Louis Riel Day

Draft AGENDA
Law Society of Upper Canada,
Donald Lamont Learning Centre

2:00 p.m. Opening Prayer: Senator Joseph Poitras
Greetings from Law Society of Upper Canada –
Treasurer Thomas Conway or Bencher Susan Hare (TBC)
Welcome by Panel Moderator: Margaret Froh
Opening Comments: Gary Lipinski, President, Métis Nation of Ontario

2:20 - 4:00 Panel Discussion
The State of Métis Law, Research and Self-Government in Canada
Introductions: Moderator, Margaret Froh
Jean Teillet, Partner, Pape Saltier Teillet
Jason Madden, Lawyer, JTM Law
Brenda MacDougall, Chair of Métis Research, University of Ottawa

3:45 Question and Answer
4:00 Closing Comments: Moderator, Margaret Froh
4:05 - 4:30 Refreshment Break
4:30 Introduction: Justice Todd Ducharme (TBC)
Song: MNO Citizen Rebecca Cuddy
Reading: Maria Campbell from her newly reprinted book:
Stories of the Road Allowance People
5:00 End of program

This year is the 30th anniversary of the inclusion of s. 35 in the Constitution Act, 1982. While there have been many significant developments in Aboriginal law, research and self-government generally, understanding of the full impact of s. 35 in relation to Canada’s Métis people remains a “work-in-progress”. From pending court decisions on Métis lands, jurisdiction and rights to the evolution of Métis research to current negotiations and agreements with the Métis, this event will provide participants with an update on the current state of affairs with respect to Canada’s often forgotten Aboriginal people – the Métis.