

# **Departments**, Portfolios and Affiliates



# Since 1967,

The Manitoba Metis
Federation (MMF) is the
official voice and recognized
democratic self-governing political
representative for the Metis Nation's
Manitoba Metis Community.

Our Community's roots grow deep into Red River Settlement, now known as the City of Winnipeg. Red River is the Birthplace of the Metis Nation and at the Heart of our Homeland.

The Manitoba Metis are Canada's Negotiating Partner in Confederation and the Founders of the Province of Manitoba.

# **Departments**

## **Central Registry Office**

Responsible for the processing and administration of Metis Citizenship and Harvester cards in addition to managing and distributing Metis Harvester Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) stickers and big game tags annually for each harvesting season.

#### Communications

Provides services to the President's Office, all MMF departments and some affiliates. This team plays a part in many roles including the development, strategy, and planning around media relations, major events, upcoming projects, and engagement with Manitoba's Metis Citizens.

#### **Energy & Infrastructure**

Ensuring that there is appropriate MMF participation in the environmental and regulatory review processes for projects proposed by industry and government that impact our rights, claims and interests. Industry sectors include solar power, wind power, nuclear, natural gas and oil pipelines, in addition to the development and management of hydro electricity.

## **Engagement & Consultation**

Central point of contact for all engagement and consultation activities related to projects proposed by industry proponents, or assessed by the federal and provincial crowns. This applies to any project that impacts the rights, interests, and claims of the Manitoba Metis Community. The Department then liaises with the appropriate regions and locals potentially affected by a project. As various files overlap and/or require the duty to consult, the Natural Resources team also works closely with Engagement and Consultation as well as the Energy and Infrastructure Department. One key focus is the protection of Metis harvesting rights throughout the Province of Manitoba.

#### Information Technology

Services are provided in each of the MMF Regions including Home Office to address the needs of the Metis Citizens in Manitoba in accordance with the MMF's strategic plans and goals.

#### **Health & Wellness**

Develops and uses knowledge that is culture-based and holistic. The department builds health capacity regionally and provincially through the development and use of health research, and is now known as the 'Metis Health Knowledge Authority in Manitoba'. It is structured by function areas: Leadership and Management; Knowledge Development; Knowledge Mobilization (Use); and Community Wellness Development Support.

#### Housing

The units that MMF operates are based on affordable rent standards and priority is given to lower-moderate income households. Affordable rent is based on the median rents in the private market as opposed to social housing rents which are based on the household income of the tenant.

#### **Metis Community Liason Department**

Assists Metis individuals, families, and Elders to find services and resources in their communities, locally, regionally and/or provincially. Aids are offered on a variety of issues including employment and income assistance, parenting programs, and outreach services. MCLD also offers referral and advocacy, reunification, Elder support, income tax preparation, bereavement support, repatriation, Christmas celebrations and community development.

#### **Metis Justice Institute**

Developing and maintaining a full range of justice programs and services that meet the expectations of the Metis community. This includes: reducing the amount of Metis people involved in the Criminal Justice System; preventing and reducing crime; enhancing the safety and well-being of Metis individuals and Citizens; promoting a strong Metis Nation by strengthening Metis community and families; ensuring justice measures are culturally specific and incorporate Metis culture, values, and traditions; and supporting the grassroots justice level where measures are developed and delivered by individuals who have a direct interest in the victim, wrongdoer, and Metis Community.

#### **Metis Employment & Training**

The Metis Employment & Training Department (MET) operates through funds provided by the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ASETS) Agreement with Canada. Services offered to clients seeking employment and training include: needs assessment & career planning, job search assistance, including resume & cover letter preparation, access to labour market, academic program information, sponsorship to skills training and employment programs to enhance employability, and referral to employers.

# **Tripartite Self-Government Negotiations**

Assists in the development and sustainability of the MMF and its institutions, and is committed to advancing matters directly affecting Metis Citizens. The Tripartite Self-Government Negotiations (TSN) process operates in accordance with a number of concurrent governance and policy initiatives, which provide a framework for strategic planning, and the coordination of resources.

# **Portfolios**

Constitution, Metis Rights & Metis Nation Agenda
Economic Development
Environment & Mining
Fisheries
Heritage, Culture, Sports & Youth
Land Claims
Metis Child and Family Services
Michif Languages, Residential Schools & Riel House
Natural Resource & Agriculture
Provincial Education

# **Affiliates**

Infinity Women Secretariat Inc.
Louis Riel Capital Corporation
Louis Riel Institute
Louis Riel Vocational College
Manitoba Metis Heritage Fund
MedoCare Parmacy
Metis Child and Family Services Authority
Metis Economic Development Fund
Metis Economic Development Organization
Pemmican Publications

# Our constitutional **Objectives**

- To promote and instill pride in the history and culture of the Metis people.
- To educate Citizens with respect to their legal, political, social and other rights.
- To promote the participation and representation of the Metis people in key political and economic bodies and organizations.
- To promote the political, legal, social and economic interests and rights of its Citizens.
- To provide responsible and accountable governance on behalf of the Manitoba Metis community using the constitutional authorities delegated by its Citizens.

"The ability to decide for ourselves. To have power and authority over our future."

- President David Chartrand Manitoba Metis Federation



We have
7 Regions located
across Manitoba

# Regions

The Manitoba Metis
Federation is organized into
seven regional associations or
"Regions" throughout the province.
Each Region is administered by a VicePresident and two executive officers, all of
whom sit on the MMF's Board of Directors.

# Locals

Within each Region are various community-level "Locals" which are administered by a chairperson, a vice-chairperson and a secretary-treasurer. A Local must have a minimum of nine members and meet at least four times a year.

As a Citizen, you belong to a Local.

All of the positions mentioned above are elected by Federation members in each designated Region or Local. Regional officers are elected every four years and Local representatives in a time determined by that specific Local.

To find out who are the current elected representatives in your Region or Local, visit the Regions and Locals pages on www.mmf.mb.ca.

# Contact our Home Office or Regions



#### **Home Office**

Manitoba Metis Federation Inc. 150 Henry Avenue Winnipeg, MB R3B 0J7 Phone: (204) 586-8474 Fax: (204) 947-1816 Email: info@mmf.mb.ca www.mmf.mb.ca

# **Winnipeg Region**

Winnipeg Metis Association Inc. 10-150 Henry Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 0J7 Phone: (204) 589-4327 Fax: (204) 582-2711 Email: wpgregion@mmf.mb.ca

## **Interlake Region**

Interlake Metis Association Inc. P.O. Box 390, St. Laurent, MB ROC 2S0 Phone: (204) 646-2706 Fax: (204) 646-4171 Email: info@intma.ca www.intma.mb.ca

## **Southeast Region**

Southeast Regional Metis Corp. P.O. Box 13, Grand Marais, MB R0E 0T0 Phone: (204) 754-2721 Fax: (204) 754-2687

# **Southwest Region**

MMF Southwest Region Inc. 656 – 6th Street, Brandon, MB R7A 3P1 Phone: (204) 725-7520 Fax: (204) 728-9085 Email: info@southwestmmf.ca

# The Pas Region

MMF The Pas Region Inc. P.O. Box 2467, The Pas, MB R9A 1M2 Phone: (204) 623-5701 Fax: (204) 623-2825

# **Northwest Region**

Northwest Metis Council Inc. 40-1st Avenue NW, Dauphin, MB R7N 1G7 Phone: (204) 638-9485 Fax: (204) 638-3878

# **Thompson Region**

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