



Monday, March 30th, 2009

Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC)
Métis Community Governance Chartered Associations
Métis Citizens

Re: Presidential Monthly Update for February and March 2009

Taanshi kiya'wow / Bonjour
Ta'wow / Bienvenue

Dear MNBC leadership and Métis Citizens:

Please accept the following Presidential Monthly Update for February and March 2009 submitted to Métis community leaders, Métis citizens, and various Federal, Provincial, and Industry Government partners.

2010 Winter Games Update

Note to Governing Members please identify an Olympic Contact. Please provide name of contact to mchalmers@mnbc.ca MNBC 2010 Coordinator, Marcel Chalmers will be working closely with each of the Governing members to ensure 2010 information in regards to employment, performing, vending and nomination of flame and torch bearing is communicated.

TORCH RELAY AND FLAME NOMINATIONS:

Torch Bearer Nomination forms have been sent to all Governing Members and to all BC Chartered Communities. Nomination forms were also provided at the Economic Development Forum March 21st, 2009. Flame Attendant Nomination forms have been distributed.

All nomination forms should be accessible from Community home web pages where available otherwise each Regional Director will be encouraged to have pdf's available.

Celebration of Métis Youth Torch Bearers and Flame Attendants

Currently in planning stages- Minister responsible for Youth and Sports, Stephanie Albiston, Director of Youth, Megan Brown and Marcel Chalmers are meeting to finalize the ideas and will have a one pager available shortly. Governing Members are asked to submit letters of support this next week April 6th.



Veterans Update

On February 20-22nd 2009 The Métis Veterans Standing Committee held meetings in Harrison Hot Springs, and much was accomplished. On the Saturday evening a grand entry and flag party was proudly performed. The Métis Veterans in attendance also had the opportunity to participate with the Elders Conference being held concurrently. On March 13-15th MNBC Provincial Health Forum, the Métis Veterans Committee was very happy to be invited to participate in the Provincial Health forum and also provided the flag party for the opening of this conference. Walter Koenders, Chairman of the Métis Veterans Standing Committee and Lissa Smith, MNBC Minister of Veterans also provided representation and participated in two Métis Elders Lower Mainland gatherings on March 17th and 18th.

With sincere condolences to the McDermott family, March 27th, 2009, Region 3 Métis Veteran Rep attended a Pipe Ceremony and potluck feast, for Métis Elder, George McDermott, Who passed away March 20th, 2009. George was a highly respected for his native spiritual and medicinal knowledge. Approximately fifty people including Region 3 Métis Veterans Rep, Ernest Parenteau, MNBC Minister of Health and Sports Tanya Davoren and Vernon Métis Association President, William Gagne, attended his funeral. A Poppy of remembrance was left on George's burial blanket within the ceremonial pipe circle, as well as on Georges Métis Sash, which was part of his memorial display at the potluck feast.

The Veterans Committee has also seen the membership triple in the last year alone, and is continually looking for innovative ways to reach Métis Veterans throughout BC. All Veterans are actively recruiting new members at the various events and meetings they attend and all information is also available on the MNBC website. A monthly newsletter has been created which has been circulated to members and to the Métis Chartered Communities.

To date, the Veterans Committee has been able to utilize the MNBC Central Registry to amend the Métis Citizenship Card application form to include a space for Métis Veterans to self identify. Furthermore, when a Métis Veteran is verified through the Central Registry, a specific Veterans marker will be placed on their card.

MNBC continues to seek funding on behalf of the Métis Veterans Standing Committee and honor their commitment and sacrifice for our families. The Métis Veterans have several goals for the upcoming year, including continuing to expand inclusion of Veterans in our governance. It is the intention of the MNBC Ministry of Veterans, and the Métis Veterans Standing Committee to begin drafting a Métis Veterans Act to include our Honored Métis Veterans and heroes in the MNBC governance structure. We will then proceed to community consultation once funding is secured in preparation for presentation to the MNGA next year.



Ministry of Education & Culture

On February 2nd Minister of Education, Dave Hodgson and Director of Education Colleen Hodgson attended the VANOC celebration for Four Host First Nations. All Nations, including Métis Nation participated in the artist's performance. Beverly Lambert performed with traditional hoop dancers and Inuit drummers.

On February 7th, MNBC Director of Education delivered a governance presentation to students at Vancouver Island University. The students were in their last year of a four-year degree program in First Nations governance. The presentation initiated several questions and the many students and professors commented on how organized MNBC is and how impressed they were with the governance structure. Minister Dave Hodgson shared the governance history of MNBC and the challenges all Aboriginal organizations face.

Minister Hodgson participated in the Elders conference held in Harrison Hot Springs on February 21st and 22nd. The conference was very successful and was a building block for many Elders initiatives in the future. Director Colleen Hodgson delivered a presentation to the Veterans Committee on culture and education in the public school system and how MNBC can support Elders and Veterans that are actively involved in their community schools.

Minister Dave Hodgson and Director Colleen Hodgson participated in the Aboriginal Education Summit in Saskatoon on February 24th and 25th. The summit was the first ever held and focused on Aboriginal education and the barriers to achieving an education. Métis people from across the Homeland attended and spoke out on Métis specific issues.

The MNBC United Métis Youth Circle was part of the 2009 United Aboriginal Youth Collective Forum, in Chase on February 28th. Minister Dave Hodgson participated in the discussions and provided support to the BCUMYC.

On March 12th, Minister of Education, Dave Hodgson and Director of Education, Colleen Hodgson met with the provincial Minister of Education, Shirley Bond as well as the Deputy Minister of Education James Gorman. The meeting was very successful and included discussion on the MNBC Grade 4 curriculum project which will be implemented in all schools in BC. Other items discussed were the need to increase the support for Métis communities in the school system and be more inclusive in Enhancement Agreements. MNBC is working with Minister Bond to provide community sessions that will bring Métis communities together with school district staff, teachers and the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Branch.

The MNBC Michif Immersion camp took place in Harrison Hot Springs on March 22nd to 26th. Twenty-four students participated in Michif and Cree instruction that included classroom time as well as outside activities that focused on the Métis connection to the land. Minister of Culture, Language and Heritage, Rene Therrien took part in the camp as well as President Bruce Dumont. Several families attended the camp including some that were participating for their 3rd year. Many of the students were children, which is critical to passing down the language.



The Michif Immersion Camp students participated in the 8th National Michif Language Conference as part of their immersion. President Dumont and Minister Therrien hosted the conference that took place over three days and included participants from Métis Nation Ontario, Manitoba Métis Federation, Métis Nation Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Alberta and MNBC. Minister Therrien shared his fiddle music throughout the conference much to the joy of people attending. Several Métis artists, led by Beverly Lambert, provided traditional and contemporary music and dance. The MNBC Immersion Camp students put together a Métis play that completely engaged the audience and received much laughter and applause.

Minister responsible for Youth, Stephanie Albiston added as well as Director of Youth, Megan Brown. The conference focused on the connection between Elders and youth and the need for activities, programs and events that created language transmission between them. Representatives from Heritage Canada attended as well. Minister of Housing, Henry Hall provided the delegates with a trip back in time with his display of artifacts. The conference was very successful and delegates commented on the strength of the MNBC leadership

Ministry of Economic Development

Economic Development is a high priority for the MNBC. Identifying opportunities for our Métis Communities to ensure sustainability, especially while enduring our current economic challenges is a must. Another priority is linking Métis business owners with 2010 related opportunities. Communication will increase over the coming weeks with information in relation to procurement, and opportunities for our Métis people to become more involved all across the province. If you have any specific questions in relation to 2010 opportunities please contact Marcel Chalmers, MNBC 2010 Coordinator at mchalmers@mnb.ca or (604) 801-5853

MNBC CEO, Malonie Langthorne has submitted a Proposal for expansion on the Métis Skills and Employment Centre in Abbotsford to the Federal and Provincial Government. MNBC is seeking to purchase an existing school on 13.52 acres with a 40, 000 sq ft building. This new Centre will host programs focused on Essential Skills, Trades- Carpentry and Electrical, CORE Training, Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Chef Training, Residential Care Aid, upgrading and more. MNBC has recently submitted this request as part of the Métis Economic Development Stimulus Proposal as well as directly to other ministries.

Other current priorities-

Métis Venture Capitol Corporation
Métis Construction Company
Real Estate Investments

AFN Economic Development Summit

Minister responsible for Economic Development, Dan Pope and 2010 Coordinator, Marcel Chalmers attended Toronto summit event in February. The Main sessions were incredible with great detail about our current economic status. Minister and Coordinator met with several Ministers from Ontario and attended Gala and Dinner with Minister of Aboriginal Affairs Ontario Deputy Minister and staff.



On March 21st & 22nd MNBC hosted the first MNBC Economic Development Forum focused on 2010 related opportunities. There were over 75 people in attendance from across the province including Métis Business Owners, MNBC Government and Private Sector partners, as well as staff and MNBC Board of Directors.

Guests were treated to opening remarks from special guest Minister of Small Business, Technology, and Economic Development, Hon. Ida Chong, as well as welcoming remarks from Minister responsible for Economic Development Dan Pope. This full day forum included speakers from 2010 Commerce Centre, Vanoc, RBC, Van City, and more.

MNBC would like to again thank our sponsors: Government of Canada, RBC, Enbridge, Encana, VanAsep, ACCESS, Corporate Express, Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capitol Corporation and Van City.

Ministry of Women and Elders

The Métis Women of BC are currently involved in the MNBC general election, with a current election date of April 18th 2009. There are Women's regional candidates running in three regions of the Province, and one acclaimed candidate confirmed.

In the last election, 607 Métis Women voted for Métis Women of BC positions. This election requires that women request a mail-in ballot by email or faxed request. The Chief Electoral officer must receive all ballot requests by April 4th. Please consult the MNBC website www.mnbc.ca for more details.

In February 2009, MWBC leadership were invited by the Native Women's Association of Canada to evaluate their Gender based Analysis project from a Métis perspective. The Métis Women of British Columbia began exploring a partnership with Women Building Futures in Edmonton, Alberta in February to support the creation of an Aboriginal Women in Trades program in Northern BC based on the WBF model. The Métis Women of BC are pleased to announce that they have supported the delivery of 13 new Women's Act Now health projects in final stages of delivery and completion throughout the Province of British Columbia – including a maternal health research and prevention poster project that features two of our own Métis children from the Lower Mainland.

On February 20th to 22nd, the first ever Métis Nation British Columbia Elders Conference was held in Harrison Hot Springs. Attendance at the conference exceeded our expectations greatly, with over 130 Métis Elders, Youth, and interested family members who participated. To date, both Provincial and Lower Mainland Métis Elder engagement projects have resulted in the participation of 154 Métis elders from across the province of British Columbia.

Métis Nation British Columbia is currently working toward planning our second year of Métis Elders programs, and we anticipate that interest and participation will continue to expand.



Ministry of Employment and Training

The Métis Skills Employment Centre (MSEC) is currently completing an intake of the CORE (trades entry) program on April 9th. This class was supported by ITA and had several community members from the Northeast and Northwest involved in trades entry training and safety certifications. The MSEC is working on the next intake of Carpentry Level 1 for April 14th.

The Centre also has recently hosted a proposal-writing course for the Métis Women of BC and for the communities from Vancouver Island. MSEC will be offering more proposal writing workshops in the coming year and will be announcing them on the MNBC website when they are scheduled.

On April 8th the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) and Aboriginal Career Community Services Society (ACCESS) Essential Skills for Aboriginal Futures Partnership will be working again with Canada Safeway on an expanded intake with new program modules in Structure of Intellect (SOI) added to the program to assist with an increased learning program.

Applications are now being accepted for the 09/ 10-school years. As funding is limited, and if you are interested in support for the upcoming year, you should contact your regional employment and training office to apply as soon as possible.

The MNBC MHRDA program has assisted over 1000 clients this year to either attend schooling, return to work or access employment opportunities, as well as link with additional programs and services to assist in attaining education and employment goals. Through partnerships MNBC has been able to expand the amount of programs available to our Métis communities and through our partnership with the Ministry of Economic Development we plan to expand on the school over the next year.

A publication of best practices celebrating 10 years of MHRDA/AHRDA success will be released by June 1st, 2009. All communities will receive copies. If you know of any great success stories of someone from your community please email Marlin Ratch at mratch@mNBC.ca or call 1-888-850-0832

Ministry of Health

ActNow- ActNow is in the final week of its activities; we are looking forward to starting program evaluations. Please contact ActNow Coordinator Linda Koster at lkoster@mNBC.ca as all ActNow projects must be completed by March 31st 2009. We have 34 out of 36 Communities participating. Project reporting is beginning to roll in (please include pictures). There are 17 Women's projects and 4 Alternate/Community projects completed.

Provincial Health Forum- MNBC hosted the first ever Provincial Health Forum March 13-15th in Richmond, BC with funding made available from the Aboriginal Health Transition Fund dollars. At the Forum, Minister of



Healthy Living & Sport, Mary Polak offered opening comments and we had excellent representation from our Métis delegates and from government and non-government officials. The main purpose was to ensure that Métis people are included in Aboriginal specific health initiatives that the Health Authorities offer. With AHTF funding MNBC will be hiring five (5) new positions for Health Authority engagement. The positions will also assist Communities with offering proposal writing workshops and helping Communities to build capacity and leverage the funding that Health Authorities and other stakeholders have available each year. The Regional Health Coordinator job postings are on the website and will be open for application until 4pm, April 7th. Please see the Health website page for more information on the Health Forum.

Chronic Disease Surveillance Proposal- The Public Health Agency of Canada has approved our proposal for Chronic Disease Surveillance. This is a federal initiative that will look at the feasibility of data matching with MNBC Central Registry and Federal databases such as the Canadian Cancer Agency and Centre for Disease Control. This project will begin mid-April 2009.

Ministry of Sport

Aboriginal Sports and Recreation Physical Activity Partners Council (ASRPAPC) continues to meet on a monthly basis. The members of ASRPAPC: First Nations Health Council, BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centers, Aboriginal Sports and Recreation Association and MNBC all worked collaboratively to identify main priorities for Aboriginal people of all ages in achieving better health through sports and recreation initiatives.

The Aboriginal Sports and Recreation, Physical Activity Partners Council continues to prepare for a proposal to submit on behalf of BCAAFC, MNBC, FNHC and ASRA. MNBC has requested the additional financial support of a Métis Sports and Recreation Coordinator at \$50k annually to assist Métis Communities in sports and recreation programming,

Legacies Now – Local Sport Development Fund

The Local Sport Program Development Fund aims to attract more people to community sport and provides funds to municipalities, sport organizations and Aboriginal communities. The Local Sport Program Development Fund (LSDF) will provide up to \$2,500 to support new and expanded sport participation opportunities initiated in BC communities. The next deadline for applications is April 15, 2009. Applications may be submitted, individually or in partnership, by community sport organizations, municipalities, or Aboriginal communities. Program Guidelines are available by clicking on the following links:

Click here to apply: [Local Sport Program Development Fund Guidelines \(PDF\)](#)

For more information please see http://www.2010legaciesnow.com/local_sport_development_fund



Ministry of Natural Resources

The MNBC's Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and the B.C. Métis Assembly of Natural Resources (BCMANR) have been very busy over the months of February and March. In the second week of February the MNR and BCMANR attended a Canada-wide conference pertaining to aboriginal involvement in the *Species at Risk Act*. BCMANR had a chance to showcase some of their work, which was very well received by other aboriginal organizations in Canada. The MNR and BCMANR then attended a three-day workshop in Ottawa at the end of March. Two-days were dedicated to talking about the "Duty to Consult". The MNBC launched their Consultation Guidebook (which is inclusive of the Métis Traditional Knowledge Policy) to the Métis National Council and the other Governing Members. The Guidebook was well received and MNBC staff and BCMANR Captains were approached multiple times and praised for their work.

The 2009-10 Powley work plan has been already submitted to the Office of the Federal Interlocutor that will provides funds for the MNR and BCMANR to continue their on-going work.

As of March 31, 2009, BCMANR has had 109 harvester card applications with 58 harvesting cards being release to the applicants.

The main reason for applications not being approved is due to incomplete applications. This could include not submitting proof of hunter safety training or not paying the one-time charge of ten dollars to recover the cost of the card. If a Métis Harvester has received their card in the past three-months, their 2008-09 stamp expires on March 31, 2009. Therefore, you will be required to report your past years harvest to receive your 2009-10 stamp. BCMANR will be releasing the harvest survey either in hard-copy form or by Internet access. This on-line system will be live as of April 01, 2009. If you want to receive your survey in hard-copy form then please contact either your Regional Captain of Natural Resources or Mr. Gary Ducommun at gducommun@mnb.ca.

MNBC Centralized Registry

Application Processing Time:

The current processing time is approximately 10 months. The processing time fluctuates between approximately 4 to 10 months; this is due to application intake trends throughout the fiscal year. This is reflected during high volume application intake and low volume application intake.

Statistical Reporting Refinement Update:

Initial refinements to the statistical reporting have been implemented and the Registry continues to work with the UBC programming team. This will be an on-going task as the Registry continues to grow and evolve. Please see the attached statistical report.

Please direct all inquiries regarding statistical reporting to Registry Administrative Manager, Rhonda Therrien at regadmin@mnb.ca or call 604-678-6977.

**Regional Breakdown: Cards Issued
 March 25, 2009**

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| <u>Kootenay</u> | 522 |
| <u>Lower Mainland</u> | 938 |
| <u>North Central</u> | 797 |
| <u>North East</u> | 221 |
| <u>North West</u> | 338 |
| <u>Thompson Okanagan</u> | 740 |
| <u>Vancouver Island</u> | 555 |
| TOTAL | 4111 |

**Regional Breakdown:
 Cards being processed
 March 25, 2009**

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| <u>Kootenay</u> | 221 |
| <u>Lower Mainland</u> | 594 |
| <u>North Central</u> | 545 |
| <u>North East</u> | 196 |
| <u>North West</u> | 175 |
| <u>Thompson Okanagan</u> | 450 |
| <u>Vancouver Island</u> | 507 |
| TOTAL | 2688 |

Provincial Residency Policy Effective April 1, 2009:

An individual applying for a Métis Nation British Columbia citizenship card is required to provide proof of British Columbia residency. This residency must be established for a minimum of ninety (90) consecutive days immediately prior to the date of application. Any of the following documents will be accepted as proof of residency and must include the applicant's name and address:

- Current income support (social assistance) pay stub
- Current bills for BC residence (for 3 consecutive months) ie: Utility/telephone/cable/gas
- Current BC residential property tax bill
- Residential insurance; tenant insurance
- Residential rental or lease agreement
- School Registration or Report Card

The following documents are not accepted as proof of British Columbia Residency:

- Canadian immigration documentation
- Canadian citizenship certificate or permanent residency card
- Federal identification cards i.e.: RCMP, or Department of National Defense
- British Columbia driver's license
- Canadian passport
- Government employee identification cards
- Student identification cards
- Cheque cashing cards
- British Columbia care card
- Social Insurance Card



Intent of policy

This policy will be applicable to adult applicants over the age of 18 years and its purpose is to prevent individuals living outside of the Province of British Columbia from being accepted by the MNBC Citizenship Registry.

PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE

Children under the age of 18 years will not be required to provide proof of residency. The report card, or school attendance record will only apply to individuals over 18 (ie: college students that may have no other proof of where they reside).

Citizenship Card Processing Fee Increase Effective April 1, 2009:

Effective April 1, 2009 the fee for Citizenship cards will increase from ten dollars to a twenty-dollar non-refundable fee.

Harvesting Card Implementation:

The Harvesting Card process was implemented on November 12, 2008; twelve harvester applications have been submitted to date. British Columbia Métis Assembly of Natural Resources is anticipating a limited of harvester card applicants. In the interim Provincial Registrar Assistant, Sherry Parisien is responsible for application processing, card processing and issuing.

Ministry of Justice

Minister responsible for Justice, Annette Maurice held a meeting with crown council in Prince George and has agreed to volunteer her court worker experience on remand days schedule permitting. February and March have equally been very busy with board meetings as well attending the Aboriginal Strategy Forum followed by my third regional governance council meeting in Williams Lake BC.

Minister Annette Maurice has attended the following workshops and forums

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| Feb 7 th | NWAC Gender Base Analysis |
| Mar 8 th | Regional Governance Council Meeting in Williams Lake BC |
| Mar 13/14 | Health Forum, Richmond BC |
| Mar 19/20 | Attended Board Meeting, Vancouver |
| Mar 21 st | Economic Development Conference |
| Mar 22 nd | Michif Emersion Camp |
| Mar 27 th | Michif National Conference |



Director for Justice Hazel Burns has been routinely visiting all the Federal Institutions in the upper valley with the objective being to assist inmates with their release plans for re-integration back into the community. Several requests from inmates residing at William Head Institution in Victoria were received by mail; therefore, two visits to this institution were completed in February. Trish Parent, Program Manager for the Métis Employment & Training office in Duncan has agreed to continue working with the inmates at William Head Institution in Victoria, as it is more cost effective. The inmates are requesting assistance to attend various schools for training; apply for citizenship or request assistance with housing upon their release. To qualify for our (MNBC) assistance, the inmate must be within 1 year of his release date and complete a Test of Workplace Essential Skills (TOWES) Assessment.

Director Hazel Burns has attended the following forums and workshops

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| January 26 th | Tse Tsa Wul Tul Forum, Duncan BC Bridging the gap in Communication |
| Mar 4 th & 5 th | Aboriginal Justice Strategy Annual Conference Vancouver BC |
| Mar 10 th | Mental Health Forum at Ferndale Institution, Mission, BC |
| Mar 13 th & 14 th | Attended Health Forum, Richmond BC |
| Mar 20 th -23 rd | Proposal Writing Workshop, Abbotsford BC |
| Mar 23 rd & 24 th | Money Smarts Workshop, Mission BC |
| Mar 28 th | Creekside Healing Lodge Open House (inmates) Maple Ridge BC |

Ministry of Youth

The 09/10 fiscal year promises to be a very exciting time for the BC United Métis Youth Circle (BCUMYC) and the MNBC Ministry of Youth. The BCUMYC is pleased to announce a full complement of Regional Youth Representatives, with the recent acclamation of a new Northwest Regional Youth Representative Katherine Wolfenden. The BCUMYC would like to congratulate Katherine and welcomes her to the committee.

The BCUMYC would like to thank all of the communities across the province that submitted proposals for the 2009/2010 Urban Multi-Purpose Aboriginal Youth Centre Initiative (UMAYC) request for proposals. The BCUMYC received many quality proposals and each was assessed against the criteria stated in the Department of Canadian Heritage guidelines.



The BCUMYC is pleased to announce that the following communities have been selected by the committee to receive funding for the 2009/2010 fiscal years, pending final approval from the Department of Canadian Heritage.

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| Northwest Métis Association |
| Tri-River Métis Association |
| Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association |
| North Cariboo Métis Association |
| New Caledonia Métis Association |
| Prince George Métis Community Association |
| Métis Nation Columbia River Society |
| West Local - Nelson and Area |
| Central Local - Cranbrook |
| Salmon Arm Métis Association |
| Waceya Métis Society |
| Fraser Valley Métis Association/Chilliwack Métis Association |
| Métis Nation Greater Victoria |
| Cowichan Valley Métis Association |
| Mid-Island Métis Nation |

This year the Ministry of Youth will be adding a UMayc page to the youth section of the MNBC website. This will include current project descriptions, event announcements and pictures. The BCUMYC and the Ministry of Youth would like to congratulate all those communities with successful submissions and look forward to a year of productive partnerships.

The BCUMYC continues to be actively engaged in the Unified Aboriginal Youth Collective (UAYC) and the development of a Provincial Aboriginal Youth Engagement Strategy in partnership with the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (MARR). The BCUMYC recently participated in the UAYC Provincial Forum on February 27th-March 1st, sponsored by MARR. The theme of the forum was “Unity in Action” and focused on culture, language and education. The BCUMYC would like to thank Senator Phillip Gladue and his wife Betty Gladue, Vice-President Dave Hodgson and Thompson Okanagan Regional Director Bob Trumbley attending and supporting this event.

Over the next year, the Ministry of Youth and the BCUMYC hope to significantly increase the number of youth in our provincial network and need your assistance. Please distribute the BCUMYC Provincial Youth Database Form to Métis youth in your communities. This form is available on the Youth section of the MNBC website or by contacting MNBC Director of Youth, Megan Brown by e-mail (mbrown@mnb.ca) or by phone at 1-800-940-1150.



On behalf of the MNBC Board of Directors I would like to thank all of our Métis community leaders, staff, partners, and citizens for their continued support and making this past fiscal year so very successful.

Thank you

Bruce R. Dumont
President

Kishchee tey mo'yawn aen li Michif wi'yawn
(Proud to be Métis)