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RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE:

Celebrating Coronation Medal recipients across Ontario

Over the past month, the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) proudly recognized the exceptional contributions of Métis citizens and leaders across the province through the presentation of the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

Conducted in partnership with the Métis National Council (MNC), this special honour was awarded to individuals who have made a lasting impact in their communities—championing Métis culture, advancing Métis rights, and supporting the broader Métis Nation in meaningful ways.

Over the course of several weeks, MNO leadership traveled to communities across Ontario, beginning in Toronto and continuing through the Historic Georgian Bay community, North Bay, Ottawa, Timmins, Kenora, and Thunder Bay.

After a brief pause, a ceremony was held at the newly completed Métis Cultural Centre for members of the Huron-Superior Community, with the final celebration taking place in Niagara. These visits brought ceremonies directly to recipients' home communities, creating meaningful opportunities for family, friends, and fellow citizens to celebrate these remarkable individuals together.

Inside this month's edition of the Voyageur you will find photos and a short profile on each of the medal recipients nominated by the MNO.

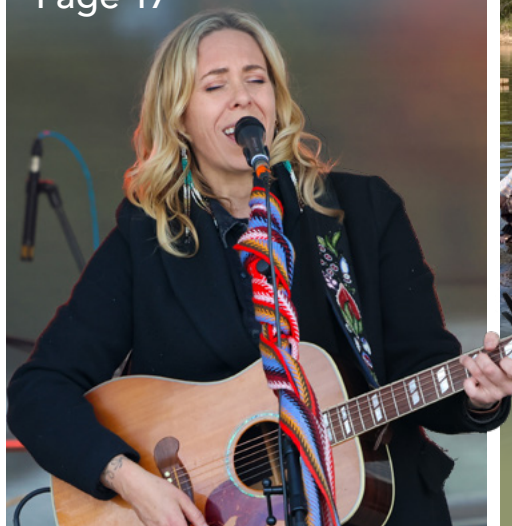
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A Message from

MARGARET FROH

Métis Nation of Ontario, President



SEASONAL UPDATE — SUMMER 2025:

Celebrating Our Successes, Building the Future Together

Thank you to everyone who joined us across the province to celebrate this year's King Charles III Coronation Medal recipients. These incredible Métis citizens have helped shape the story of the Métis communities in Ontario by advancing Métis rights, strengthening our communities, and preserving our culture for the next generation. It was an honour to visit your regions, meet your families, and witness the strength of our communities reflected in each of your stories.

As we recognize the contributions of individual citizens, we also continue to build and strengthen the institutions that serve them. This July, we welcome Dale LeClair as the new Chief Executive Officer of the Métis Nation of Ontario. Dale is a proud Métis leader who brings more than two decades of experience in Indigenous governance and policy. From his early work with the Métis National Council to his leadership roles with national and provincial Indigenous organizations, Dale's commitment to Métis self-government and service to community is well known. I'm excited for the future of the Métis Nation of Ontario and the continued growth of our public service under his leadership.

We are now looking ahead to our Annual General Assembly (AGA), which will take place this August in Sault Ste. Marie. As many of you know, this is a place of deep historic and legal significance for the MNO. More than twenty years ago, the Supreme Court of Canada issued its landmark decision in *R. v. Powley*, affirming the existence of a rights-bearing Métis community in and around Sault Ste. Marie. That decision has shaped the legal and political landscape in this country and continues to ground the work we do today.

The AGA is a time to come together, celebrate our progress, debate resolutions, and set the direction for the year ahead. It's also a time to be in community with music, dance, food, and family. I hope to see many of you there.

June 27th marked the sixth anniversary of the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement (MGRSA). This was an historic event for Métis



citizens and communities represented by the MNO as — for the first time in history — Canada recognized our inherent right to self-government and self-determination. This set the MNO on a path to realizing the dreams of the founding members who in the Statement of Prime Purpose said “We, the Métis Nation, have the inherent right of self-determination and self-government” some 26 years earlier.

Since 2019, we've built on the foundation of self-government through bilateral negotiation tables, new program partnerships, and historic investments in Métis education, health, and housing. In the coming months we will embark on constitution writing, incorporating citizen's feedback from engagement sessions on the Draft Statement of Principles held by the self-government team this spring.

We know that this work takes time, but we are building a legacy that will last generations. Our communities are engaged, our voices are being heard, and our stories are being told through community halls and across kitchen tables in every region of the province.

Wishing each of you a safe and joyful summer. I look forward to seeing many of you in August. ∞

Sincerely,

Margaret Froh
President, Métis Nation of Ontario



This is the Summer 2025 issue of **Métis Voyageur**. Our next issue is already in progress and is set to be mailed out in November 2025. The deadline for submissions is September 30th, 2025.

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MNO NEWS

Métis Nation of Ontario announces Dale LeClair as new Chief Executive Officer

The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dale LeClair as Chief Executive Officer, effective July 7, 2025.

A proud Métis leader with deep roots in Métis and First Nations governance, Dale brings more than two decades of senior leadership experience advancing Indigenous priorities at the national, provincial, and community levels. He has held very senior roles with the Métis National Council, the Assembly of First Nations, the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations, the Squamish Nation, Canada Post Corporation, and most recently with Canadian Nuclear Laboratories.

Throughout Dale's career he has fostered integrity and respect among working teams with the goal of creating highly effective work environments. He is a strategic thinker and committed public servant who has worked across governments and sectors to create space for Indigenous-led solutions.

Reporting to the MNO President, Dale will lead the MNO public service, supporting the implementation of



Above: Dale LeClair, the Métis Nation of Ontario's new Chief Executive Officer.

MNO's two Self-Government Agreements with Canada, delivery of programs and services to more than 30,000 MNO citizens, and continued growth of the MNO's operational capacity. This work will also include supporting the MNO in reaching a self-government Treaty with Canada, as committed to in the MNO's legally-binding 2023 Self-Government Agreement as well as advancing and implementing agreements with Ontario.

"We're thrilled to welcome Dale LeClair to the MNO," said President of the Métis Nation of Ontario, Margaret Froh. "Dale brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to Métis self-determination. His leadership will help us continue the work of building a more responsive, values-based government and Métis Government public service for the benefit of our rights-holding Métis communities and our citizens."

The Métis Nation of Ontario looks forward to Dale's leadership as we continue to advance reconciliation, uphold Métis rights, and serve the needs of our more than 30,000 citizens. ∞

150TH ANNIVERSARY HALF-BREED ADHESION TO TREATY #3

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Save the Date! The Northwestern Ontario Métis Community invites you to join us in Fort Frances, Ontario, as we mark the 150th anniversary of the Half-Breed Adhesion to Treaty #3. We look forward to celebrating this important occasion with you!

Scan the QR code to stay up to date with NWOMC news and updates.



MNO Participates in Ontario Throne Speech

Highlights vital role of Métis in driving Ontario's economy

The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) was proudly represented at Queen's Park during the presentation of Ontario's Throne Speech. Provincial Secretary Mitch Case attended on behalf of the MNO, using the occasion to engage with key members of both the government and opposition.

Throughout the day, Secretary Case held important conversations with provincial leaders, underscoring the vital role that Métis communities play in shaping and sustaining Ontario's economic landscape. "Métis citizens and businesses are contributing meaningfully to the province's economy," says Case. "It's critical

that our voices and priorities are reflected in policy decisions that affect all Ontarians."

As Canada faces new challenges on the trade front, particularly with growing tariff threats, the MNO reiterated the importance of unity and collaboration in defending the province's shared economic interests. The Métis government views the strengthening of interprovincial trade as a top priority, opening new doors for Métis entrepreneurs and fostering greater economic opportunity for communities across Ontario.

"Our Métis government looks forward to continued partnership with Ontario's leadership," says Case. "Economic resilience depends on

working together, and we're committed to supporting shared prosperity—especially for rights-bearing Métis communities across the province."

The MNO expressed appreciation for the province's stated commitment to economic inclusion and resilience, and reiterated the need for Indigenous communities to remain full partners in the economic and political future of Ontario.

As the province charts its course in the months ahead, the Métis Nation of Ontario remains ready to collaborate and contribute to a stronger, more inclusive economy for all. ∞



ABOVE: Provincial Secretary Mitch Case in Queen's Park representing the Métis Nation of Ontario.

MNO joins national dialogue on Indigenous citizenship

The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) joined Indigenous leaders, scholars, and post-secondary institutions in Saskatoon for a national conference focused on Indigenous membership and citizenship policies in education. Held from May 7 to 9, 2025, the Indigenous Membership and Citizenship Conference explored the creation, implementation, and impact of verification processes within post-secondary institutions.

"This event is a dialogue around protecting Indigenous spaces by creating processes and policies that require citizenship and membership checks," says Angela Jaime, the University of Saskatchewan's Vice Provost, Indigenous Engagement. "A lack of policy or process for membership checks may lead to fraudulent claims of membership."

Attendees heard from speakers who emphasized the importance of Indigenous voices in shaping membership and citizenship processes. A keynote address by Natan Obed, President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, highlighted his work advancing national strategies on suicide

prevention, food security, climate change and other issues.

Panel discussions featured knowledge holders speaking on governance, nation-building, Indigenous sovereignty, and data security.

The final day of the conference focused on workshops that offered a space to share best practices and explore challenges in developing and implementing Indigenous membership policies. Participants left with practical tools and insights to support policy development in their own organizations and institutions.

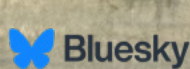
"It was an honour to attend on behalf of the MNO," said PCMNO Interim Chair Sharon Cadeau. "Participating in this national dialogue reinforces our commitment to protecting Métis identity, ensuring accountability in citizenship, and asserting our right to self-governance. The insights gained will support the MNO's ongoing work to strengthen our citizenship policies and advocate for Métis self-determination in partnership with academic institutions and beyond." ∞



Sault Ste. Marie Métis Heritage Centre

The Sault Ste. Marie Métis Heritage Centre exists to provide a dedicated and safe space where the Sault Ste. Marie Métis Community can gather, share our stories, safeguard our history and ensure that our culture and traditions are passed on to future generations.

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MNO at the United Nations

Métis leaders advocate for rights, recognition, and global solidarity

Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) leaders were among hundreds of Indigenous delegates from around the world who gathered at the 24th Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), held at the UN Headquarters in New York City in May.

PCMNO Councillor Mitch Case and MNO Director of Legal Services Emily Ellis represented the MNO at the international event, joining global discussions on the advancement and implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

“The Forum is not only a place to share our own experiences as Métis people,” says PCMNO Councillor, Mitch Case, “but to listen, to build relationships with other Indigenous peoples globally, and to stand in solidarity in our shared pursuit of justice, recognition, and self-determination.”

Alongside representatives from the Otipemisiwak Métis Government and the Métis National Council, Case and Ellis participated in high-level panels, expert presentations, and strategy sessions focused on a range of critical issues: Indigenous women’s rights and leadership, youth advocacy, climate change, and the global implementation of UNDRIP.

For Ellis, the meetings offered both inspiration and urgency. “The dialogue at UNPFII shows that Indigenous peoples are leading globally in areas like environmental protection and governance,” says MNO Director of Legal Services, Emily Ellis. “But it also underscores the real challenges that remain—especially when it comes to holding Member States accountable for their obligations under UNDRIP.”

The Canadian delegation used the opportunity to share progress made in Canada—including the MNO’s own journey toward self-government—while also acknowledging the substantial work still needed to fully realize Indigenous rights.

The UNPFII, now in its 24th year, is one of the most important global platforms for Indigenous voices. It brings together activists, government representatives,



Above: **MNC delegates** MNC were at the United Nations in New York City in May for the 24th Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. Left: **PCMNO Councillor Mitch Case, UN representative for Canada Bob Rae, MNC President Victoria Pruden, and Otipemisiwak Métis Government representative Shannon Dunfield.** Right: **Councillor Case, an avid Seinfeld fan, and MNO Director of Legal Services Emily Ellis at the famous Tom's Diner restaurant in Manhattan.**

legal experts, and community leaders to shape the international Indigenous rights agenda and to push for implementation of treaties, declarations, and policies that reflect Indigenous priorities.

“Our presence at the UN is a statement,” says Case. “The Métis Nation has a voice, and we’re going to keep raising it—in Canada and on the global stage.” After the meetings wrapped up for the

day, Case and Ellis had dinner at the famous Tom’s Diner of Suzanne Vega and Seinfeld fame! ∞

London Calling!

The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) proudly took part in the Canadian Indigenous Investment Summit (CIIS), held April 8–11, 2025, in London, UK. This global event brings together Indigenous leaders, investors, and industry experts to explore partnerships that support Canada’s economic and infrastructure goals.

Building on last year’s inaugural summit, this year’s CIIS highlighted the role of Métis perspectives in advancing economic reconciliation. The MNO joined discussions on sustainable investment in energy, natural resources, and infrastructure.

Representatives who attended the summit include Kathleen Anderson, PCMNO Councillor for South West Region (Region

9) and MNO Provincial Secretary for Economic Development and Government Infrastructure, and Jennifer St. Germain, MNO Chief Strategy Officer. These delegates brought perspectives that highlight the unique experiences of Métis citizens in Ontario and across the Métis Nation homeland. The MNO focused on four key priorities:

- Building partnerships – Engaging with investors and industry leaders to support Métis-led economic development.
- Exploring Indigenous investment trends – Learning from case studies to inform Métis participation in major projects.
- Expanding networks – Strengthening relationships with international investors,

policyholders, and Indigenous partners.

- Advocating for inclusion – Ensuring Métis communities are consulted, respected, and benefit from economic opportunities.

The MNO’s participation in this year’s summit reaffirmed its commitment to economic reconciliation and Métis inclusion in major development opportunities. The connections and conversations sparked at CIIS 2025 will help shape a stronger, more collaborative path forward. ∞

Above: **MNO Chief Strategy Officer Jennifer St. Germain and PCMNO Councillor (Region 9) Kathleen Anderson**



EDITORIAL / OPINION

Truth, Identity, and the Road Ahead this National Indigenous Peoples Month



By **Mitch Case**

MNO Provincial Secretary for Education

June marked National Indigenous Peoples Month, a time set aside to honour the histories, cultures, and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples across this land. It is a time to celebrate, but also a time to reflect — and to recommit ourselves to the ongoing work of truth, reconciliation, and Indigenous self-determination.

This year also marks 10 years since the release of the final report of the **Truth and Reconciliation Commission** (TRC) — a document rooted in the testimony of thousands of Survivors of Residential Schools, including Métis Survivors whose truths were silenced for far too long. The TRC called upon all Canadians to learn the truth, to stop pretending the harms of colonization were isolated incidents of the past. It demanded more than symbolic gestures; it demanded change.

And yet, here we are — a decade later — facing a rising tide of hate and misinformation. Rather than commit to understanding our shared history, some have chosen to make reconciliation a zero-sum game — this is foolish and will lead nowhere.

The Métis Nation of Ontario and



our citizens have been under attack. Individuals who don't know our stories, ignore facts and information and haven't walked alongside our communities spread baseless claims, denying our very existence. They attempt to erase the lived experiences of our families, our Elders. But we know better.



I encourage every Canadian–Indigenous and non-Indigenous—to spend time learning the real history of this land.



Let me be clear: Métis have been here since before Canada was Canada, and we will always be here. We are not a recent invention. Our communities in Ontario have roots as deep and enduring as the rivers and lakes that shaped our lives. Our nationhood is not up for debate. Our identities are not up for approval. We don't need permission to exist — we never have. Our existence is not a threat to anyone else.

I encourage every Canadian — Indigenous and non-Indigenous — to spend time learning the real history of this land. Learn about the Métis communities in Ontario. Learn about our role in the war of 1812, the Mica Bay Incident, the Sault Ste. Marie river lots, the Penetang petition, the Treaty 9 petitions and the Treaty Three Half-breed adhesion. Learn about the burning of the Agawa village, the Powley family's fight for recognition, the role of Métis in shaping

this province, and the generations who endured discrimination while refusing to let go of their identity. We are still here — and we're not going anywhere.

To every single MNO citizen, I say this — these are your stories. No one else is responsible for knowing them or saving them or telling them. This is our responsibility to know them, live them, breathe them and make sure our children know them and Canadians respect them. Spend time this month engaging with **Ontario Métis Facts**. Read the stories, do the crosswords, print the colouring pages for your kids. Share them on your social media, get the word out there!

Let this time be a moment of courage to confront hard truths, to speak up against hate, and to stand with Indigenous peoples in our fight for justice.

We are the Métis Nation of Ontario. We are strong. We are proud. And we will not be erased. ∞

Scan the QR code to read more on **Ontario Métis Facts**.



MNO advocates for Indigenous Data Sovereignty at global conference

The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) took part in the Global Indigenous Data Sovereignty Conference, held from April 1–3, 2025, on the traditional lands of the Ngannawal and Ngambri (Canberra, Australia). The event brought together Indigenous Peoples from across the globe to celebrate successes and chart paths forward in advancing Indigenous Data Sovereignty.

The 2025 conference focused on moving beyond principles and into practice. Participants shared Nation-specific knowledge to support Indigenous-led data governance. A central message was that Indigenous Peoples must be active participants in research—not merely its subjects. Since Western research is a form of storytelling, it is critical that the full story is told, not just fragments extracted and interpreted through colonial frameworks.

Indigenous data sovereignty is

also a key part of Truth and Reconciliation. When Indigenous communities can access and respond to their own data, they are better positioned to share their stories on their own terms—bringing clarity to the past and paving the way for meaningful action.

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As part of the conference, the MNO presented on how it asserts jurisdiction over Métis data in its work with federal and provincial governments. This includes efforts to secure data-sharing agreements that respect Métis governance and

recognize the role of data sovereignty in self-determination. Indigenous data sovereignty empowers communities to make informed decisions and strengthens self-determination by ensuring control over how data is collected, used, and shared.

A leading example is the MNO's data governance and partnership agreement with the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES). This agreement ensures Métis control over research data, enabling the collection of accurate, Nation-specific information to inform evidence-based policies and targeted supports for Métis communities.

The MNO's participation reflected its continued commitment to supporting Indigenous-led research and advancing Métis rights to control, protect, and define our own data. ∞

Danielle Lacka, MNO Housing & Infrastructure Data Analyst, presenting at the Global Indigenous Data Sovereignty Conference held in Canberra Australia.





Independent Métis Fisheries

Across the Homeland, fishing has been central to the Métis way of life and economy for generations. While some Métis worked directly for major employers like the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) and North West Company (NWC), many others developed and operated independent Métis fisheries that became an important part of their distinct Métis economy and way of life.



Today, Métis fishermen like Bernie LePage carry on the proud tradition of independent Métis fisheries and, in doing so, play a vital role in maintaining their Métis communities' distinct economy and way of life. ∞



Métis Leaders Attend First MNO Assembly

The Métis Nation of Ontario's Founding Delegates Assembly was held from May 5 to 7, 1994 and included delegates from the seven historic Métis communities in northern Ontario as well as Métis with ancestral connections to more western parts of the Homeland who lived in Ontario at that time. During the Assembly, Founding Delegates debated and adopted numerous resolutions advancing Métis self-government in the province of Ontario, including a list of guiding Métis values and criteria for citizenship within the newly established MNO. ∞



MNO Establishes a Legal Defense Fund

Throughout the Métis Nation of Ontario's 1994 Founding Delegates Assembly, delegates debated and adopted numerous forward-thinking resolutions toward the advancement of Métis self-government and rights recognition, including the defense of Métis harvesters and the exercise of inherent Métis harvesting rights in Ontario. Nearly a decade later, Steve Powley's fight for Métis harvesting rights would lead to the Métis Nation's landmark 2003 R. v. Powley victory at the Supreme Court of Canada. ∞



Upper Great Lakes Connectors: The Boissonneau Family

Upper Great Lakes Métis settlements, like those in Sault Ste. Marie and Penetanguishene share deep enduring connections, including unbroken kinship, political, economic, and cultural ties—with many Métis families flowing between Upper Great Lakes Métis settlements across generations. The prominent Métis Boissonneau (Boissoneau or Boissineault) family, most often closely associated with the historic Sault Ste. Marie Métis Community's traditional Métis River Lots, is one such Upper Great Lakes Métis family with meaningful connections across Upper Great Lakes Métis settlements, including Penetanguishene. ∞



Our Journey to Métis Self-Government

MNO Self-Government: Our Time is Now



Right now, the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) is at an important moment in history. We are building our own Métis government, based on our values, voices, and vision, for today and for future generations.

In 2019, the MNO signed an agreement with Canada that recognized the right of our historic communities to self-government under Section 35 of the Constitution Act of 1982. In 2023, a second agreement confirmed the MNO as a federally recognized Métis government and committed to creating a self-government treaty.

This progress has set the stage for something extraordinary: the chance to build a constitution *by and for* Métis citizens in Ontario. A constitution that reflects who we are, how we make decisions, and how we protect our rights, culture, and way of life for the future.

To make sure this work is truly led by citizens, the MNO began by listening to Métis voices on self-government. Now, we're working together to shape a strong foundation of Métis vision, values, and principles.

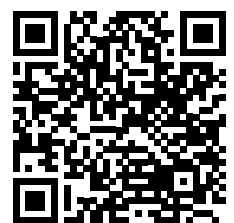
Next, we'll begin drafting the Constitution, and we need you. The MNO is calling on all citizens of all ages, from every region of Ontario, to take part, learn more, and make our voices heard.

This is our story. Let's write the next chapter together. ∞

ENGAGEMENT STREAMS



Learn more about the history of Métis self-government in Ontario and what recent agreements mean for you at: www.metisnation.org/governance/self-government/



Did you know?

What are Section 35 Rights?

Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 recognizes the existing rights of Indigenous Peoples—First Nations, Inuit, and Métis.

For the Métis Nation of Ontario, this means our identity, culture, and right to self-government are protected by Canadian law. These rights weren't given to us—they already exist and are now formally recognized. Section 35 helps protect our future and supports reconciliation.

What is a Constitution?

A constitution lays out the key values and rules for how a Nation is governed. It answers important questions like: Who are we? How do we make decisions? What does our government do?

Every constitution is unique because each People and Nation is different. Ours will be made by and for Métis in Ontario, based on what matters most to us.

What is a treaty?

A treaty is a legal agreement between Indigenous Peoples and governments. Many historic treaties - like the Robinson treaties and the Numbered Treaties - dealt with the First Nations and Crown agreeing to share land. However, modern treaties do not have to include any provisions related to land. Instead, they can focus on things like recognizing rights, setting responsibilities, and deciding how governments will work together on areas such as health, education, or other important matters.

What is a Draft Statement of Principles?

Our Draft Statement of Principles is like a rough map for our future Métis government. It's based on our history, current governance, and what citizens have shared so far. It lays out some key values and principles to guide us, but it's not final. It's meant to start conversations so all citizens can help shape our Constitution.

Our Journey to Métis Self-Government

Our Self-Government Guide! Jiggy

Historically, Métis guides helped people travel through unfamiliar waters and lands. Métis translators played a vital role in negotiations—bridging cultures, building understanding, and making sure different voices were heard. Jiggy carries both of these traditions forward. He helps us find our way on the self-government journey, translating complex ideas and legal language into clear, simple messages we can all understand. Whenever you see Jiggy, you'll know its official Self-Government material—and that there's something important to learn, do, or share.



Our Wayfinders! The Lobstick

In the days of the fur trade, there were no GPS devices or detailed maps. One of the navigational tools Métis voyageurs used was the lobstick—a tall tree with its lower branches removed and top greenery left intact to guide travel through complex waterways. These unique markers pointed the way, much like signs do today, and could also indicate supplies, shelter, portages, or even serve as lookouts when climbed. Lobsticks are deeply rooted in Métis culture. That's why you'll see them throughout our self-government materials. Just as they guided our ancestors, they now help mark our shared journey toward Métis self-government.



There is a Place for YOU in this Conversation!

- Q: Where do I even start?**

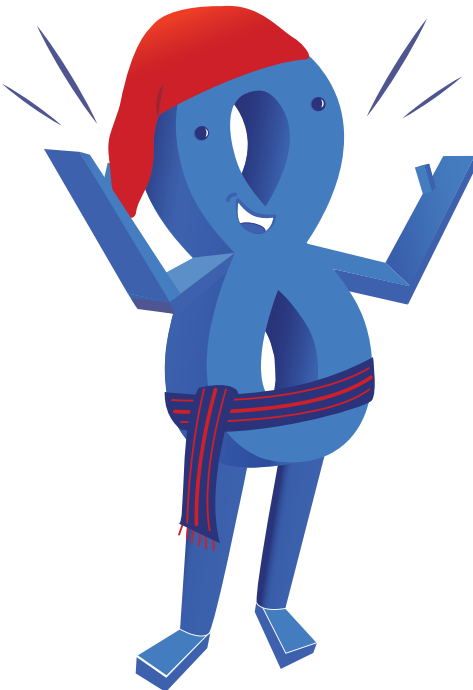
A: We've got simple tools, events, and videos to guide you step-by-step. A great first step is to visit metisnation.org/governance/self-government.
- Q: What if I haven't been involved until now?**

A: It's never too late to get started! Every voice matters—start learning and sharing today.
- Q: I'm having trouble with the website or online materials**

A: If technology is getting in the way, reach out to your local PCMNO Regional Councillor or Regional Manager. They'll be happy to help.
- Q: I'm busy—how can I still contribute?**

A: We've made it easy to participate on your own time. You can fill out a survey, or send a quick comment by email at Self.Government@metisnation.org.
- Q: I don't know enough about Métis history or politics to join in**

A: That's okay! Everyone has something to contribute. Even one answer, one question, or one conversation with family can make a difference. No action is too small.



How Can You Get Involved?

- Join a Self-Government Wednesday Session**

Starting again in the Fall, there will be fresh topics every couple of weeks, with new ideas and information. Attend one session or join them all—it's your choice!
- Take a Survey**

Share your opinions and ideas to inform the future of our Métis government.
- Contribute to the Self-Government Art Wall**

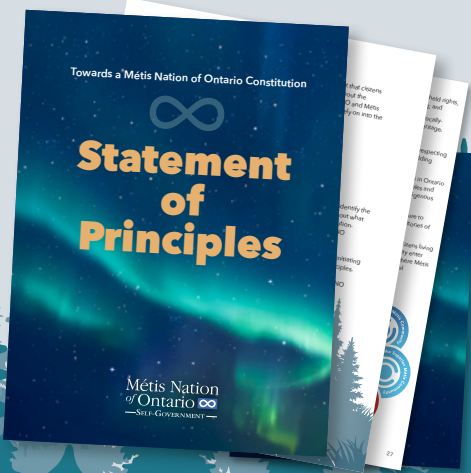
Are you creative? Want to express your vision for self-government? Share your visual, literary, or performance art on the Digital Art Wall.
- Follow our Social Media**

Join the conversation online! Follow, post, comment, and share your voice on Facebook, Instagram, and X (formerly Twitter).
- Share Your Ideas with the MNO Self-Government Team**

Send the MNO Self-Government Team an email with your feedback and ideas for the future: Self.Government@metisnation.org.

Your Voice Matters!

Every voice matters—whether you've got one idea to share or a full story to tell. The conversations we've had so far have shaped the Draft Statement of Principles. And this is just the beginning. The Constitution will be built from the ideas and values that Métis citizens identify together. If you haven't had a chance to join in, it's not too late—your voice is welcome and needed.

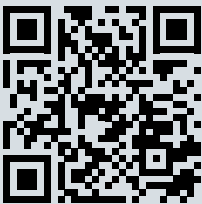


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Strengthening Indigenous Conservation

MNO's participates at the Canada-Mexico Partnership Virtual Dialogue

The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) continues to play a leading role in advancing Indigenous-led conservation efforts. As part of this commitment, the MNO participated in the Canada-Mexico Partnership Virtual Dialogue on Indigenous-Led Conservation Programs, where it shared its innovative environmental initiatives and emphasized the importance of intergenerational knowledge transfer and collaboration.

MNO Environmental Advisor Cassidy Press, works in the MNO's Lands, Resources, and Consultations (LRC) Branch. Cassidy represented the MNO at the Virtual Dialogue where she had the opportunity to highlight the MNO's efforts to protect the environment while fostering intergenerational learning and collaboration.

Community-Based Water Quality Monitoring

During the Virtual Dialogue, the MNO's Community-Based Water Quality Monitoring Program was highlighted for its success in tracking water chemistry and mercury in baitfish—key indicators of aquatic health. MNO citizens dubbed “Guardians” contribute by monitoring local waterways.

Climate change is impacting aquatic

environments, leading to concerns about the increased movement of mercury in soils and its accumulation in fish. For many Métis citizens, fishing is a vital food source and an important part of traditional life. To address these concerns, the MNO program includes sampling baitfish tissue to monitor mercury levels and support the long-term health of both aquatic species and Métis traditions.

Challenges and Stronger Knowledge Transfer

The program enhances intergenerational knowledge transfer by fostering relationships among monitors, elders, and youth, creating a strong network of shared learning that integrates both cultural and scientific knowledge.

To encourage youth participation, the MNO provides hands-on training in water quality monitoring techniques and collaborates with youth councils and schools. Social media, newsletters, and online platforms are used to share findings and keep community members informed. This multi-platform approach ensures accessibility for Métis citizens of all ages.

Challenges remain, including participant dropout, difficulty engaging

youth, and ensuring all Guardians—especially older participants—have the necessary tools and training. Addressing these issues requires stable, long-term funding for ongoing training, re-engagement opportunities, and youth-specific programs, such as interactive water testing days for younger participants.

The Power of Partnerships

A key strength of MNO programming is its collaborative approach, which creates expanded research opportunities and increases impacts through partnerships with universities, government agencies, and conservation organizations. On top of the water monitoring program, the MNO also partners with several other organizations in order to further protect the lands.

These include:

- **Toronto Zoo** – collecting bat acoustic monitoring data for the Native

Bat Conservation Program.

- **iNaturalist & Bumble Bee Watch** – contributing to global databases through the MNO's Native Bee Monitoring Project.

A Sustainable Future for Métis Conservation

The MNO remains committed to strengthening its conservation programs and advocating for greater support for Indigenous-led environmental initiatives. Participation in the Virtual Dialogue reaffirmed the importance of these efforts and the need for continued collaboration at both national and international levels. ∞

Pollinator Pros

Métis citizens track bees and blooms

Climate change, pesticide use and habitat loss have contributed to insect and, specifically, bee population decline in Canada.

In celebration of Pollinator Week which took place from June 16 to 22, 2025, we wanted to recognize the vital role of native bees in supporting our ecosystems—and the dedicated community members helping protect them through the Métis Nation of Ontario's (MNO) Native Bee Monitoring Project.

From May to October 2024, 45 citizen's were equipped with tools and training to monitor local bee activity, plant cycles, and climate trends to better understand the delicate balance that supports pollinators.

As May flowers began to bloom, citizens started to notice a wide variety of pollinators in action. They reported

sightings of 52 plant species and 10 species of bumble bees, including our first sighting of a species at risk—the Yellow-banded Bumble Bee.

The citizens efforts on this project were crucial in helping track the impacts of climate change and habitat shifts on native bee populations. These bees are small but mighty, and play a key role in sustaining biodiversity and food systems.

Let's hear it for the bees—and for the citizens working to protect them! ∞



To read more about last years findings, scan the QR code.



MNO KING CHARLES III Award Recipients



ALICIA BLORE
Manitoba Métis Community,
residing in Toronto

Alicia Blore has dedicated herself to the preservation and celebration of Métis culture through her exceptional talent as a fiddle player. Her music is based in storytelling, tradition, and ultimately resistance. Through the sound of her fiddle, Alicia carries the heartbeat of our people, passing on generations of knowledge to future generations. Her contributions ensure that Métis culture not only endures, but thrives.



SHARON CADEAU
Georgian Bay Métis Community,
residing in Shelburne

Sharon Cadeau has been a tireless advocate for Métis families and communities across Ontario. Through her leadership, compassion, and commitment to justice, Sharon has created space for Métis voices to be heard and respected at every level. Her work reflects a deep love for her community and a belief in the strength and resilience of our people. She reminds us what it means to lead with heart, purpose and determination.



LAURA-LEE KEARNS
Georgian Bay Métis Community,
residing in Whitby

As an educator and scholar, Laura-Lee Kearns has worked to bring Métis stories and history into education and academic spaces. Her work helps ensure that future generations – both Métis and non-Métis – understand who we are, where we come from, and the contributions our people have made to this country. She is building a legacy of learning, truth, and respect.



AMANDA RHEAUME
Manitoba Métis Community,
residing in Ottawa

Amanda Rheaume is a gifted musician whose songs are rooted in Métis identity, history, and pride. Through her artistry, Amanda shares our stories. She brings a modern voice to our traditions while honouring the teachings and strength of those who came before us. Amanda is a cultural ambassador, and we are so proud of her work.



JO ANNE YOUNG
Illa a la Crosse Métis Community,
residing in Caledonia

Jo Anne Young has served the Métis Nation at the local, provincial, and national levels. Her dedication to public service has helped shape the direction of our government, and her leadership has strengthened our communities. Jo Anne has long been a steady hand and a guiding voice, ensuring that our people are never forgotten and always at the table. We thank her for her decades of service and for her commitment to the Métis Nation.



SCOTT CARPENTER
Georgian Bay Métis Community,
residing in Penetanguishene

Scott Carpenter is being recognized for his contributions to the Métis Nation through the preservation and promotion of Métis art, culture, and history. Through his dedication to cultural revitalization, particularly Métis material culture, Scott has helped ensure that our traditions are shared, celebrated, and passed on to the next generation.



CHERIE DIMALINE
Georgian Bay Métis Community,
residing in Midland

Cherie Dimaline is honoured for her powerful contributions to the Métis Nation through literature. Her writing preserves and promotes Métis history, shares our stories with audiences around the world, and strengthens our cultural identity through the transformative power of storytelling.



JORDYN GARNER
Georgian Bay Métis Community,
residing in Penetanguishene

Jordyn Garner is being recognized for her leadership and advocacy on behalf of Métis youth and women. Jordyn is helping shape the future of our Nation by creating space for young people to lead, grow, and feel proud of who they are as Métis.



LOUISE GOULDING
Georgian Bay Métis Community,
residing in Mactier

Louise Goulding received this honour in recognition of her decades of leadership and service to the Métis Nation. Through community organization and advocacy, Louise has helped strengthen the fabric of our Nation, always working with heart, commitment, and a love for her people.

MNO KING CHARLES III Award Recipients



MICHELINE MARCHAND
Georgian Bay Métis Community,
residing in Tiny

Micheline Marchand is being honoured for her work in the preservation and promotion of Métis history. Through education, research and cultural advocacy, Micheline has helped ensure that our stories are not only remembered but that they are honoured and woven into the fabric of Canadian history.



MARGARET RAYNOR
Georgian Bay Métis Community,
residing in Tiny

Margaret Raynor is recognized for her outstanding contributions to the preservation and promotion of Métis art, culture, and history. Through her work as an artist and culture bearer, Margaret continues to uplift Métis identity and ensure that our heritage remains vibrant and visible.



ROLAND ST. GERMAIN
St. Boniface Parish,
residing in Owen Sound

Honourary Senator Roland St. Germain is recognized for his leadership and his work revitalizing Métis culture from Ontario westward. Roland has played a vital role in reconnecting our communities with our roots, and in keeping our culture strong, resilient, and ever-present.



ZACHARY THIFFAULT
Georgian Bay Métis Community,
residing in Elmvale

Zachary Thiffault is receiving this medal for his contributions to the promotion and preservation of Métis history and his advocacy for Métis self-determination. Zac is part of a new generation of leaders who are proudly carrying our stories forward and shaping the future of our Nation.



MARLENE GREENWOOD
Mattawa Métis Community,
residing in North Bay

Marlene Greenwood is being recognized for her decades of leadership and public service to the MNO. Marlene has been a steady and devoted presence in her community, offering her time, her wisdom, and her voice to strengthen Métis governance and support the well-being of our citizens. Her long-standing commitment shows us what it means to lead with humility, integrity, and love for her people.



TONY BELCOURT
Lac St. Ann Métis Community,
residing in Almonte

Tony Belcourt is receiving this honour in recognition of more than half a century of visionary leadership in advancing Métis self-government and self-determination. A trailblazer for our Nation, Tony has helped lay the legal, political, and cultural groundwork for generations to come. His advocacy has forever shaped the course of Métis history in Canada.



KELLY DUQUETTE
Manitoba Métis Community,
residing in Stittsville

Kelly Duquette is being honoured for her important contributions to the preservation and promotion of Métis culture and art. Through her creative work and her pride in her identity, Kelly brings Métis stories to life and helps foster a strong sense of belonging for Métis youth and communities across Ontario.



ERIK GJOS
Huron-Superior Regional Métis Community

Accepted posthumously by family: Erik Gjos is being recognized for his leadership and advocacy on behalf of Métis Veterans. Erik's dedication to ensuring that Métis Veterans received the honour, respect, and recognition they deserve has had a lasting impact. His efforts remind us of the courage and sacrifice of our ancestors and the importance of remembering those who served.



MATTHEW LEMAY
Georgian Bay Métis Community,
residing in Pembroke

Matthew Lemay is receiving this medal for his outstanding contributions to the promotion and preservation of Métis history through film. By raising awareness of Métis history and sharing our stories through visual storytelling, Matthew helps ensure that our truths are acknowledged and our voices are heard.

MNO KING CHARLES III Award Recipients



LOIS MCCALLUM
Abitibi Inland Métis Community & Mattawa Métis Community, residing in Smiths Falls

Lois McCallum is being recognized for her decades of leadership and public service to the Métis Nation of Ontario. A dedicated community member and advocate, Lois has given her time and energy to strengthening the bonds between citizens and ensuring that Métis families have the support and representation they need.



JENNIFER ST. GERMAIN
St. Boniface Parish, residing in Ottawa

Jennifer St. Germain is being recognized for her public service and tireless advocacy on behalf of 2SLGBTQ+ citizens within the Métis Nation. Through her work, Jennifer has advanced equity and inclusion across our governance structures and ensured that Métis people of all identities are seen, heard, and empowered. For more than 25 years, Jennifer has helped to build the Métis Nation of Ontario, from the ground up to be the Métis government in Ontario now, and for the future.



ART BENNETT
Huron-Superior Regional Métis Community, residing in Bruce Mines

Art Bennett is being honoured for his decades of service to the Métis Nation through community organizing, advocacy, and leadership. Art has long been a champion for Métis rights and culture in his region, working to uplift our people and ensure that our voices are strong and respected in every space.



MITCHELL CASE
Huron-Superior Regional Métis Community, residing in Sault Ste. Marie

Mitchell Case is receiving this medal in recognition of his leadership and commitment to the promotion and preservation of Métis history. A proud advocate, and educator, Mitchell has helped connect communities to their stories, their rights, and their responsibilities – strengthening our Nation with every step he takes.



DYLAN MINER
Georgian Bay Métis Community, residing in Michigan

Dylan Miner is being recognized for his fearless leadership in education and for his work in promoting Métis history in academic spaces. Through his advocacy, Dylan challenges colonial narratives and ensures that Métis perspectives are represented, respected, and rooted in the institutions that shape our collective understanding.



DOLORES PINDER
Huron-Superior Regional Métis Community

Accepted posthumously by family: Dolores Pinder is being recognized for her remarkable contributions to the preservation and promotion of Upper Great Lakes Métis history and for her invaluable contributions to the Sault Ste. Marie Métis Heritage Centre. Dolores was instrumental in raising awareness about the 1968 burning of the Agawa Bay Village – helping to reclaim and share a painful but vital part of our story. Her courage and dedication will not be forgotten.



BRENDA POWLEY
Huron-Superior Regional Métis Community, residing in Sault Ste. Marie

Brenda Powley is receiving this honour for her three decades of community organizing, advocacy, and leadership within the Métis Nation. Brenda has played a foundational role in the fight for Métis rights and recognition. Her work has left a lasting mark on our Nation and has opened doors for generations to come.



KIM POWLEY
Huron-Superior Regional Métis Community, residing in Sault Ste. Marie

Kim Powley is being recognized for her years of dedication to community organizing, advocacy, and leadership. Kim has been a tireless force behind the scenes, supporting the work of Métis governance and ensuring our families and communities are connected, informed, and empowered. Her contributions continue to strengthen the roots of our Nation.



TRUDY BELLAMY
Northern Lake Superior Métis Community and the Manitoba Métis Community, residing in Red Rock

Trudy Bellamy is being recognized for her important contributions to the preservation and promotion of Métis history. Through her work, Trudy has helped ensure that the stories, traditions, and voices of our ancestors continue to be shared and honoured. Her commitment to historical truth and cultural pride helps strengthen the foundation of who we are as a Nation.

MNO KING CHARLES III Award Recipients



BRIAN PRAIRIE

Northern Lake Superior Métis Community
and the Manitoba Métis Community,
residing in Thunder Bay

Brian Prairie is being recognized for his dedication to supporting Métis veterans and their families at the local, provincial and national levels. Brian is a tireless champion for this who have served and in doing so, is a model of service to the nation.



CHARLOTTE HUNTER-LOUTTIT-KIJEKIJIK

Abitibi Inland Métis Community,
residing in Swastika

Accepted by family: Charlotte Hunter-Louitt-Kijekijik is being honoured for her leadership and advocacy on behalf of 2SLGBTQ+ citizens within the Métis Nation. Charlotte's work has created space for voices that have too often been left out of the conversation. She leads with courage, compassion, and a clear commitment to a future where all Métis people are treated with dignity and respect.



DAVID HAMILTON

Abitibi Inland Métis Community,
residing in Chapleau

David Hamilton is receiving this medal in recognition of his contributions to the Métis Nation through community leadership and the preservation of traditional land-based knowledge. David's connection to the land and commitment to cultural teaching have made him a vital knowledge keeper, helping to pass on essential teachings to the next generation.



FRANCES KENNELLY

Abitibi Inland Métis Community,
residing in Timmins

Frances Kennelly is being recognized for her work in preserving Métis history and traditional knowledge. Frances has played an important role in ensuring that the practices, language, and stories of our people are maintained and respected. Her dedication strengthens our communities and keeps us grounded in the wisdom of those who came before us.



FRANCE PICOTTE

Abitibi Inland Métis Community,
residing in Timmins

France Picotte is being honoured for her incredible leadership at the local, provincial, and national levels. A long-time advocate for the Métis Nation, France has played an important role in the revitalization of Métis culture and governance. Her leadership has helped shape the direction of our Nation and continues to inspire those who follow in her footsteps.



AMANDA PONT-SHANKS

Manitoba Métis Community,
residing in Beamsville

Amanda Pont-Shanks is being recognized for her leadership and contributions to early learning and education for Métis children. Amanda has dedicated her career to creating spaces where young Métis learners feel seen, supported, and proud of who they are. Her work promotes Métis history and identity, and also helps ensure that the next generation is grounded in culture from their earliest steps. Amanda is helping build a future where Métis children grow up confident in who they are and connected to their community.



BRIAN TUCKER

Northwestern Ontario Métis Community,
residing in Fort Frances

Brian Tucker is receiving the King Charles III Coronation Medal for his contributions to the Métis Nation through years of public service and the preservation of traditional land-based knowledge. Brian's leadership and advocacy have helped ensure that Métis harvesting traditions, values, and rights are protected and passed on. His work is rooted in respect for the land and wisdom of our ancestors, and he continues to be a source of knowledge and strength in his community.



GARY LIPINSKI

Northwestern Ontario Métis Community,
residing in Fort Frances

Gary Lipinski is being honoured for his service and leadership within the Métis Nation. A former President of the MNO, Gary has played a pivotal role in advancing Métis self-government and building the foundations of the Métis government in Ontario. His vision and dedication helped shape a stronger, more united Métis Nation, and his legacy continues to guide us today. We thank Gary for his lifelong commitment to the Métis people.



HAYDEN STENLUND

Northwestern Ontario Métis Community,
residing in Kenora

Hayden Stenlund is being recognized for his ongoing leadership and advocacy within the Métis Nation. Through community service and work on behalf of Métis citizens in the northwest, Hayden has made a meaningful difference in the lives of many. From a young age, his voice has been strong in advancing Métis rights and supporting local governance, always rooted in a deep love for his community and a desire to see it thrive.



The following individuals were unable to attend the King Charles III Coronation Medal Ceremonies. The MNO extends our congratulations to:

JASON MADDEN

Northwestern Ontario Métis Community, residing in Toronto

Jason Madden is a leading legal voice in the Métis Nation’s Hunt for Justice. For decades, he has fought in courtrooms across the country to defend and advance Métis rights. His work has been instrumental in securing recognition for our communities and in advancing our path toward self-determination. Jason has helped write a new chapter in Métis legal and political history, and we thank him for his courage and conviction.



PAUL DEVILLERS

Georgian Bay Métis Community, residing in Ottawa

Paul DeVillers received this medal in honour of his many contributions to Canadian law, politics, and to the economic development of the Métis Nation. Paul’s commitment to democracy, in the Métis Nation, in Canada and around the world, has allowed countless people to have their voices heard. Paul has made a lasting impact in advancing the prosperity and self-determination of our people.



PAUL ROBITAILLE

Georgian Bay Métis Community, residing in Huntsville

Paul Robitaille is being recognized for his leadership, advocacy on behalf of Métis youth, and contributions to economic development within the Métis Nation. Paul is helping build a future where Métis people – especially young people – can thrive in every area of life.



BENNY MICHAUD

Manitoba Métis Community, residing in Ottawa

Benny Michaud, is being honoured for their powerful advocacy on behalf of 2SLGBTQ+ Métis people and their contributions to the revitalization of the Michif language. Benny’s work ensures that our Nation is inclusive, just, and rooted in the strength of our diverse voices. Their leadership helps build a future where every Métis person is valued and celebrated.

Additional Award Recipients

From Navy to National Advocacy

Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) citizen, Canadian Forces veteran, and dedicated advocate Todd Ross has devoted his career to advocacy, leadership, and uplifting Indigenous and 2SLGBTQI+ communities. With support from the MNO Veterans' Council, he served as a lead plaintiff in the LGBT Purge Class Action lawsuit, helping hold the federal government accountable for its discriminatory actions. Today, he continues this work as Co-Chair of the LGBT Purge Fund.

Todd’s story continues to be amplified in spaces such as the Canadian Museum for Human Rights through their exhibit "Love in a

Dangerous Time: Canada's LGBT Purge,"—an ode to individuals, like Todd, who suffered discrimination and who stood up against powerful and pervasive biases.

Todd remains committed to advancing the rights of 2SLGBTQI+ veterans, expanding urban Indigenous services, and supporting Indigenous students.

Congratulations, Todd, and thank you for your continued leadership!

Scan the QR code to learn more about Todd Ross.



TODD ROSS

Awarded by
Egale Canada

Recognition Beyond the Classroom

Region 1 citizen Tom Doherty was presented the King Charles III Coronation Medal on February 22, 2025 by Kenora MPP Eric Milillo for his four decades of incredible dedication to education and his community, Kenora. A beloved educator with the Kenora Catholic District School Board, Tom has spent more than 40 years inspiring and mentoring students in Northwestern Ontario.

The King Charles III Coronation Medal was created to celebrate the Coronation and is awarded to individuals who have made a meaningful impact in their community, province, or territory.

Tom’s passion for education represents the MNO’s Statement of Prime Purpose, specifically our goal to promote and foster community development.

Tom’s lifelong commitment to youth and education have made lasting impacts on his community of Red Lake and beyond, and the MNO is beyond proud of Tom’s achievements. Congratulations, Tom—your dedication has truly made a difference!

Scan the QR code to learn more about Tom Doherty.



TOM DOHERTY

Awarded by Kenora-Kiiwetinoong District

Heart of the Community

The Temiskaming Métis Community Council is pleased to share that Darlene Bowen was recognized with the King Charles III Coronation Medal on March 29 for her dedication and compassion to her community.

The presentation was delivered by local MPP John Vanthof, who stated that Darlene not only leads—but steps up to help whenever and however she can.

Her list of accomplishments range from chairing organizations like the New Liskeard Agricultural Society, Northdale Manor, Harris Township’s 100th Anniversary Committee, and the Ontario Cattlemen’s Association

to serving on non-profit boards from the local to national level. She was also an integral coordinator with the 2009 International Plowing Match, was president of the New Liskeard Fall Fair, and now serves as president of Keepers of the Circle.

Please join us in congratulating Darlene on all her accomplishments and on receiving this well-deserved recognition.

Scan the QR code to learn more about Darlene Bowen.



DARLENE BOWEN

Awarded by Timiskaming–Cochrane District

Serving with Distinction

Jonathan Hesler has been honoured with a King Charles III Coronation Medal for his exceptional commitment to community service, leadership, and volunteerism. He has served as Aide-de-Camp to two Lieutenant Governors of Ontario, including the Honourable Edith Dumont, playing a key role in upholding protocol and supporting official engagements.

Today, as a Superintendent with Peel Regional Paramedic Services, Jonathan continues to serve by advocating for first responders and ensuring they have the support needed to protect their communities.

Beyond his professional role, Jonathan remains deeply engaged

in the Métis community. As Treasurer of the Clear Waters Métis Council, he promotes collaboration and advocates for Métis citizens across the South Western Ontario Region.

Jonathan’s story reflects the Métis values of resilience, respect, and mutual support. His leadership and dedication continue to make a meaningful impact across every community he serves. Bravo, Jonathan!

Scan the QR code to learn more about Jonathan Hesler.



JONATHAN HESLER

Awarded by Lieutenant Governor Edith Dumont



Building a Brighter Future: Thunder Bay Indigenous Youth Transition House

The Métis Nation of Ontario is proud to be part of a groundbreaking project assisting Indigenous youth in Thunder Bay. A transitional housing project, led by Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services and managed by the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre, is already underway and on target for completion by January 2026.

The project will provide safe and supportive housing for homeless or at-risk urban Indigenous youth aged 18 to 29.

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Along with shelter, the centre will offer 24-hour support, case management, and access to culturally grounded justice and wellness programming. These services will help youth navigate challenges such as

addiction and mental health, paving the way toward stability and independence.

The programming aspect of the project will be led by the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO), building on its proven history of delivering high-quality, culturally relevant programs and services. With decades of experience supporting Métis and other Indigenous youth across Ontario, the MNO will continue to guide participants as they transition to independent living.

The MNO values community-driven partnerships and is proud to collaborate

on initiatives of meaningful change. Working together with local organizations strengthens culturally safe support systems and reflects shared commitment to advancing opportunities, resilience, and well-being for Indigenous youth. ∞



Scan the QR code for more details about this youth housing initiative.

History & Reconciliation

MNO Senators and elected reps take center stage at Lake of Bays United Churches

Members of the Lake of Bays United Church gathered on a warm Sunday in May to learn about Métis history, reconciliation, and culture through conversation, storytelling, and hands-on beadwork.

The event featured guest speaker Mitch Case, Provincial Secretary of Education for the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO), who led a thoughtful session reflecting on the past and envisioning the future of reconciliation in Canada. Nearly 50 members of the congregation attended.

“We had a great time sharing Métis stories, talking about the history of our people, the real work of reconciliation, and sitting together to do some beadwork,” says MNO Provincial Secretary of Education Mitch Case. “These types of conversations are the best way to actually learn about our history and how we can move forward as a country.”

The event was made possible through the efforts of Pastor Meg of the Lake of Bays United Churches and Senators Verna Porter-Brunelle and Victor Brunelle.

“So few Canadians actually understand Indigenous peoples, and even fewer understand Métis people.

So many are afraid to ask questions,” said Senator Porter-Brunelle. “It’s always moving to witness people genuinely engage with our stories and traditions.”

Participants not only engaged in heartfelt conversation but also got the chance to learn a traditional Métis art form through beadwork. Beadwork kits, provided by the Métis Nation of Ontario Youth Council were available for purchase, with proceeds going toward the Métis Youth Cultural Fund—an initiative that supports youth-led cultural projects across the province.

Several congregation members participated, eager to learn through the craft, while others purchased kits for their grandchildren or loved ones. The event highlighted the importance of grassroots education and cultural exchange in building understanding and forging respectful relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.

“It’s about building relationships and continuing the conversation together,” Case added, “Canadians have such little understanding of our shared history and we have the opportunity to build a better society together.”



ABOVE: Pastor Meg of the Lake of Bays United Churches, Senator Victor Brunelle, Senator Verna Porter-Brunelle, and MNO Provincial Secretary of Education Mitch Case.

The day wrapped with smiles, shared reflections, and a deeper appreciation for the vibrant culture and living history of the Métis people. ∞

Parks Canada partnership brings Métis stories to life

The Huron-Superior Regional Métis Community has formed a powerful partnership with Parks Canada, creating new opportunities for learning, connection, and reconciliation at the Sault Ste. Marie Canal National Historic Site.

Through a shared commitment to storytelling and stewardship, the partnership is helping revitalize Métis culture and history in one of the region’s most significant places. Visitors are encouraged to explore new exhibits, interpretive panels, and Indigenous-led programming that reflect the deep presence of Métis and other Indigenous peoples in the area.

As noted on the Parks Canada’s website, this effort is part of a national framework to honour Indigenous connections to heritage places. The Sault Canal is recognized not just as a feat of engineering, but as a living cultural landscape that has long been part of Métis and Indigenous life—through trade, travel, and community.

“The Sault Canal is not just a place of national infrastructure—it’s part of our story as Métis people,” said Huron-Superior Regional Métis Community Regional Councillor Mitch Case. “Our ancestors lived, worked, and traded along these waters. The taking up of these lands and the

industrialization that followed significantly impacted our community. This partnership helps tell our story.”

The initiative follows Parks Canada’s Indigenous Stewardship Framework, which emphasizes Indigenous leadership in protecting and interpreting heritage places. In Sault Ste. Marie, that vision is being realized through collaboration with local Métis leaders, Elders, and knowledge holders.

Visitors to the site can now enjoy experiences that include Métis stories, language, and culture—woven into the site itself. Whether walking the grounds, reading

exhibits, or attending an event, guests are invited to reflect not only on what was built here, but also on who has called this land home for generations.

The Huron-Superior Regional Métis Community and Parks Canada invite the public to visit the site this summer, take part in new programming, and experience the powerful stories that continue to shape this region. ∞

Scan the QR code for more information on partnerships and upcoming events.



COMMUNITY



Above: Métis Musician and MNO citizen Amanda Rheume performs a special concert in Sault Ste. Marie on May 24, 2025.

Echoes of the River Lots

Amanda Rheume brings Métis stories to life through music

On Saturday, May 24, 2025, acclaimed Métis singer-songwriter Amanda Rheume captivated an enthusiastic audience of over 100 people at the Downtown Plaza in Sault Ste. Marie. Her heartfelt performance celebrated Métis stories, resilience, and connection to the place.

On the same day, the Sault Ste. Marie Heritage Centre was officially inaugurated as a recording venue. Amanda Rheume and Alyssa Katrine recorded acoustic versions of songs inspired by the rich history of the Métis community

in the region, some of which Amanda later performed at the Downtown Plaza.

Once the site of two historic Métis River Lots, the significance of gathering at the Downtown Plaza to celebrate Métis stories wasn't lost on those in attendance. Huron-Superior Regional Métis Community Regional Councillor, Mitch Case, acknowledged the history of that time and place.

"I know it's a little bit chilly today, but our hearts are still warm with the fire of pride in who we are, and where we come from," Case says. "These River lots were our home. So

I am deeply honoured to have played this album on the land and by the water ...

much has happened to push us away, to deny our existence – but we are still here and we always will be."

The free outdoor concert showcased songs from Rheume's latest album, *The Truth We Hold*, a collection of songs of Métis people, places, and stories across centuries.

Highlights of the evening included performances inspired by stories directly connected to Sault Ste. Marie. "One of These Days" is a poignant reflection on the displacement of Métis families from Agawa Bay in the late 1960s. "I Won't Hide" is an anthem of identity and strength which honours

the Powley family's decade-long legal battle to secure their constitutionally protected right to hunt under Section 35.

"I am deeply honoured to have played this album on the land and by the water that two of these stories and songs are about," Amanda exclaims.

Sponsored by the Métis Nation of Ontario and the Huron-Superior Regional Métis Community, the concert was part of an ongoing initiative to share and celebrate stories of Métis people and communities in Ontario. ∞

MNO hosts Community Open House in the Sault

Citizens and public invited to learn about programs and services

On Tuesday, May 27, the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) welcomed citizens and members of the public to a special Open House at the John Rhodes Community Centre. The event offered a valuable opportunity for community members to learn more about the wide range of programs and services MNO provides across the province, with a special focus on supports available locally.

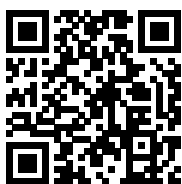
Hosted by MNO staff, the Open House highlighted five key areas of service: health, justice, education, housing, and self-government. Information booths, program materials, and one-on-one conversations allowed attendees to explore the MNO's offerings and connect directly with staff supporting these vital services.

"It was a great afternoon, seeing so many citizens come out and learn about programs and services, says Regional Councillor Mitch Case. "It really is a reminder of the impact our government makes in the lives of our citizens. From helping Métis students achieve their educational goals, to supporting families with housing, to advancing our self-government efforts—the MNO is committed to building a stronger, healthier future for our community."

Visitors engaged with program coordinators, learned about wellness initiatives, funding supports, and community engagement opportunities. They also gained deeper insight into the MNO's efforts to strengthen Métis identity and self-determination in Ontario.

The event emphasized the impor-

ance of community connection and awareness, especially as the MNO continues to expand its reach and deepen its impact. As the Métis Nation moves forward in asserting self-government and building institutions for the future, outreach events like this Open House play a crucial role in ensuring citizens are informed and empowered. ∞



Scan the QR code for more information about MNO programs and upcoming events.



PHOTOS: MNO staff and PCMNO Councillor Mitch Case hosted a special open house in SSM.



SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

Culture, Craft & Community

MNO Summer Youth Program Orientation Week

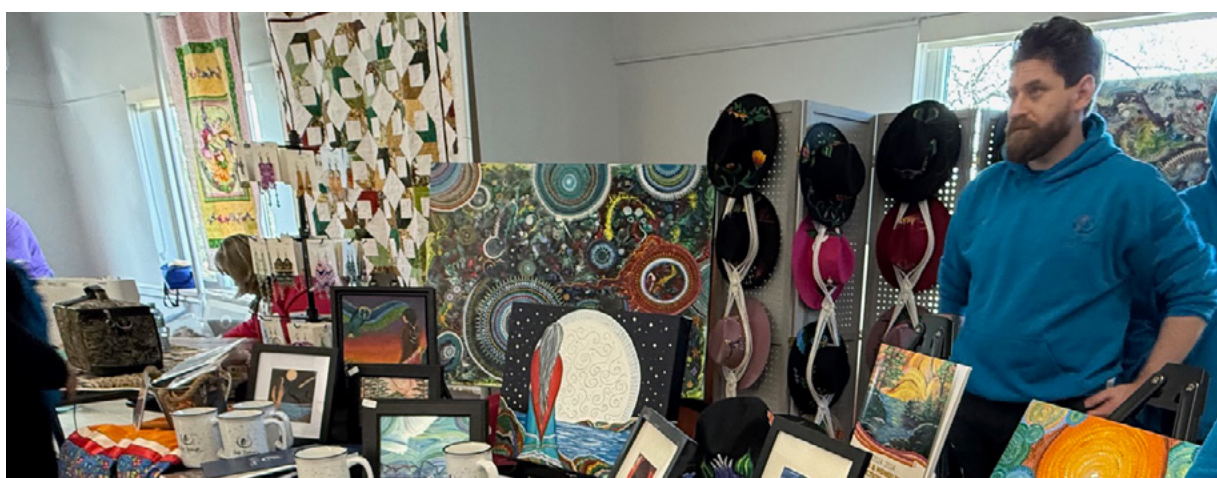


The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) welcomed a new batch of Summer Youth Program (SYP) members for a week of cultural learning, hands-on experience, and outdoor adventures. The training, held May 11–16 in Midland, Ontario, brought together Métis youth from across the province to build pride in their Métis culture and develop leadership skills to support their work with the MNO this summer. From the jump, youth were immersed in hands-on workshops designed to prepare and empower them for their roles as summer staff. Following Sunday check-in, participants jumped into a full Monday lineup that included a Blanket Stitch Workshop, a Dot Art Workshop, and a high-energy music and jigging session led by the Tkaronto Métis Jiggers. Tuesday's activities centred on Métis traditional knowledge and land-based skills. Youth travelled to a trapline in nearby Mactier for a Hunting and Harvesting Workshop led by MNO citizen and Knowledge Holder Jim Tolles, where

they engaged in hands-on learning focused on sustainable practices and respectful harvesting. On Wednesday, the youth developed essential presentation and facilitation skills in sessions led by MNO staff Michael Smith and Mattingly Ammerata. Later, they participated in Beading, Embroidery, and Fingerweaving workshops guided by MNO citizen and historian Ruth Quesnelle and experienced SYP members. On Thursday, youth took part in an outdoor environmental education experience at Wye Marsh. They learned about the MNO's Water Monitoring Project, organized by Cassidy Press and her team. The full-day session focused on Métis stewardship and environmental science, giving participants hands-on learning about protecting water and land. The MNO thanks the presenters, knowledge keepers, and mentors who supported Orientation Week. We look forward to seeing the SYP participants apply their skills as they serve Métis communities across Ontario this summer. ∞



Above: A new batch of MNO Summer Youth Program participants gathered in Midland, May 11–16, for a week of immersive cultural training and land-based learning.



BARRIE: Honouring Our Grandmothers Métis Cultural Festival

In May, Métis citizens and the general public celebrated culture and honoured the legacy of Métis grandmothers at the Honouring Our Grandmothers Cultural Festival in Barrie.

Co-hosted by the Barrie-South Simcoe Métis Council and the Kooshkopayiw Arts Collective, this festival offered art, music, jigging, vendors, and hands-on workshops – all showcased by Métis artists and artisans.

Workshops throughout the day offered festival-goers the opportunity to learn new skills and familiarize themselves with a wide array of Métis artistic traditions. The workshops included: Quilting with Roxanne Shank; Continuous Drawing with Monica Loney; Painting with Patti Belanger; Beading with Joe Jesseau; and Jigging with the Lyon Sisters.

The festival featured lively performances that showcased the

energy and spirit of Métis culture, with musical acts including Ken Lindsay, Red, Hot Stove Pipe Métis Band, and Lyric Dubee—surely got our toes tapping!

The Honouring Our Grandmothers Métis Cultural Festival offered something for everyone and attendees were able to share in the beauty of Métis heritage, and honour the exceptional women who laid the foundation for future generations. ∞



Indigenous Veterans visit Métis Heritage Centre in the Sault

Indigenous veterans and service members visiting Sault Ste. Marie were recently welcomed to the Sault Ste. Marie Métis Heritage Centre for a special tour connecting military service with Métis culture.

Organized by veteran Ken Figures of the Historic Sault Ste. Marie Métis Council, the veterans explored exhibits highlighting the Métis community's enduring contributions to Canada.

The tour provided a meaningful space for reflection, and honoured Indigenous service members' role in protecting both land and identity across generations. ∞

Bringing Métis Stories to the Classroom

A New Collaboration with author Cherie Dimaline

This summer, the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) is excited to launch a new project that brings Métis brilliance to bookshelves through a collaboration with celebrated author Cherie Dimaline.

This partnership will result in new resources to support the Grade 9 De-streamed English course across Ontario, helping educators bring Métis voices and stories into the classroom.

Launching in Summer 2025, this one-of-a-kind educational initiative will provide Ontario secondary teachers with a set of Métis-specific teaching materials. These include a novel study exploring *The Marrow Thieves* and *Hunting by Stars*, an original short story written by Cherie Dimaline, a supporting podcast series, OSSLT preparation resources, and Métis-centred approaches to teaching Indigenous literature and literacy.

This project reflects the MNO's ongoing commitment to developing culturally responsive curriculum and ensuring Métis perspectives are included in K–12 education. The new resources are designed to support student engagement, strengthen cultural understanding, and help teachers bring Indigenous voices into the classroom.

Teachers are encouraged to stay tuned—these new resources will be available in Summer 2025. In the meantime, educators can explore existing materials on the MNO Curriculum and Resource page. ∞



Scan the QR code for more information on the MNO Curriculum and Resources available.



Pitch, Present, Prosper

Métis entrepreneurs shine at Region 3 business events

In April 2025, MNO Region 3 held two business events that promoted entrepreneurial spirit and encouraged business discussion within the Métis community.

On April 29, Métis owned businesses were given the opportunity to pitch their ventures—whether for expansion, startup funding, or other business needs—in a competitive showcase. Ten businesses submitted two-minute video pitches to enter the competition. Five finalists were selected to present live in front of a public audience and panel of esteemed judges including:

- Jennifer St. Germain, MNO Chief Strategy Officer
- Ian Lane, Northern Ontario Angels Executive Director
- Jason Cloutier, The Venture Centre Business Advisor

A youth participant was also invited to present their business idea in front of the judges. The Business Pitch Competition was proudly sponsored by the Abitibi Inland Métis Community, Canada Nickel, The Venture Centre, The Infinity Group, and J&B Cycle and Marine.

Congratulations to the Grand Prize



Above (left): Region 3 councillor Jacques Picotte presents a cheque to Zak Brunet for his business pitch "Printy McPrintface."

Winner, Déco Véro, who was awarded a \$10,000 prize. Several individuals received a Runners-Up prize of \$1,000 including Ferme Picotte Farm, CNC Cabinets, Baskets by Jenn, And U Clean Car Wash. Our Youth Prize Winner, awarded \$3,000, was given to Zak Brunet of Printy McPrintface. Congratulations to all participants for their inspiring entrepreneurial spirit

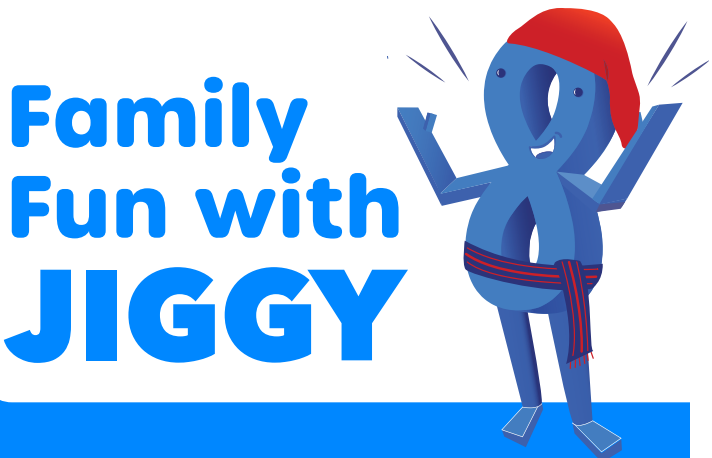
and innovative business ideas!

On April 30, the 2nd Annual Business Summit took place, featuring guest speakers who shared insights on digital marketing trends, entrepreneurship, human resources, and financing. Jennifer St. Germain also delivered a presentation titled Métis Way of Life & Economic Reconciliation, providing valuable cultural context. The day

concluded with door prizes and special take home items.

Thank you to everyone who came out, supported, and helped facilitate these two events. We had so much fun connecting with local Métis business owners and entrepreneurs. We are already looking forward to next year! ∞





Create

Imagine a special town where Métis people live happily together. What would it look like?

Use crayons, markers, or pencils to draw your perfect Métis community. Think about what makes a place fun and safe—like homes, parks, music, gardens, or people helping one another. Make it as colourful and creative as you like!

DRAW YOUR COMMUNITY

WRITE YOUR RULES

Now, Let's Make Some Rules!

Every great community needs rules to help people get along and take care of each other. These special rules help keep everyone safe, happy, and respected—just like **a constitution** does for a real government.

Ask Yourself:

What rules do I want for my community?

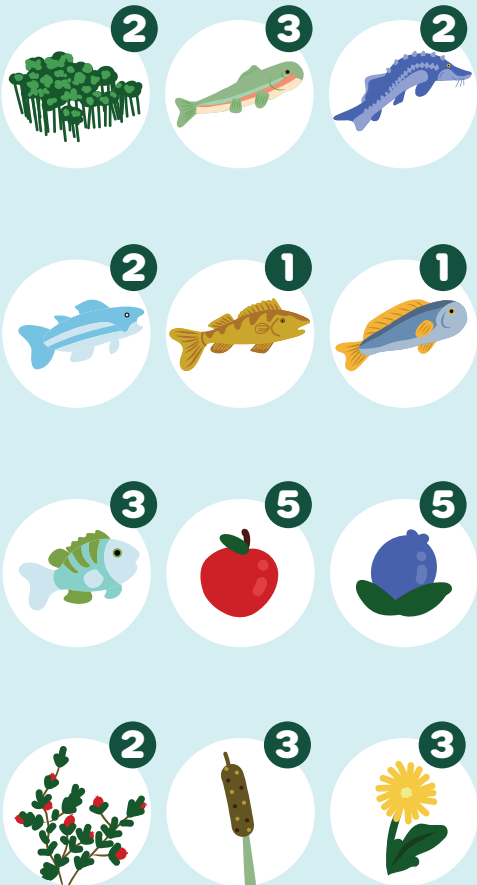
How can I make my community a fun and safe place?

How should I treat others and work together with them?

Who should help decide on the rules?

Count

Marty the moose needs to catch **12 fish** and forage **20 salad toppings** for his kitchen party! Can you help him count them?



Join MNO's Self-Government Journey!

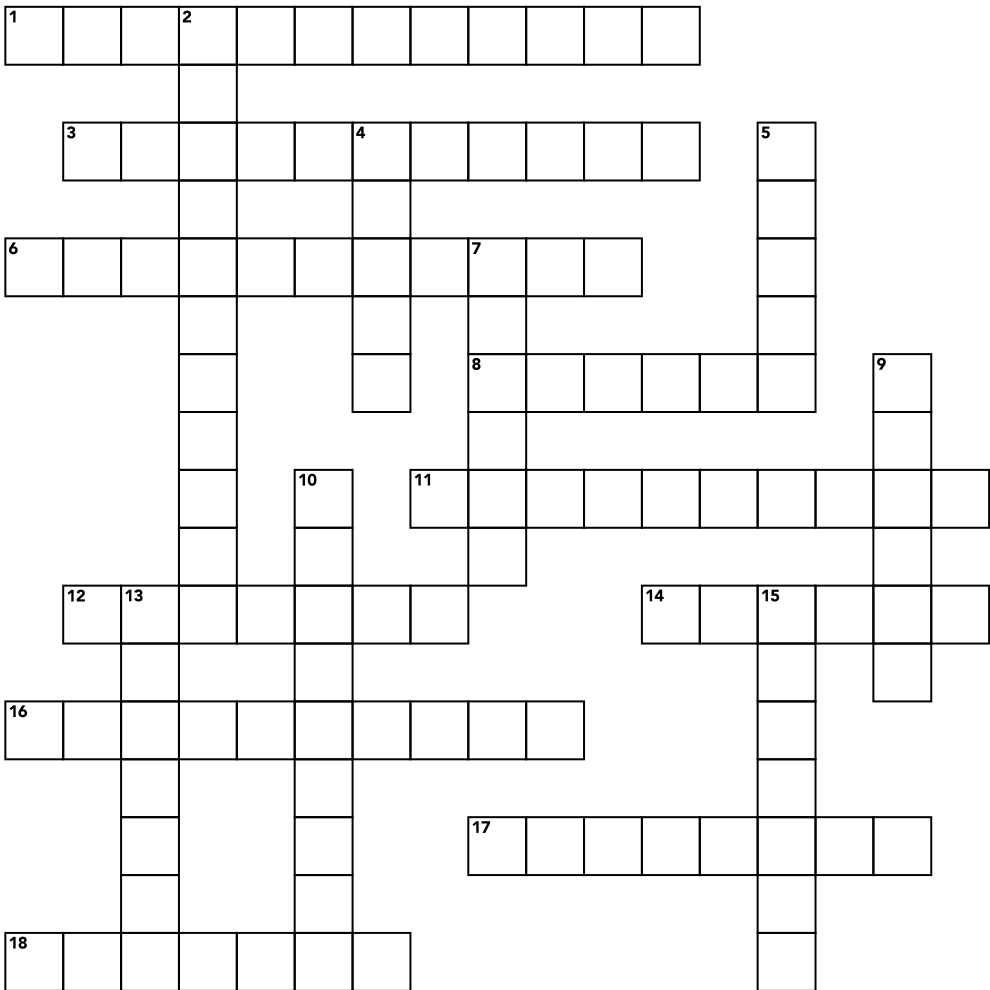
Test your knowledge and learn more about how your voice can shape MNO's Self-Government journey.

ACROSS

- 1. Document outlining the MNO's governing principles.
- 3. Ensuring all Métis are heard, respected and supported.
- 6. The enduring Métis spirit and enthusiasm for life. (3 wds, Fr.)
- 8. Questionnaire to gather MNO citizens' Self-Government input.
- 11. A group discussion for sharing ideas about Self-Government.
- 12. Creative outlet for Self-Government contributions. (2 wds)
- 14. Landmark Supreme Court ruling affirming Métis S.35 rights.
- 16. Overcoming challenges with courage and adaptability.
- 17. A wayfinder, for Métis voyageurs and constitution-building.
- 18. A member of a nation, with rights and responsibilities.

DOWN

- 2. MNO's service-delivering legal and administrative arm.
- 4. Number of historic Métis communities in Ontario.
- 5. Our guide and translator for building MNO's constitution.
- 7. Shared aspirations and objectives of the Métis in Ontario.
- 9. Shared beliefs that guide the decisions of Métis in Ontario.
- 10. Thankfulness for nature's gifts to the Métis people.
- 13. Treating each other, land, or water with dignity and honour.
- 15. MNO's online hub for Self-Government information.



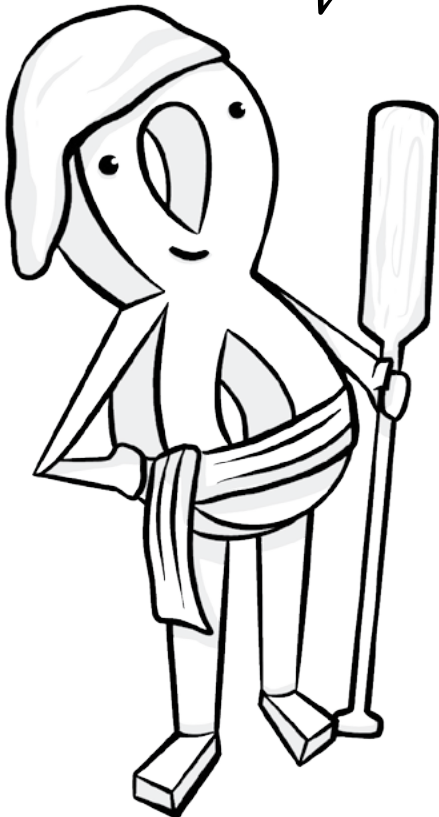
Colour

To play the puzzles online and with your friends, scan the QR codes below:

CROSSWORD

WORD SEARCH

To reveal the puzzles' answers, scan the QR code below:



- ANCESTORS
- ART WALL
- CITIZENS
- COMMUNITIES
- CONSTITUTION
- CULTURE
- FOUNDATION
- FUTURE
- GOVERNMENT
- HISTORIC
- IDENTITY
- JIGGY
- LISTENING
- LOBSTICK
- PARTICIPATE
- PRINCIPLES
- RIGHTS
- TRADITIONS
- VALUES
- VISION



Join Our Métis Tours

Step into history Paddle through culture!

Discover the rich cultural and ecological heritage of the Métis people in Sault Ste. Marie.

Take a Walking Tour to explore local landmarks and learn about the deep-rooted connection to the land. Climb aboard our "Big Canoe" where you'll travel the St. Marys River uncovering stories of Métis river lots and fishing traditions.



**Only accepting group bookings at the moment. No individual tickets, just group rates.*

Early Learning & Child Care

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MÉTIS KIDS MÉTIS CULTURE MÉTIS STORIES

A fun and engaging newsletter for Métis families, filled with crafts, stories, and updates – all rooted in Métis tradition.

READ THE LATEST
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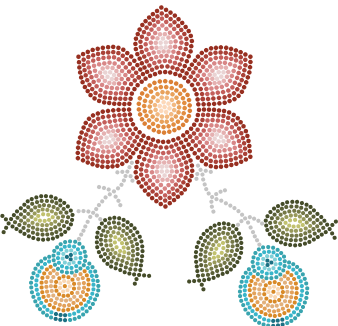
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to explore!



IN MEMORIAM



Remembering Richard "Dinger" Bennett



It is with sadness that the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) heard of the passing of Richard "Dinger" Bennett just days before his milestone 75th birthday.

Rick was involved in the Métis Nation of Ontario in the early days. He was on the local Ontario Métis and Aboriginal Association (OMAA) board and played a role in negotiating Métis Harvesting rights in Sault Ste. Marie before the Powley Case started. His brother, Art is a long time worker for the MNO as he acted as a PCMNO member, Captain of the Hunt, and current board member of Métis Infinity Investments.

Rick dedicated many years of his life working as a Linesman at Great Lakes Power, where his strong work ethic and reliability earned the respect of all who worked alongside him. Outside of work he was active in his community, playing/coaching hockey and baseball, and organizing fish derbies and tournaments. He loved being involved in the action.

Rick and his beloved wife Jane, spent many summers at his happy place on Pow Wow Point. As an avid fisherman and hunter he loved the outdoors. Always up early tending the fire, he loved having his coffee and smokes, updating his log book and getting the sports updates. His outgoing personality and love of entertaining made him the perfect host to many! The door was always open.

Rick will be remembered for his larger than life personality, his hugs, his love for his family and friends and his passion for life's simple joys. His legacy lives on in stories we will continue to share for years to come and the love that surrounds us still. He will be deeply missed by Jane, his family and the many friends that he made over the years – always loved and never forgotten.

MNO extends its heartfelt condolences to the entire Bennett family. ∞

If you wish to make a donation in memory of Rick, please consider the Canadian FOP Network.





MNO Releases Community Report on Mobility Disability: The Métis Nation of Ontario announced the release of a Community Report detailing the experiences of citizens living with mobility disabilities. Conducted in partnership with MNO Healing and Wellness, research partners, and ICES, the report highlights what citizens shared about key barriers to accessibility and how the MNO can better support them.



Renew your Citizenship Card Today! Is your MNO citizenship card expired or about to expire? Make sure your card and contact information are up to date by completing a citizenship card renewal form, and submitting an updated photo and a copy of your proof of residency (e.g., a driver's license). You can renew your card online. If you have any questions, please contact the MNO registry: **1-855-798-1006** or **info@mnoregistry.ca**.



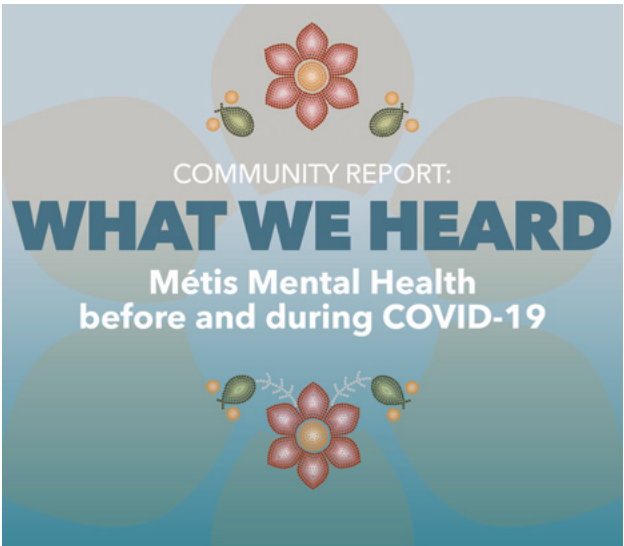
MNO & Home Hospice Association Host Death Cafés: The Métis Nation of Ontario is partnering with the Home Hospice Association to host monthly Death Cafés—a safe space for a group-led discussion about death. These Métis-specific Death Cafés will provide supportive spaces where individuals are encouraged to talk about death and everything that comes with it.



Home Child Care Program: The Métis Nation of Ontario is pleased to offer start-up support, funding, and professional development to eligible MNO citizens interested in becoming Licensed Home Child Care Providers. This program is open to citizens with a complete registry file and includes ongoing access to resources and training opportunities.

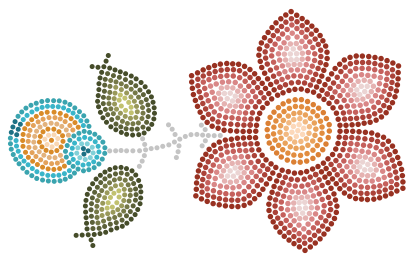


"Your Health" A Monthly Online Conversation on Wellness: The Métis Nation of Ontario's Healing & Wellness team invites you to join us online for a series of monthly virtual conversations about your health and wellness. These Sessions are open to everyone interested in enhancing their knowledge on Health and Well-being.

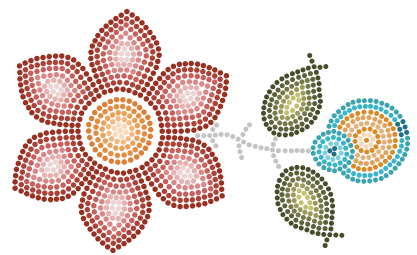


MNO releases report on Métis Mental Health before and during COVID-19: The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) announced the release of a comprehensive study on the mental health and wellness of Métis citizens before and during the COVID-19 pandemic. This "What We Heard" report offers a unique, Métis-specific perspective on the mental health challenges faced by community members during this unprecedented global crisis.





MNO AGA



August 13 to 17, 2025 • Roberta Bondar Pavilion • Sault Ste. Marie

The Métis Nation of Ontario's Annual General Assembly (AGA) is Métis self-government in action. Every year, MNO leadership and citizens from Métis communities across Ontario gather to make their voices heard, review the successes of the past year, and set a course for the coming year. This year's AGA is one that you won't want to miss!

AGA 2025 is being held at the Roberta Bondar Pavilion in beautiful Sault Ste. Marie from August 13 to 17, 2025. All Métis citizens are encouraged to participate.

As always, the AGA is about strengthening the Nation through governance, gathering,

and community. The Huron-Superior Region is honoured to welcome Métis citizens from across Ontario and beyond to Sault Ste. Marie—one of the oldest continuous Métis communities in the country.

We are excited to host the return of the MNO AGA "We Aspire" Golf Tournament. AGA business meetings will occur at the Delta Waterfront Hotel and Roberta Bondar Pavilion.

We can also look forward to the President's Welcome and Canoe arrival on Thursday night, with lots of exciting activities throughout the weekend including children's activ-

ities at Camp AGA, the Kooshkopayiw Métis Art Council Exhibit, vendor fairs, a gala dinner, and more!

REGISTER HERE!

All MNO citizens are encouraged to participate. If you require support with your registration, contact: Events@metisnation.org

For full schedule or more information, visit:
metisnation.org/aga2025
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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13	THURSDAY AUGUST 14	FRIDAY AUGUST 15	SATURDAY AUGUST 16	SUNDAY AUGUST 17
 WE ASPIRE GOLF TOURNAMENT 11 - 5PM Dinner to follow (Registration 10AM) @ Silver Creek Golf Course Evening Event SENATORS MEET & GREET RECEPTION 7 - 9PM @ Delta Waterfront Hotel	Morning/Afternoon MNO 25+ INTERIM COUNCIL AGM 8:30 - 10:30AM @ Delta Waterfront Hotel VETERANS' COUNCIL AGM 10:30AM - 12:30PM @ Delta Waterfront Hotel Evening Event PRESIDENTS WELCOME AND CANOE LANDING 4PM @ Roberta Bondar Pavilion	Morning/Afternoon AGA BUSINESS MEETINGS 9AM @ Roberta Bondar Pavilion All Day Kooshkopayiw ART EXHIBIT & VENDOR FAIR @ Delta Waterfront Hotel Evening Event SOIRÉE IN THE SOO 6 - 10PM @ The Powley Institute MNO WOMEN'S COUNCIL AGM 6:30 - 9PM @ Delta Waterfront Hotel	Morning/Afternoon AGA BUSINESS MEETINGS 9AM @ Roberta Bondar Pavilion All Day Kooshkopayiw ART EXHIBIT & VENDOR FAIR @ Delta Waterfront Hotel Evening Event GALA DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT 6 - 9PM @ Roberta Bondar Pavilion	Morning/Afternoon AGA BUSINESS MEETINGS 9AM - NOON @ Roberta Bondar Pavilion Afternoon TRAVEL HOME

CAMP AGA

The MNO is pleased to offer Camp AGA, a day camp for children during MNO AGA 2025. Available to MNO citizens, delegates, or staff, Camp AGA provides child care for children ages 0-12 during daytime programming led by the amazing MNO Early Learning and Childcare Team.

To access Camp AGA, you must first complete your AGA registration. **Deadline to register for Camp AGA is August 8 at 4:30 PM EST.**



We Aspire
GOLF TOURNAMENT 2025

August 13 @ 10AM
Silver Creek Golf Course, Garden River

REGISTER BY AUGUST 1



Soirée in the Soo
Concert featuring
Amanda Rheaume
August 15 @ 6 - 10PM EST
The Powley Institute, Sault Ste. Marie

Ticket Prices:

- \$25 per person
- \$10 per child (12 and under)
- \$40 per family



To register or buy tickets, please visit www.metsnation.org/aga2025