong, representative, and self-sustaining Métis Nation founded on our inherent rights.

This past year, the Métis Nation has achieved tremendous gains. We continue to move forward assertively with implementing the 2017 Canada-Métis Nation Accord and are advancing our overall aspirations as a people and a Nation.

Canada's Budget 2019 provided for 'first time-ever' Métis Nation-specific investments in post-secondary education, as well as investments in economic development, along with long-overdue support for our Métis Veterans, with additional funding allocated for Indigenous languages. These are the result of an intense collective effort achieved through the Métis Nation Permanent Bilateral Mechanism.

Many hours of hard work have been undertaken by Métis Nation Ministers and representatives working closely with our federal partners in a co-development approach that is providing the strong foundation required for building a new and better relationship with Canada.

As we continue to move forward with the implementation of the Canada-Métis Nation Accord, we remain committed to working diligently with Canada, on a nation-to-nation basis, to create a brighter future for our citizens and families and the Métis Nation as a whole.

Thank you for reviewing the Métis National Council 2018-2019 annual report that showcases just some of the many activities, events and major successes over the past year.

Clément Chartier
President



MESSAGE from the VICE-PRESIDENT *of the Métis National Council*

It is my pleasure to provide a message in the Métis National Council 2018-2019 annual report.

A strong Métis Nation relationship with Canada is essential to our growth as a nation. As a result of a distinctions-based, nation-to-nation approach, the federal government has been working with the Métis Nation to create unprecedented opportunities. The proof of this commitment is reflected in the ten-year legal agreements and \$2.4 billion in investments returning our hard-earned taxes to the Métis Nation.

Budget 2019 provided for a 10-year investment of \$362 million in Métis Nation post-secondary education with an ongoing investment of \$40 million per year. In the area of economic development, an investment of \$50 million over five years was made to enhance the funding of Métis Capital Corporations. An additional \$333.7 million over five years was committed toward Indigenous languages including investments in Michif. These investments are in addition to the \$1.5 billion allocated in Budget 2018 for Métis Nation-specific skills and employment training, housing, and early learning and child care.

Perhaps nearest and dearest to my heart is the very important commitment from Canada of \$30 million to recognize the contributions of Métis Veterans to the country's Second World War efforts, and to commemorate the sacrifices and achievements of all Métis Veterans. This is a result of many years of steadfast advocacy and persistence. We look forward to advancing our co-commitments and objectives in recognizing the rightful place of Métis Veterans in Canada.

We could not have achieved these milestones without the continued, active engagement of our Elders who keep our culture safe, and our Youth, who are the reason we all work so hard and make sacrifices for to secure their future. It is our Métis Nation citizens, families and communities who continually come together and provide the strong direction to guide us as we move forward confidently into our future.

Together we are writing a new chapter in the history of our people. As we look back on and celebrate our successes of this past year, we must also be mindful of the important work that lies ahead, as we continue to build a strong foundation for the future of our Métis Nation – one that honours the hard-fought struggles of our ancestors and which will sustain our Nation for generations to come.

David Chartrand
Vice-President & Minister of Finance

BACKGROUND

Role and Mandate of the Métis National Council (MNC)

The Métis Nation exists as a distinct Indigenous people recognized under section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.

The Métis Nation is represented in Canada by the Métis National Council and its Governing Members: the Manitoba Metis Federation, Métis Nation-Saskatchewan, the Métis Nation of Alberta, Métis Nation British Columbia, and the Métis Nation of Ontario. The MNC is mandated by the Métis Nation General Assembly to represent the Métis Nation at the national and international levels to advance issues of collective importance, and in seeking to advance and exercise the Métis Nation's right to self-determination including self-government within Canada.

The overarching goal of the MNC is to secure a healthy space for the Métis Nation within the Canadian federation.

Canada-Métis Nation Accord

At the first Métis Nation-Crown Summit held under the Permanent Bilateral Mechanism (PBM), on April 13, 2017, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, the President of the Métis National Council Clément Chartier, and the Presidents of its Governing Members signed the Canada-Métis Nation Accord ('the Accord').

The signing of the Accord represented a significant step and achievement towards transforming the relationship between Canada and the Métis Nation to one based on the recognition of section 35 rights, respect, co-operation and partnership. In particular, the Accord provides both Crown and Métis Nation leaders and officials with a coherent and practical process to advance the government-to-government relationship with the Métis Nation.

The 2017 Accord also specifies ways in which the Government of Canada and the Métis National Council and its Governing Members will continue to work together to establish and address identified priorities, using the processes of the Permanent Bilateral Mechanism (PBM) that was established at that same time as the primary vehicle to guide overall implementation.

At the second Crown-Métis Nation Summit held in June 2018, the parties to the Accord came together to report on joint progress made during 2017-2018. During the 2018 Crown-Métis Nation Summit, both Prime Minister Trudeau and Métis National Council President Clément Chartier expressed their continuing, strong support for the work undertaken through the Accord and the efficacy of the PBM process. As well, all parties to the Accord voiced their continued commitment to a distinctions-based, nation-to-nation approach that addresses the needs and priorities of the Métis Nation, advances joint priorities, and supports the Métis Nation vision of self-determination.

ACTIVITIES & PROGRESS 2018-2019

Highlights of activities and progress achieved during 2018-2019, the second year of the Canada-Métis Nation Accord, are summarised below.

Summary

Priorities for 2018-2019, year two of the Accord were to: co-develop and sign Sub-Accords to guide implementation of first year priority areas; access funding announced by Budget 2018 for these initiatives, and; advance policy co-development on new priorities in the areas of the new fiscal relationship, economic development, health, child and family services, education, Métis veterans, and languages.

Highlights

- ∞ Sub-Accords were signed in: Employment and Training; Housing; Early Learning and Child Care.
- ∞ Workplans were co-developed in Housing and in Early Learning and Childcare so that funds from Budget 2018 could flow to the Governing Members to begin implementation.
- ∞ New Sub-Accords were drafted for Homelessness, Post-Secondary Education, Economic Development, and Language and Culture priority areas.
- ∞ The Métis Nation was engaged in and contributed to the co-development of Child and Family Services and Indigenous Languages legislation.
- ∞ Métis Nation officials worked closely with senior officials within the Government of Canada in the co-development all Budget 2019 submissions.

Budget 2019 Investments

Post-Secondary Education	\$362M/10 years (\$40M ongoing)
Languages	\$333.7M/ 5 years (pan-Indigenous)
Veterans	\$30M
Economic Development	\$50M/5 years + \$100M Indigenous Growth Fund (pan-Indigenous)

In line with the emerging Crown-Métis Nation policy co-development process, during 2018-2019 Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) were signed on the following PBM priorities:

- ∞ New Fiscal Relationship;
- ∞ Economic Development;
- ∞ Health, Child and Family Services; and
- ∞ Education.

These MOUs formed the basis for the co-developed Budget 2019 submissions which, as a direct result of work carried out through the PBM process, provided for a total of \$442 million in new Métis Nation, distinctions-based funding in the areas of Post-Secondary Education and Economic Development, and to recognize the contributions of Métis Veterans. Specific Accords in each of these areas were also co-developed to support implementation going forward. A summary of progress achieved in Years 1 and 2 of the Accord is provided in Table 1.

TABLE 1: CANADA-MÉTIS NATION PBM PROGRESS REPORT

				ONGOING WORK INSTRUMENTS					
CANADA-MÉTIS NATION PBM PROGRESS REPORT		BUDGET 2016	BUDGET 2017	BUDGET 2018	BUDGET 2019	FRAMEWORKS	MOUs	ACCORDS	LEGISLATION
Building Métis Nation Governance Capacity		\$84.9M over 5 yrs					MOU	ACCORD	
YEAR ONE PRIORITIES									
Métis Nation Skills and Employment Training Program			\$325M over 5 yrs; \$67M ongoing					ACCORD	
Métis Nation Early Learning and Childcare			\$450.7 million over 10 yrs			Indigenous ELCC Framework		ACCORD	
Housing Strategy			\$500M over 10 yrs			Métis Nation Housing Strategy	MOU	ACCORD	
Homelessness			\$43M over 9 yrs					ACCORD	
YEAR TWO PRIORITIES									
Economic Development	\$25M for Métis Nation Economic Development Strategy				\$50M over 5 yrs for MCCCs; \$100M for Indigenous Growth Fund inc. MCC	Métis Nation Economic Development Strategy	MOU	ACCORD	
Health			\$6M over 5 yrs for health data & a health strategy			10 Year Health Policy Framework	MOU Renewed	DRAFT ACCORD	
Child and Family Services							MOU Renewed	DRAFT ACCORD	BILL C-92: An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families.
Education		\$10M Endowments			\$362M over 10 yrs; \$40M ongoing for PSE	10 Year Education Framework	MOU	ACCORD (PSE)	
Languages					\$333.7M over 5 yrs for Indigenous languages			DRAFT ACCORD	BILL C-91: An Act respecting Indigenous languages.
Métis Veterans					\$30M			Contributions Agreement (CA)	

MÉTIS NATION GOVERNANCE

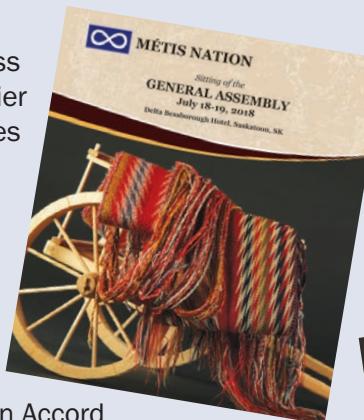
Métis Nation General Assembly – July 18-19, 2018

A General Assembly of the Métis Nation was held in Saskatoon, SK, from July 18-20, 2018. A major focus for the Assembly discussions was the joint work being undertaken with the Trudeau government on Métis Nation rights, and the development of distinctions-based policy to support Métis Nation rights assertions and self-determination.

The State of the Nation Address given by MNC President Chartier described the historic advances of the Métis Nation that had been achieved over the past year. President Chartier's address was followed by a video presentation highlighting the substantial work completed to date under the Canada-Métis Nation Accord signed on April 13, 2017, and the Permanent Bilateral Mechanism, emphasizing that the success of this work was directly dependent on the distinctions-based, nation-to-nation approach that had been adopted.

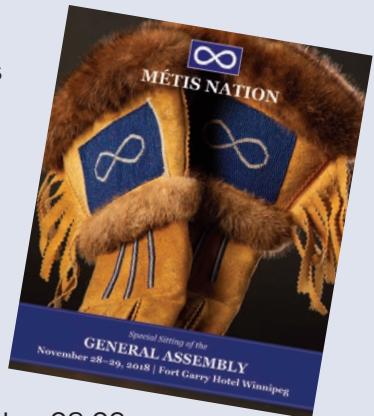
Ministers of the Métis Nation then reported on progress being made on Year 2 Accord Priorities, including education, economic development, new fiscal relations, health, Veterans, and the Sixties Scoop.

Governing Member Presidents then each provided updates on the negotiations underway at the section 35 rights tables that have been established.



Métis Nation Special Sitting of the General Assembly – November 28-29, 2018

On November 28-29, 2018, a Special Sitting of the Métis Nation General Assembly was held in Winnipeg, MB, and concluded a series of resolutions that will help drive the nation-to-nation relationship with Canada, and strengthen the citizenship and governance of the Métis Nation. The General Assembly on November 28-29 was preceded by a two-day policy forum focused on



the Métis Nation in various self-government processes currently underway.



The Métis Nation Policy forum included a number of sessions that assessed the progress being made in negotiating self-government arrangements with Canada.

Senior officials from the MNC, its

Governing Members, and Canada briefed delegates on steps being taken to put in place a government-to-government fiscal relationship between Métis governments and Canada.



PERMANENT BILATERAL MEETINGS

Crown-Métis Nation Summit - June 15, 2018

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 House of Commons in Ottawa for the annual Crown-Métis Nation Summit where together they reviewed progress made during the first year of the Canada-Métis Nation Accord, and confirmed priorities for the coming year.



Crown-Métis Nation Ministers/Leaders Meeting - October 25, 2018

On October 25, 2018, MNC and its Governing Members met with federal Ministers and technical staff in Ottawa at the Crown-Métis Nation Ministers'/Leaders' Meeting to review Canada - Métis Nation Accord progress and priorities. This was the third Ministerial-level meeting held under the Accord, the purpose of which was to continue the collaborative work outlined by the Crown-Métis Nation Summit held in June 2018, with the Prime Minister of Canada.



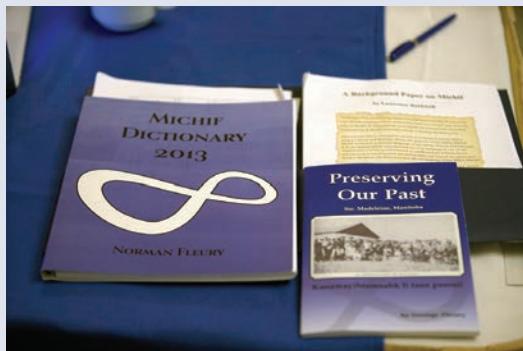
CONFERENCES & POLICY DEVELOPMENT

National Michif Conference - April 4-5, 2018

On April 4-5th, the Métis National Council held a national conference in Saskatoon, SK, to address issues surrounding Michif, the official language of the Métis Nation. Speakers and delegates at the conference discussed language preservation, standardization, enhancement and practice, as well as other languages spoken by citizens of the Métis Nation, including Cree, Saulteau, and Dene.



The conference was well-attended by Michif speakers from throughout Western Canada, as well as representatives from the MNC, its Governing Members, and Métis Nation post-secondary institutes. Staff from the Gabriel Dumont Institute and the Louis Riel Institute, working under the leadership of Métis Nation Minister of Culture, Heritage and Families Clara Morin Dal Col, were instrumental in organizing this important gathering, the results of which fed into the development of the Indigenous languages legislation being drafted by the federal government.



Indigenous Community-Based Monitoring Symposium

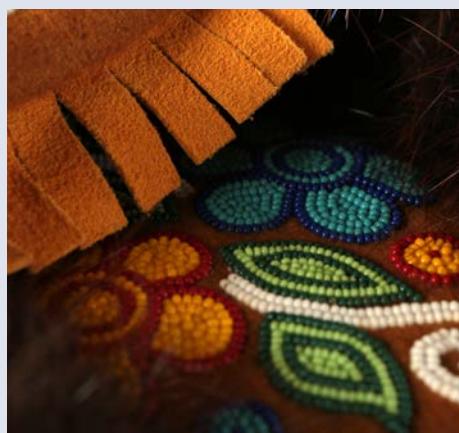
May 24-25, 2018

On May 24-25, the Métis National Council held an Indigenous Community-Based Monitoring Symposium in Vancouver, BC.

The Symposium focused on environmental issues of specific relevance to the Métis Nation, including priorities identified under the Crown-Métis Nation Accord and the Permanent Bilateral Mechanism (PBM). A panel discussion brought particular attention to the role of traditional knowledge, Métis Nation culture and direct experiences in protecting and managing the environment, and in environmental monitoring.



The Symposium discussions were wide-ranging and covered data ownership and rights, and the need for guidelines and protocols to support data standardization, data gathering, analysis, and data management generally. The MNC General Assembly resolution passed in December 2017 to protect and preserve traditional knowledge provided important context for these discussions.



Métis Nation Skills & Employment Training Accord Signed June 15, 2018

On June 15, 2018, the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, the Honourable Patricia Hajdu, the MNC and its Governing Members, signed the Métis Nation Skills and Employment Training Accord which provides the strategic direction

for Canada and the Métis Nation to work together to advance Métis Nation priorities in this important area, and to implement the Métis Nation's long-term labour market strategy.



Métis Nation Policy Session on Economic Development - July 5-6, 2018

On July 5-6, 2018, Métis Nation Ministers and officials from the MNC and its Governing Members met together in Vancouver, BC, to discuss policy positions and distinctions-based strategies for advancing Métis Nation priorities in the area of economic development. Discussion topics included identifying ways in which to increase Métis access to capital, procurement and market opportunities for Métis business enterprises. To assist with the latter, MNC engaged consultants from MNP LLP Inc. to undertake a systematic review of potential market opportunities for Métis business and entrepreneurs and to present their findings at the policy session, along with their recommendations for advancing the Métis Nation economic development agenda. The results of this session informed the subsequent development of a funding proposal that was submitted for consideration in federal Budget 2019.



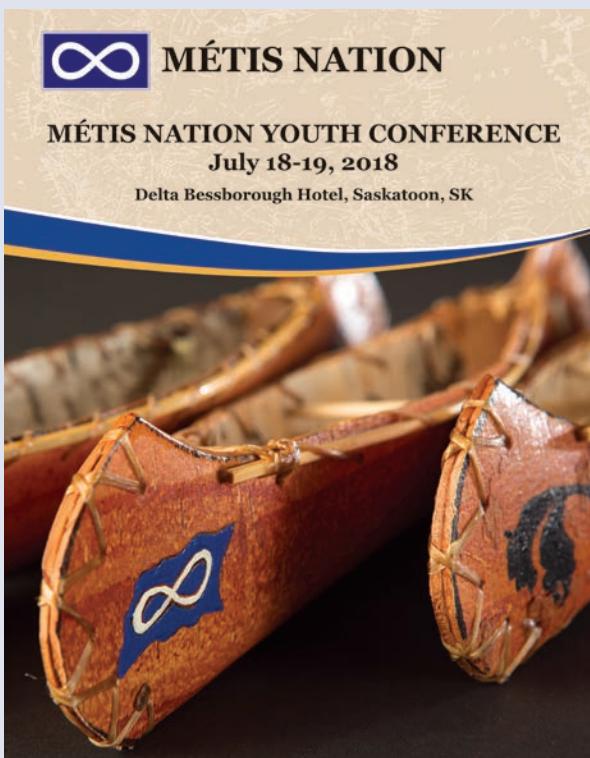
Métis Nation Policy Session on Education - July 4-5, 2018

On July 4-5, the Métis National Council hosted a policy session in Vancouver, BC, to review and inform the work now underway to advance Métis Nation education priorities under the Accord and Permanent Bilateral Mechanism (PBM). Participants in the policy session, which included representation and technical staff from MNC and its Governing Members, as well as federal representatives from the Education Branch of Indigenous Services Canada, collaborated in the further co-development of a draft Métis Nation education policy framework, as well as 10-year proposal for distinctions-based post-secondary education support for Métis



Nation students and education institutes, to be submitted for funding consideration in Budget 2019.

Métis Nation Youth Conference - July 18-20, 2018



The MNC hosted a Youth Conference to discuss how best to support Métis youth in building strong, meaningful connections with their peers, communities and culture.

During the conference, specific consultations were held with Métis Nation youth representatives who were invited to provide their input and advice on building a youth policy in Canada. Specific objectives of the Métis Nation youth engagement were:

- To ensure that the diverse voices of Métis Nation youth are heard during the development of the first ever Youth Policy for Canada;
- To engage Métis Nation youth in conversations and the data generated in the first phase of the youth policy consultations;
- To identify key headings and content for the Youth Policy as part of the second phase of the consultations.

As we move forward on this front, Métis Nation youth representatives will continue to be supported and encouraged to provide input and advice on building a Youth Policy for the Métis Nation and for Canada.

The Métis Nation Signs Housing Sub-Accord with Canada – July 19, 2018

On July 19, 2018, the Métis National Council and its Governing Members signed a Canada-Métis Nation Housing Sub-Accord with the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, the Honourable Carolyn Bennett. This Metis Nation Housing Sub-Accord reflects and

supports the important work that the Métis Nation and Canada, supported by long-term federal investments, are doing to address the pressing needs of many Métis citizens and families for access to affordable and social housing.



Métis Nation Policy Session on Health - August 20-22, 2018



On August 20-22, 2018, the MNC hosted a Métis Nation Health Policy Session in Ottawa, ON, which was well-attended by representatives from MNC and its Governing Members as well as federal partners. This policy session also afforded an opportunity for the Métis Nation-Canada Joint Health Committee to meet together, and on August 21, 2018, to sign a co-developed

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that commits Canada and the Métis Nation to create a 10-Year Metis Nation Health Accord that addresses the health needs and priorities of the Métis people, and identifies ways in which the Government of Canada can support the Métis Nation in achieving improved health outcomes for Métis citizens, families, and the nation as a whole.



Métis Nation Policy Session on Child and Family Services

August 22-23, 2018

On Aug 22-23, 2018, the MNC hosted a Métis Nation Policy Session on Child and Family Services in Ottawa, ON.

The Child and Family Services (CFS) Policy Session built on the work initiated by the Emergency Meeting on First Nations, Inuit and Métis Nation Child and Family Services sponsored by Minister Philpott in January, 2018, and a follow-up Summit on Métis Nation Child and Family Services held in March, 2018, to address the over-representation of Métis and other Indigenous children and youth in care in Canada.

The work completed leading up to and during this policy session paved the way for the further development and signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on Child and Family Services between Canada and the Métis Nation on December 13, 2018, that committed the parties to work together to develop an Canada-Métis Nation Child and Family Services Accord. The results of this and other engagement and policy development work completed by MNC and its Governing Members throughout the year also informed the drafting of legislation to support the transformation of Indigenous child and family services in Canada.



Métis Nation Sixties Scoop Symposium - October 19-20, 2018



From October 19 to 21, the Métis National Council hosted a Métis Nation Sixties Scoop Symposium in Winnipeg, MB. The Symposium brought Métis leaders together with Métis survivors of the Sixties Scoop to share knowledge and experiences of Métis Citizens taken from their families during the Sixties Scoop era. The results of the Symposium will help to build a framework of reconciliation between Métis Sixties Scoop survivors and the Canadian government.

"The Métis Nation will seek justice for those who were robbed of their future," says MMF President and MNC Vice-president David Chartrand. "We will hear the stories of survivors and work with them to create a reconciliation process that reflects their needs to heal."

Recognition of the Métis Nation Policy Forum - November 26-27, 2018

On November 26-28, 2018, MNC organized and hosted a Policy Session in Vancouver, BC, dedicated to recognition of the Métis Nation and Métis Nation rights. Attended by Métis Nation leadership and technical staff from all jurisdictions, the policy forum helped to inform the deliberations of the General Assembly that followed. Invited speakers included Professor Frank Tough of the University of Alberta who presented a series of maps depicting the evolution and expansion of the Métis Nation as a distinct people and nation in Canada, while Celeste McKay provided an update on the recognition of Indigenous rights in international laws. Professor Darryl Leroux of Saint Mary's University in Halifax briefed the policy forum on race-shifting and the recent rise of a number of groups in Eastern Canada who are attempting to claim Métis identify and rights. Zabrina Whitman of the Mi'kmaq Rights Initiative also addressed the forum and spoke about the MOU recently concluded by the MNC and the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia which recognizes each other's Nationhood within their respective traditional and current territories, and commits them to work collaboratively on the issue of individuals misrepresenting themselves as Métis and Mi'kmaq in Nova Scotia.



Métis Nation Policy Sessions on Early Learning & Child Care (ELCC), Housing & Homelessness, & Performance Measurement December 10-12, 2018

Between December 10-12, 2018, the MNC organised and hosted a series of three policy sessions in Ottawa, ON, to support ongoing work on the following Accord priorities: Early Learning and Child Care; Housing and Homelessness, and; Performance Measurement. Representatives from the MNC and its Governing Members as well as federal partners were in attendance and participated in roundtable discussions and breakout sessions covering a wide range of topics, central to which was the identification

of key determinants, challenges and opportunities related to implementation in each priority area. Attendees also highlighted the need to ensure complementarity and alignment of implementation activities and investments across all areas and the service continuum, to take into account the complex interactions between the broader determinants of Métis well-being. Best practices and examples of ways in which this could be achieved were discussed and shared.

Métis Nation Health Forum - February 13-15, 2019

On February 13-15, 2019, the Métis National Council held the second Métis Nation Health Forum at the historic Chateau Laurier in Ottawa, ON. Building on the success of last year's Forum, this year's event attracted over 120 invited delegates and presenters from the Métis National Council and Governing Members, the Government of Canada, Saskatchewan

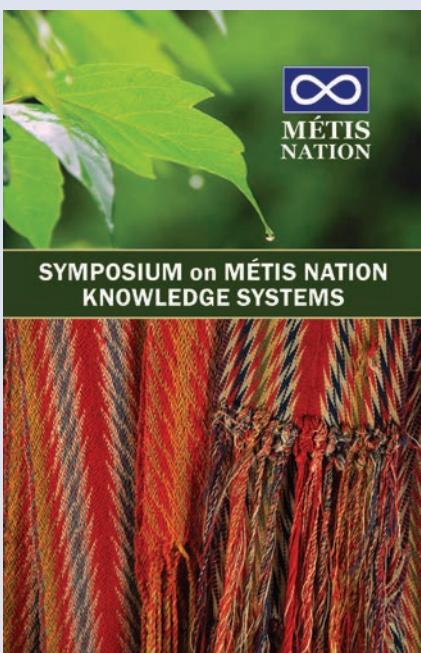
and British Columbia provincial governments, and four Pan-Canadian Health Organizations (PCHOs) including the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI); the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC); the Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement (CFHI); and the Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC).



Symposium on Métis Nation Knowledge Systems

February 20-21, 2019

The Métis National Council hosted a two-day symposium in Vancouver, BC, from February 20-21, 2019, on Métis Nation Knowledge Systems, Traditional Knowledge and the role of Indigenous knowledge in protecting the environment. Over 100 Métis representatives and guests attended. Keynote speakers included Jennifer Tamil-Corpus, from the Tebtebba Foundation, Philippines, who spoke about the international protection of Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expression. Professor James Hopkins from the University of Arizona shared his knowledge and experience with witnessing the extinction of the Yaqui Catfish and its effect on the Yaqui Pueblo. Other speakers included Preston Hardison, from the Tulalip Tribes of Washington and Rita Bouvier, a Métis scholar from Saskatchewan, who spoke to the role of Indigenous languages in creating knowledge systems.



Métis Nation Early Learning and Child Care Conference & signing of the ELCC Accord – March 5-6, 2019



On March 5-6, 2019, the Métis National Council held an Early Learning and Child Care conference in Ottawa, ON, where the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, and leaders of the Métis Nation signed the Métis Nation Early Learning and Child Care Accord. The Accord provides the Métis Nation with the authority and funding to create culturally relevant and supportive early learning and child care for Métis Nation children and their families throughout the Homeland.



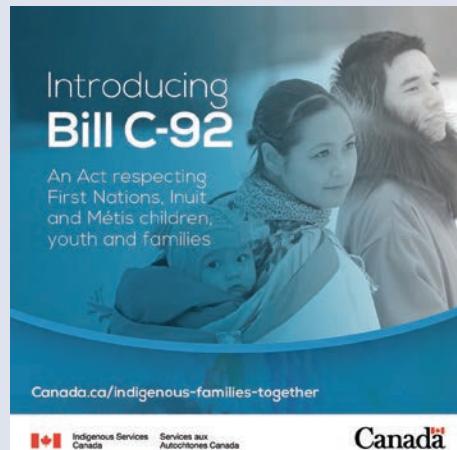
“For over twenty-years the Metis have been left out of federally-funded Indigenous Early Learning Programs. During this time, the lack of federal commitment to reconciliation with the Metis Nation has hurt our children and our families. Today I stand here rejoicing with our hardworking mothers and fathers that have prayed for this day when our children would have their own Metis Head Start and early learning supports.”

**David Chartrand,
MNC Vice-President and MNC Minister of Social Development**

CONTRIBUTING to LEGISLATIVE CHANGE & SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION

The year 2018-2019 saw major developments in the drafting of two new pieces of federal legislation, the first designed to reduce the number of Indigenous children in care, and the second, to revitalize, and strengthen Indigenous languages in Canada, including Michif.

The introduction of Bill C-91, the Indigenous Languages Act, into parliament on February 5, 2019, was welcomed by the Métis Nation who had been engaged throughout the year in its development. Such legislation is long overdue and will do much to support policy and program initiatives and investments going forward that together will have the effect of protecting and promoting Michif, the



traditional and official language of the Métis people throughout our history.

The introduction of Bill C-92, An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families also in February, 2019, was similarly welcomed by the Métis Nation, and has the intent of enshrining into law the right of Indigenous peoples to have jurisdiction over their own children and families. The Métis

Nation was engaged throughout 2018-2019 in the co-development of Bill C-92, and looks forward to its continuing to work with Canada, on a nation-to-nation basis, to improve services for Métis children and families.

"The bill marks a giant first step in Canada's support for our longstanding struggle to preserve, revitalize and promote the use of Michif which has been the most neglected of Canada's Indigenous languages."

Clara Morin Dal Col
Métis Nation Minister of Heritage and Culture



"The Act marks a real turn in the approach to protecting our Métis Nation children, youth and families. Enabling our governments to exercise jurisdiction over child and family services is a critically important first step in this direction."

Clément Chartier
President, Métis National Council

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

Indigenous Leaders Summit of the Americas - April 11-12, 2018

Indigenous leaders from throughout the Americas met from April 11 - 12, 2019 in Lima, Peru for the 5th Indigenous Leaders Summit of the Americas (ILSA) where they established the American Council of Indigenous Peoples (ACIP), called the Consejo Americano de Pueblos Indigenas (CAPI) in Spanish, to represent their interests. MNC President Clément Chartier was named as President of the ACIP/CAPI. The newly established body will be headquartered in Ottawa, Canada.



United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UN PFII) April 16-27, 2018

April 16-27, 2018, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UN PFII) held its 17th annual session in New York City.

President Chartier along with Métis Nation-Saskatchewan President Glen McCallum, attended on behalf of the Métis Nation.



Presidents Chartier and McCallum attended the general sessions and side-events organized by the Canadian government which was represented by Ministers Bennett and Philpott. During these events both Presidents were able to express their positions with respect to the Métis Nation. President Chartier also addressed UN delegates and highlighted key issues facing the Métis Nation as well as progress now being made under the Crown-Métis Nation Accord.

American Council of Indigenous Peoples – June 1-7, 2018

From June 1 – 7, the Executive of the newly created American Council of Indigenous Peoples (ACIP) met in Washington, DC and Ottawa, ON. ACIP Vice-President Hugo Tacuri of Peru and Secretary Brooklyn Rivera of Nicaragua joined President Clément Chartier in the Council's first series of meetings with government officials.

In Washington, the Executive 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, to discuss the new Council and the role that it would undertake within the OAS, nations and governments. The four government representatives from Canada, Peru, Mexico and Bolivia expressed their interest in working with the Executive going forward, noting there has been a major vacuum of Indigenous peoples representation within the OAS system.

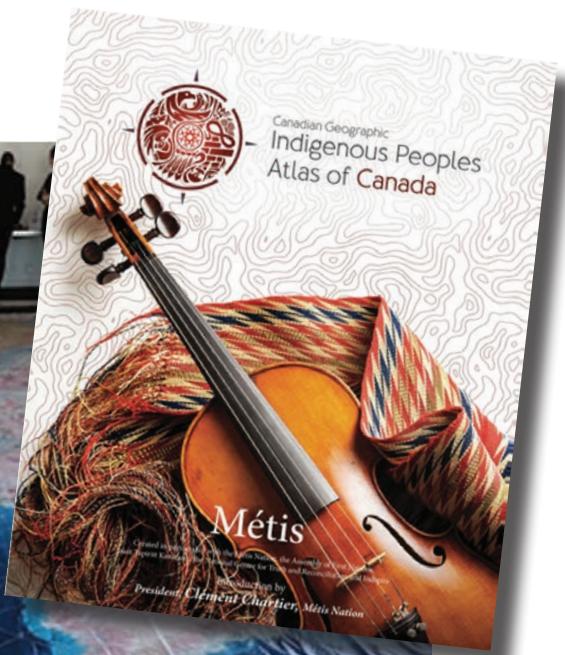
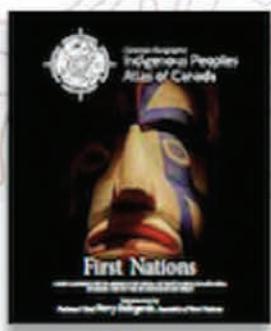


United Nations Launch of the 2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages – January 28, 2019

MNC President Clément Chartier and MNC Culture Minister Clara Morin dal Col attended the official launch of the United Nations International Year of Indigenous Languages held at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris on January 28, 2019. President Chartier was invited to address delegates at the launch and cited the progress being made on advancing Indigenous languages legislation in Canada as a concrete example of what can be done by states and the UN System to better support Métis and other Indigenous language revitalization efforts internationally.



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