

Immediate Release

New board elected to lead Chilliwack Métis Association; 2019's "Outstanding Chartered Community"

Surrey, BC (October 30, 2019) – The 300-member Chilliwack Métis Association (CMA) has a new board after elections held during the CMA's annual Community Potluck and Annual General Meeting this week. The nine elected board members are:

- **President** Louis De Jager (*formerly Vice President/Director of Community Relations*)
- **Vice President** Peter Lang
- **Director of Children & Families** Penny Trites
- **Director of Community Relations & Citizenship** Alena McInroy (*formerly Treasurer*)
- **Secretary** Brianna Pelletier
- **Directors at Large** Ed Elders and Larry Elders
- **Women's Representative** Sharon Quenneville
- **Director of Youth** Fergus Dalton (*re-elected*)

The election comes just weeks after Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) named the Chilliwack Métis Association "Outstanding Chartered Community of the Year for 2019." The association was recognized for its active youth and elder participation, as well as work to share Métis culture in the Fraser Valley. The CMA is one of 38 Métis Chartered Communities working to preserve a proud Métis culture and build a stronger, healthier Métis community.

"I've always been impressed with the great enthusiasm and sense of community here in Chilliwack," says President Clara Morin Dal Col. "The members are very fortunate to have such a great team of leaders working hard on their behalf and I look forward to our future collaborations."

"I am honored and humbled to be able to lead such a talented team of professionals bringing with them years of experience in entrepreneurship, education, restorative justice and leadership that will no doubt help build and strengthen our Nation. Re-defining our roles at the community level is key to meeting the needs and the challenges that our communities face" says CMA President Louis De Jager.

MNBC President Morin Dal Col recognized the past service of some CMA members and expressed special gratitude to Elder & Past President Ed Dandenault and Elder Larry Goodwin in a [traditional sashing](#).

Photos of the AGM are available at the [media gallery](#). Learn more about the Chilliwack Métis Association on its [website](#) and follow the community at <https://www.facebook.com/cmasecretary/>.

About MNBC

Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) represents nearly 90,000 self-identified Métis people in BC. To date, nearly 20,000 Métis Citizens are provincially registered with MNBC. The Métis National Council and the Provincial Government of British Columbia, as well as the Federal Government of Canada, recognize Métis Nation British Columbia as the Governing Nation for Métis in BC.

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