



YEAR IN REVIEW

MNO 33rd AGA - 2025/26 Report



Name Advisory Council	Name / Position
Youth Council (MNOYC)	Evan Accettola, MNOYC President, PCMNO Youth Representative

Introductory Message 2025/26

This year the Youth Council had one focus running through everything we did, and that was getting ready for the future of the Métis Nation of Ontario. That meant pushing for a draft constitution, staying at the table working on self-government and treaty, and making sure Youth have what they need to succeed in Métis government.

As the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario Youth Representative and the Métis Nation of Ontario Youth Council President I have had the opportunity to work with a full council of Youth leaders, with new members stepping in now allowing us to have every region represented. We also started building a charter for the Youth Council so that this council holds up long after any of us have completed our terms.

Alongside that we kept doing the close work with community, funding grassroots grants, showing up at gatherings, campuses, national and international tables, and helping Youth stay rooted in who we are as a Métis people so we can keep moving forward together, growing stronger every day.

Highlights and Key Achievements

- Filled every seat on the MNOYC for the first time in 4 years.
- Pushed for youth participation in draft constitution and kept Youth at the table on self-government and treaty.
- Began developing a Métis Nation of Ontario Youth Council charter to secure the long-term viability of the council.
- Planned the Annual Youth Leadership Conference focused on Self Government.
- Streamlined Youth Leadership Conference planning through the events team to ensure long term conference viability and minimize Youth Leadership Conference and Annual General Assembly overlap.
- Fundraised for Youth Leadership Conference as a result of UPIP program funding sunsetting.
- Lobbied the senate of Canada for increased distinctions-based program funding for Métis governments.
- Reached a full council, onboarding new Youth Representatives and filling every regional seat.
- Sent Youth to World of Wahkohtowin, which included knowledge exchange trips to Colombia and Zambia and a follow up gathering at Métis Crossing in Alberta.
- Helped revamp the Métis National Council Youth Council and welcomed new youth members from Otipemisiwak Métis Government (Alberta) and the Northwest Territory Métis Nation.

Meetings / Projects / Partnerships / Committee Participation / Other Activity

MNOYC Members & Ontario Métis Youth:

- Attended the Region 1 Fort Frances Rendezvous (September)
- Advised the Canadian Nurses Association Anti-Indigenous racism knowledge sharing event (September)
- Educated year 1 and 2 nursing students at the Toronto Metropolitan University Indigenous speakers panel (September)
- Educated on Ontario Metis Rights, Culture & R. v. Powley through Simon Fraser University Métis Speaker series (October)
- Attended the Métis National Council Annual General Assembly (November)
- Attended the Sault Ste. Marie Constitution Summit (December)
- Advised in the Métis National Council hybrid session with the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (January)
- Spoke at the Métis National Council Health Summit (February)
- Attended the Métis Nation Saskatchewan office opening (February)
- Attended the Northwest Territories Métis Nation and Métis National Council Memorandum of Understanding signing, in Edmonton (March)
- Attended the Métis National Council Veterans Conference (March)
- Attended the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Youth & Seniors Gathering (March)
- Participated in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action 66 engagement session (April)
- Attended Otipemisiwak Métis Government's Métis Fest at Metis Crossing (June)
- Sent two Youth to Back to Batoche and two Youth to the Métis National Council Leadership Summit (July).
- Promoted and participated in self-government roundtables
- Participated in the Métis National Council bylaw committee
- Helped design the Canadian Nurses Association reconciliation framework
- Participated in the Métis National Council Goose Moon table
- Connected with GLAG, the 2S Council, and the Women's Council, including attending the 2S Council and Women's Council AGMs
- Supported Youth grassroots grant applications throughout the year.

Note: Sept-Dec (2025) Jan-July (2026)

Other Comments

This year (as always) Métis Youth never stopped moving. Every roundtable, every summit, every hard conversation about the constitution was really our Youth saying:

“We are not waiting our turn. We belong in this work now.”

What I keep coming back to is how much this council and Ontario Métis Youth care for each other while carrying all of the stress that comes with support community, and how much of it gets done quietly by people who never ask for credit.

The charter we are building is our way of making sure the Youth who come after us walk into a council they can flourish in.

Major Maarsii to everyone who held MNOYC up this year. With our Métis Youth leading the way our Nation is in good hands (and we are just getting started).

Thank you again to everyone who has helped MNOYC get to where we are today.



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