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MNBC VISION, MISSION & VALUES

VISION

Métis Nation British Columbia envisions a future where Métis people, communities, and children thrive. We are connected to our rich Métis culture, heritage, and languages; we achieve strong socio-economic outcomes; and our Métis rights as an Indigenous People are recognized.

MISSION

As the Métis government in British Columbia, we represent Métis Citizens and promote the rights, recognition, priorities and interests of all Métis in B.C. We create opportunities for our people, communities, and children to flourish, and work to ensure access to a range of programs and services to bridge socio-economic gaps and increase overall well-being for Métis in B.C.

GOALS

1. Promote Métis Rights and recognition, and achieve jurisdiction of our children.
2. Promote cultural revitalization and cultural wellness.
3. Pursue socio-economic reconciliation.
4. Support Métis Chartered Communities.
5. Generate core capacity, infrastructure and economic development.
6. Develop and restore respectful relationships and partnerships.

CULTURAL VALUES

To achieve our vision and mission, we commit to upholding our Métis cultural values in our work together at MNBC, in our communities, and in all our relationships. We embrace the values of integrity, kindness, innovation, respect, teamwork, humility and resilience.



Kwayes'kwât'sowin - Integrity

We hold integrity as a core value. We are honest with ourselves, our colleagues, our communities and our partners. We are reliable and follow through on our word.



Kisîwât'sowin - Kindness

We show and practice lateral kindness in our organization and to everyone with whom we interact on behalf of MNBC. We practice kaa-wichihitoyaahk: we take care of each other.



Ahtisihcikêwin - Innovation

We draw on the spirit of Métis innovation and bring forward our curiosity and creativity to problem solve and develop new solutions for our people.



Manâcihitowin - Respect

We respect ourselves, others, and all Creation.



Atoskâtowin - Teamwork

We work together and actively seek opportunities to share information, collaborate on initiatives, and practice reciprocity for stronger outcomes. We embrace teamwork to achieve greater potential for success.



Tâpahtiyim'sowin - Humility

We show and practice cultural humility and cultural agility. We are open to new ideas and recognize the wisdom that surrounds us from others who carry experiences different than ours.



Sîpihkisôwin - Resilience

We are resilient and do not fear challenges or setbacks but remain courageous and learn from each step of the journey. We channel the courage of our Métis Ancestors who faced adversity and remained resilient.

BOARD REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Walter Mineault

Minister of Rights

I am honoured to submit this report as President of Métis Nation British Columbia. As a central goal, MNBC is focused on achieving recognition of the constitutional rights of our more than 31,000 Registered Citizens— a number that's growing every day. Backed by our Section 35 historical research, self-government recognition from Canada remains a long-term priority. Provincially, a new process has been formalized with the Premier's Office that will support our work toward a reconciliation agreement to achieve commitments in Declaration Act Action Plan.

First, I'd like to provide an update on our government relations work. MNBC's Board Executive undertook a successful lobby trip in Ottawa from October 20 to 23. Coordinated and supported on the ground by the department of Government & Strategic Relations (GSR), the initiative involved 21 meetings across both government and the Official Opposition. With a strategic focus on economic develop to align with federal priorities around trade and tariffs, the trip featured closed-door meetings with the Prime Minister's Office, Privy Council, Treasury Board and Ministry of Crown-Indigenous Relations. MNBC's budget submission, which included financial asks for housing, skills training and the Métis Prosperity

Group, was central to the discussions. A selection of stories reinforcing historical Métis connections to British Columbia were shared as samples of our Section 35 research. MNBC will continue to reinforce a direct, bilateral relationship with Canada in the wake of its departure from the Métis National Council, with the objective of receiving equitable funding through a new federal funding formula.

MNBC's Board Executive and CEO undertook a successful lobby trip in Victoria from November 17 to 20. Also supported by GSR, the initiative approximately 30 meetings with Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries, the B.C. Conservatives, and the B.C. Green Party. The Premier participated in MNBC's Louis Riel Day Proclamation ceremony for the first time. A Métis cultural reception held for MLAs of all political parties included speeches by the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and MNBC's Acting President, plus music and dancing. The week featured the signing of a Protocol Agreement to strengthen the relationship between the provincial Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills and MNBC's Ministry of Skills-Training, Employment, and Post-Secondary Education. GSR is also working with the Premier's Office and the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and

Reconciliation to confirm logistics for the inaugural Premier's Forum, as part of the B.C.-Métis Relations Table structure.

Respectful relationships with First Nations are critical to MNBC's advocacy. In 2025, MNBC engaged 24 First Nations across British Columbia through sustained relationship-building – including meetings with Chiefs and Councils, protocol and community participation, and consistent follow-through. At the Nation-to-Nation level, we are focused on building one-on-one relationships with individual nations. Notable engagements included meetings with the Chiefs and Councils of Kwikwetlem, Shuswap, Aq'am (St. Mary's Indian Band), and Akisq'nuk (Columbia Lake Indian Band), as well as direct engagement with the Chief of Musqueam. MNBC also strengthened connections with Songhees and Esquimalt Nations on Vancouver Island (including participation in a Burning Ceremony), and continued relationship-building with Nations in the North and Interior on childcare and housing projects – including Kitselas, Kitsumkalum, and the Nisga'a Nation. Across regions, our approach stayed consistent: showing up respectfully, building trust over time, and creating the conditions for constructive collaboration when shared opportunities arise. MNBC also successfully secured New Relationship Trust funding to support a province-wide initiative with local Chartered Communities. This work will strengthen one-on-one relationships with neighbouring nations by helping communities assess where relationships currently stand, identify opportunities to deepen engagement, and build a clearer, province-wide understanding of Métis–First Nations relationships across British Columbia. In related work, MNBC held ongoing meetings throughout 2025 with the BC First Nations Justice Council regarding Indigenous Justice Centres and continued regular meetings with the Royal BC Museum to advance partnership discussions.

I am also proud to share a few notable programming and events updates from Q4:

- With support from Women and Gender Equality Canada, MNBC is organizing the creation of a collaborative MMIWG2S+ Commemorative Blanket. This work is ongoing.
- In partnership with the Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council and the BC Wheelchair Sports Association, MNBC hosted Have-A-Go Day, a celebration of para and adaptive sports on December 5.
- MNBC and Kwantlen Polytechnic University held a Land Awakening Ceremony with Kwantlen First Nation to celebrate a collaborative Early Childhood Care and Education project on Nov 13.
- From October 17 to 18, MNBC's Ministry of Education hosted the Métis Early Years Conference, a two-day professional learning event that brought together Early Learning and Child Care professionals from across the province to celebrate Métis culture, language, and community in early childhood education.
- MNBC invited Métis youth to Timber & Tide at Camp Latona from September 26 to 28, connecting youth with heritage and language over a weekend-long stay with classic camping activities that included a paddling journey through Howe Sound.

Looking forward, we are carrying significant momentum as we head bravely into 2026. Future generations are counting on us to advance our rights and socio-economic priorities here in B.C. United by a common vision, I believe we will be successful in meeting our core objectives for our Nation. 🌸

BOARD REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Melanie Allard

Minister of Digital Government, Associate Minister Elders

Since our last in-person MNGA, we have undergone some significant changes. As Vice President, it was my duty to fill in as Acting President of Métis Nation British Columbia. This was not without some steep hills and learning curves, so I am super grateful for all of the support I received as we continued the work of the Nation. I give special thanks to all that also rose to temporarily fulfill positions on the Board of Directors while we continued to advance the Nation forward. I am grateful to the CEO Colette Trudeau, the Government and Strategic Relations team, the Finance team, Senior Leadership, Executive leaders and all the support staff at MNBC for quickly navigating the changes. They prepped us and guided us through our many important meetings with Federal and Provincial governments, and our other partners to ensure a seamless temporary transition, and to continue our positive momentum.

September was full of gatherings and meaningful meetings. I had the pleasure of attending the Louis Riel event on September 13 and 14 at the South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Association (SOSMA). Then MNBC hosted our Annual General Meeting in Richmond, B.C. with record attendance. A highlight was presenting the Nation Builders Awards to honour the good work being done for the Nation. I

then went to Victoria for the annual United Mayors Forum of B.C. week, where I had many meetings with mayors from across the province. As we work on our housing projects in many communities, this relationship-building is a priority. I was also able to meet with many Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs), and be present for a flag raising for Truth and Reconciliation Day.

In October, I joined the Board in Cobble Hill for a healing ceremony. Then I attended the Métis Early Years conference on October 17 to 19. It was moving to see how culture is being shared with our youngest. I was in Ottawa for Lobby Week and met with many Members of Parliament and Opposition. Additionally, I attended many committee meetings throughout the month. One major highlight for me was being able to attend Salmon Arm Métis Association's AGM. I want to congratulate the Board of Directors there for their amazing work.

The month of November was full of relationship-building. I attended the NDP Convention from November 14 to 16 and met with Premier David Eby. We then headed into our Métis Summit week, from November 17 to 20, with over 30 meetings in five days. This included a very moving Louis Riel

proclamation ceremony. I had the opportunity to meet with many MLAs and discuss the important issues we as Métis are facing in the province. Then, on November 19, I was so fortunate to be invited to a community dinner at Métis Nation Greater Victoria. What a great party! It was also a privilege to attend Two Rivers Métis Society's Christmas dinner on November 22.

In December, I attended a Senate-led settlement conference in Richmond. I focused on attending many committee meetings in the first half of December, including the Regional Governance Committee meeting for Region 3 and the virtual MNGA held on December 6. We tried to get many official meetings completed before the winter break, so we could be prepared to welcome the new year.

I would like to end by saying thank you to all the Métis Chartered Communities and their boards of directors for all their tireless, hard work. Without you, MNBC would not be possible. Your time spent volunteering does not go unnoticed. To our Citizens and your loved ones, we are grateful and honoured to represent you all. To all the amazing staff at MNBC, thank you for your unwavering support while we move the Nation forward. We could not do it without your dedication! 🌸



BOARD REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Louis De Jaeger, MBA

2SMBC Council Chair, Minister of Health, Associate Minister of Economic Development, Board Treasurer

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(Q1-Q3 Interim Report as of December 31, 2025)

This interim report summarizes MNBC's financial results for the first three quarters of the fiscal year April 1 – December 31, 2025. This report highlights MNBC's financial position, key variances, emerging risks, and compliance with financial controls for the nine-month period ending December 31, 2025.



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LOUIS DE JAEGER
February 28, 2026

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OPENING STATEMENT

In keeping with MNBC principles of respect, relationship, and responsibility, I present this interim Treasurer's report to the Métis Nation Governing Assembly in the spirit of transparency and collective stewardship.

The purpose is to provide the Governing Assembly with an overview of funding directed to Métis communities across the province, based on regional expenditure information available at the time of reporting.

The information presented is unaudited and interim in nature and reflects financial data prepared by management. The Audited Financial Statements (AFS) for the fiscal year will be presented to the Governing Assembly at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) following completion of the year-end audit.

MNBC's Head Office operations take place on the traditional and unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, specifically the *k'w'ikwəłəm*, Kwantlen, Katzie, Semiahmoo, and Tsawwassen First Nations. We honour their stewardship of these lands since time immemorial, and we further recognize the 39 Métis Chartered Communities we proudly serve across British Columbia.

The Board of Directors, through the Treasurer, is responsible for oversight of MNBC's financial affairs. Management is responsible for preparing the interim financial statements and maintaining appropriate accounting records and internal controls. As I assumed the role of Treasurer in the final month of the reporting period, my review of these interim results is based on the financial information prepared by management and presented to the Board.

Guided by the principle of *Kâ Isi Nâtama Ôta Ati Nîkân* (Our Way Forward), my review emphasizes transparency, accountability, and responsible stewardship of Nation resources.

PURPOSE & SCOPE

This interim Treasurer's Report provides an overview of community-focused funding and service delivery across MNBC regions during the fiscal year to date, based on financial information prepared by management.

The report is intended to support the Governing Assembly's understanding of community-level investment while recognizing that detailed financial oversight and reporting continue through established Board and committee processes.

SOURCES OF FUNDING

MNBC's programs and services are supported through a high volume of prescribed funding agreements with federal, provincial, and other funding partners. These agreements are designed to support specific programs, services, and capital initiatives and carry strict parameters regarding eligibility, timing, and allowable expenditures.

Funding is received and administered in accordance with the terms of each agreement and is recognized as programs and services are delivered. As a result, funding flows and expenditure timing vary across regions and program areas over the course of the fiscal year.

This funding structure reflects the scale and complexity of MNBC's operations and underscores the importance of strong financial oversight, compliance, and coordination to ensure resources are directed to communities in accordance with approved agreements and Métis priorities.

GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIPS

MNBC continues to pursue grants and sponsorships that strengthen Nation governance, enhance community services, and support long-term sustainability. These efforts are intended to complement core funding agreements and expand opportunities for community-led initiatives.

To support this work, the Grants & Capacity Development function is focused on improving coordination, transparency, and oversight of grant-funded activities. A key component of this work



includes capacity-building at the community level, supporting Chartered Communities in developing grant-writing and grant-management skills grounded in Métis values.

Grant training and resource development are being advanced to provide practical tools that assist communities in identifying, applying for, and managing grants that align with local priorities. These activities support MNBC's broader objective of strengthening community capacity and supporting long-term sustainability at both the regional and local level.

EXPENDITURES

MNBC expenditures during the reporting period reflect a combination of direct community investments and the central operational supports required to enable program delivery across the province. The expenditures presented below highlight funding directed at community-facing activities.

Expenditures support the delivery of programs and services, direct supports to communities and citizens, and capital and infrastructure investments that enable MNBC activities across the province. These expenditures are aligned with approved budgets and the terms of funding agreements.

While central operational functions and staffing are necessary to administer funding agreements, ensure compliance, and support consistent program delivery, the focus of this section is on how funding is applied at the regional and community level.

KEY EXPENDITURES BY REGION

The following table summarizes funding by region directed to program delivery, citizen and community support across MNBC regions during the nine-month period ending December 31, 2025. These figures reflect expenditures aligned with approved budgets and funding agreements. Amounts are based on interim financial information prepared by management and have not been audited.



MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

MNBC Region	Total (\$)	Subsidies, Supports, & Program Expenses	Community Funding	Service Provider Funding
Vancouver Island & Powell River	\$3,827,045	\$3,004,782	\$382,841	\$439,422
Lower Mainland	5,915,536	4,435,308	390,671	1,089,557
Thompson Okanagan	4,492,534	3,013,379	410,905	1,068,250
Kootenays	1,969,863	1,742,176	227,687	-
North Central	2,246,288	1,710,961	209,225	326,102
Northwest	2,022,981	1,682,965	99,695	240,321
Northeast	1,353,900	1,200,520	153,380	-
Provincial	2,193,881	2,193,881	-	-
TOTAL	\$24,022,028	\$18,983,972	\$1,874,404	\$3,163,652

CONTROLS AND COMPLIANCE

MNBC continues to focus on strengthening organizational practices that support responsible stewardship, consistency, and effective delivery of programs and services across the province.

PROCUREMENT

MNBC is focused on strengthening procurement practices to support consistent sourcing, appropriate oversight, and value for money. Procurement activities are guided by established



policies and approval authorities, with an emphasis on transparency, fairness, and accountability in vendor selection.

Centralized procurement information supports improved visibility and coordination, enabling alignment with approved budgets, funding agreements, and organizational priorities.

POLICY AND INTERNAL CONTROLS

Financial policies, procedures, and internal control practices continue to be refined and strengthened to support consistent operations, clear decision-making, and effective program delivery across the organization. These efforts help clarify roles and approval authorities, improve documentation and information flow, and support the reliable administration of funding agreements and community programs.

FUTURE FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

MNBC continues to administer and secure multi-year funding agreements that support program delivery, community services, and infrastructure across the province.

Ongoing planning and implementation are guided by approved budgets, funding agreement requirements, and Board oversight, with a continued focus on supporting Métis citizens and strengthening community delivery.

LOW-CARBON HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

MNBC is receiving \$4.62M between 2024 and 2029 through the Indigenous Leadership Fund (Low Carbon Economy Fund) to support eligible low-carbon home retrofits for Métis households and to advance zero-carbon certification for MNBC infrastructure developments. This funding supports climate leadership, affordability, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE INFRASTRUCTURE



Funding has been secured to support the construction of a new childcare centre in Saanich, B.C., which will expand licensed childcare capacity for Métis families. Capital investment planning is underway, with construction anticipated to begin in 2026.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

MNBC has secured \$1.09M over four years (2025–2029) to expand Métis-specific, culturally grounded youth mental health programming. Funding supports land-based mental wellness activities and increases program capacity over the term of the agreement.

SPORTS AND RECREATION INITIATIVES

Supplementary funding has been secured to support Métis youth participation in sport and recreation, including a contribution from the Jays Care Foundation to deliver inclusive summer sports programming that supports physical activity, social connection, and cultural identity.

RECOMMENDATIONS & NEXT STEPS

Over the remainder of the fiscal year, MNBC will continue to focus on the following priorities:

- Supporting the delivery of programs, services, and community supports in alignment with approved funding agreements
- Advancing grant and community capacity-development initiatives that strengthen community-led delivery and respond to local priorities
- Continuing to strengthen operational practices, including procurement and internal controls, to support consistent and effective program delivery
- Preparing for year-end reporting, including the presentation of the Audited Financial Statements at the Annual General Meeting

These next steps reflect MNBC's ongoing commitment to responsible stewardship and the delivery of programs and services that support Métis citizens and communities across British Columbia.



MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA

CLOSING STATEMENT

MNBC remains focused on the responsible stewardship of Nation resources and on the delivery of programs, services, and supports that benefit Métis citizens and communities across British Columbia.

This report is provided in the spirit of transparency and shared responsibility and reflects MNBC's ongoing commitment to serving communities and advancing Métis priorities.

BOARD REPORTS

REGION 1 DIRECTOR'S REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Patrick Harriott

Minister of Culture, Heritage, and Language, Minister of Poverty Reduction

I would first like to thank all of our incredible staff who make the work we do at MNBC possible. Maarsii to CEO Trudeau for her values-based and relationship-building leadership style. Thank you to the Government and Strategic Relations team, without which we would not be nearly as effective in bringing Métis priorities to all levels of government. My gratitude to CFO Maione and the entire finance team, who have continuously improved our standard operating practices and modernized our financial systems. And my sincere thanks to each of the portfolio Directors and the Ministry staff that I have worked with, whose passion for the work of our Nation is self-evident.

I would also like to thank the MNBC Citizens from Region 1 and across the province who have reached out to have good discussions or seek help in navigating issues important to them. With that, I am eager to provide some important updates.

First, I am grateful to report that this has been a productive year for relationship-building with all levels of government. Advocating for Métis Citizens, Métis businesses, Métis artists and Chartered communities continues to be a strong priority for me, requiring ongoing strategy and collaboration.

Attending the Federal Government's Lobby Days was one way to ensure Métis voices are being heard. We advocated for MNBC's full participating in growing Canada's economy.

Our entrepreneurs and our Nation need to be top of mind as Canada focuses on nation-building projects while meeting and exceeding their target of 5% Indigenous procurement. This was my fourth trip to Ottawa to meet with government, and I feel like it was one of the most productive. Each meeting had take-aways and follow-ups on opportunities for funding and creating new relationships between our government, and the government of Canada. I found it easier to present MNBC's priorities in such a way that the government of Canada saw it reflected in their priorities.

On the provincial level, we experienced significant momentum in relationship-building and recognition of Métis people in B.C. During the Provincial Government Lobby Days, the Premier of B.C. attended and personally announced the proclamation of Louis Riel Day in B.C. We were welcomed by Songhees First Nation, had jigging and fiddle music in the Hall of Honour, and were joined by MLAs from almost all political parties.

I also attended question period on that day and was incredibly proud to see the entire government side of the legislature, and many of the opposition members, wearing a sash pin to commemorate the day. After reading the proclamation into the official record, the conversation on the floor took on a darker tone. OneBC party leader Dallas Brodie stood up to call residential schools a 'hoax', and to go on to effectively deny the testimony of so many First Nations and Métis survivors. The entire MNBC delegation and I stood up and left the gallery in protest. It is truly unfortunate that this legacy of colonialism denying the lived experience of Indigenous people continues to be voiced by some in the halls of power of our province.

The rest of the week was productive, as I met with government Ministers and opposition Critics to advocate on several files important to MNBC Citizens and our Nation. We continue our necessary advocacy work with the provincial government.

Yet, MNBC Citizens' daily lives are not only impacted by decision-making at Federal and Provincial levels, but also at the municipal level. This is why I attended the Union of B.C. Municipalities in Victoria. The municipal level is where our Métis day cares, housing, and poverty reduction efforts are built.

We met with several Mayors and Councillors who oversee municipalities in which we are developing housing projects. I was also fortunate to attend some of the presentations being offered. One in particular, "Disordered Downtown: Rethinking Care for Those in Need", was very informative and impacted me greatly. I learned about new research into what urban centers across B.C. were now facing when it comes to addiction and learned about a growing and concerning diagnosis of "acquired brain injury" due to toxic cocktails of drugs on our streets.

Finally, I want to bring to your attention the changes in my portfolios as I head into my sixth year in office. I have resigned from my position as Treasurer on MNBC's Executive Committee. This is a position I have held since I was first elected in 2020, and I did not take the decision to resign lightly. Since the Treasurer and Secretary are appointed by the board to the Executive Committee, I feel that the selection should be representative of the perspective of the board as a whole. I felt I was no longer able to bring that support to the work I did as Treasurer, and therefore I chose to step down. I also resigned from the position of Minister of Justice and Senate Liaison. Similarly, I feel that portfolio-holders are tasked with moving files forward through the collective vision that our government has for that file. I felt the vision of the majority of the board for that portfolio would be better served by someone other than myself.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the following people whom I have had the opportunity to meet in the interest of advancing the priorities of MNBC and our Citizens.

At the federal level, I want to thank Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Rebecca Alty, the Office of the Minister of International Trade, Minister of Health Marjorie Michel, Shadow Minister for Crown-Indigenous Relations Jamie Schmale, Office of the Minister of Industry, Secretary of State for Defense Procurement Stephen Fuhr, and the Conservative Party Pacific Caucus.

At the provincial level, I am grateful to have met with Premier David Eby, Deputy Premier and Attorney General Niki Sharma, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Spencer Chandra-Herbert, Leader of the Official Opposition John Rustad, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General Nina Krieger, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture, and Sports Anne Kang, Minister of Social

Development and Poverty Reduction Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Jobs and Economic Growth Ravi Kahlon, Critic for Solicitor General and Public Safety Macklin McCall, Critic for Tourism and Resort Municipalities Scott McInnis, Minister of Children and Family Development Jodie Wickens, and the Green Party Caucus.

On the municipal level, my thanks to the Mayor and Councillors of Cambell River, Terrace, and Invermere, the Mayor of Saanich, and the Chair of the Peace River Regional District.

Maarsii (thank you) 🌸



BOARD REPORTS

REGION 2 DIRECTOR'S REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Allan Lavallee

Interim Minister of Housing, Associate Minister of Elders

I want to begin this report by offering my sincere gratitude to leadership and staff at MNBC, who dutifully work to fulfill our mission. I would like to recognize the Chartered Communities for their ongoing and tireless work to support Citizens on so many levels and in so many ways. Maarsii (thank you) for your meaningful contributions.

It will always be a strong priority for me to be approachable to Métis Citizens and to have real, down-to-earth conversations. I'm pleased to say that I've had the opportunity to speak with many of our Citizens during this last quarter. Some reached out to me after seeing the MNBC decals on my vehicle, which prominently display my name and contact information. My message to all is that I am interested, available, and accessible. I'm proud of my Métis heritage and I'm committed to promoting our culture.

During the period of September 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025, I had the honour of attending many Chartered Community events. I also had the opportunity to be present for several gatherings and ceremonies organized by our partners throughout Region 2. What follows is an account

of some of the notable events, meetings and ceremonies I have attended each month.

In September, I spent time working with our Ministry of Housing and in a Social Infrastructure Development Committee Meeting. I also heard updates from MNBC's Ministry of Elders, Veterans, Wellness and Abilities and I am proud of the work being accomplished in that Ministry. I was also grateful to be invited to Chartered Community events, including Fraser Valley Métis Association's AGM, Waceyá Métis Society's AGM as well as their hugely successful Hockey Night. I toured the New Surrey Hospital and BC Cancer Centre and participated in their committee. Later in the month, I traveled to Edmonton for the National Gathering of Elders.

During the month of October, I was once more generously invited to Chartered Community events, including Surrey Delta Métis Association's AGM, Chilliwack Métis Association's AGM, and a Dot Art workshop with Waceyá Métis Society. I am always grateful for the opportunity to connect with Citizens in these community spaces. On October 7, I traveled to the Cowichan Valley for a healing ceremony. It was also encouraging to see the

success of MNBC's fourth annual Métis Early Years Conference, hosted in Surrey.

In November, I attended National Indigenous Veterans Day and Remembrance Day ceremonies in Vancouver and Fort Langley, respectively. I participated in the City of Surrey's Louis Riel Day proclamation, and Fort Langley's Louis Riel Day event. The North Fraser Métis Association also hosted a Louis Riel Day event, which I had the pleasure of attending. The Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association held their AGM. A Housing Central Conference took place from November 16 to 19, 2025, which led to many productive discussions. I was glad to speak at Kwantlen Polytechnic University's Land Awakening Ceremony, which will be the site of a childcare center that takes the needs of Métis children and families to heart. Work on committees also continued steadily throughout the month.

Finally, in December, I attended several committee meetings including the Social Infrastructure Development Committee, the Environmental Advisory Committee, and received updates from the MNBC Ministry of Elders, Veterans, Wellness and Abilities and the MNBC Ministry of Housing. I also had the opportunity to strengthen partnerships with Members of Legislative Assembly Randeep Sarai and Jessie Sunner at their Christmas parties.

This is not an exhaustive account of my presence in community throughout this quarter. However, this report contains important highlights around the work being accomplished to build key partnerships, advance MNBC's strategic priorities, and above all, to connect genuinely with Métis Citizens. 🌸



BOARD REPORTS

REGION 3 DIRECTOR'S REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Dean Gladue

Minister of Rights, Minister of Sports and Active Living,
Associate Minister of Justice

Tansi to all attending the Spring 2026 MNGA, and welcome! A lot has happened since our AGM in September 2025. This has been a busy few months for our MNBC Board of Directors, in many ways that I could not have predicted when I was elected.

As the MNBC Region 3 Director, I have many responsibilities at national, provincial, regional and community levels. These responsibilities come with many sacrifices and careful time management. I take my role very seriously, as important decisions are made at the Board-level that impact our Métis Nation and our Citizens.

Currently, my portfolio includes the Ministry of Rights and the Ministry of Sports and Active Living. I also serve as the Associate Minister of Justice. Throughout the last quarter, I've attended many meetings to support with our strategic priorities.

As the current Minister of Rights, I have been tasked with a real challenge, as our Métis Rights under Section 35 are being ignored by both Federal and Provincial Governments. I am working closely with MNBC's Ministry of Rights to make sure our voices are heard and that our rights are respected.

The withdrawal of our membership with the Métis National Council continues to hold an entire new set of challenges, as we forge ahead to build and maintain relationships with the Federal and Provincial governments directly.

Another major challenge will be to develop stronger relationships with our First Nations cousins throughout B.C. As Chair of the Strategic Relations and Initiatives Committee, I am ensuring this Nation-to-Nation work is a priority.

I also have the opportunity of sitting on the Credit Union Exploratory Committee and the Interior Health Table. It's a privilege to advocate for our people in so many ways.

My work as Region 3 Director brings me close to local Citizens and Community Members. I had the chance to chair the Vernon Métis Association's AGM in September 2025, and later I returned for their Christmas Dinner in December 2025. My participation in the National Aboriginal Veteran's Day gave me the chance to connect with Citizens in person. I value the chance to connect with Citizens like this, and I receive many calls and emails from our

Citizens throughout Region 3, making sure they feel heard and are directed to the proper Ministries and Departments for guidance.

This also includes attending numerous Board of Directors meetings throughout the year and assisting eight local Chartered Communities within my Region. I continue to tend various meetings/ events when invited to do so if time permits with my schedule. I also take calls and emails from many MNBC Citizens throughout Region 3 and ensure they are heard and directed to the proper department for guidance and direction. A really rewarding part of this work is being able to have in-person discussions relating to Métis issues and concerns, or what I like to call “kitchen table talk.”

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Region 3 Director and for the good, collaborative work being done in the Ministries I’m working with. Thank you all for being here and for your commitment to serving Métis people.

LONG LIVE THE MÉTIS! 🌸



BOARD REPORTS

REGION 4 DIRECTOR'S REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Debra Fisher

Minister of Education, Minister of Children & Families

As I reflect on the past few months, I wish to thank so many of you for the support you have given me. Your words of encouragement and understanding mean a lot. I also want to thank my family for their patience. This work has taken me away from them at times, and I particularly regret the time I've spent away from my 92-year-old mom. Time while she had memory, time while she had mobility and time while she could articulate her thoughts. I chose to spend that time with my Nation, and I did it because I made an oath that I have tried to live up to. This is also what my mom wanted. When she broke her hip last February, Mom had told her Doctor in ER not to tell me, because I had important work to do for the Nation! I was sitting at the Ferry terminal, waiting to go to meetings at the legislature in Victoria when I got the call from the hospital. I attended those meetings and other obligations because I stand by my morals, ethics and experience. That's my truth and my duty.

I have nothing but respect and praise for our CEO Colette Trudeau, our Government and Strategic Relations team, who are incredibly respected by Ministers and government officials both in the Province and Ottawa. They spend incredible amounts of time and effort setting up meetings,

guiding us, and giving sound advice. We attended over 30 meetings in Ottawa in October, while another Métis government had none. That is not a coincidence! Hats off to all MNBC staff for your hard work and dedication. Our Nation has moved forward over the years, and it is because of our CEO and the professional teams that she has built over the years and their shared commitment to our Nation. Their work ethic is strong because our CEO herself works hard for our Nation. She has connections, wisdom, and expertise that I applaud. Many years ago, when I opened my clothing store, I asked my previous boss what advice he could give me, since he was a very successful businessman. He said, "treat your staff well, respect them, pay them well, and they will stick with you. They will work hard to make you successful as they will have pride in their work and know they are part of it." And while there will always be bumps along the way, I still think it's good advice.

It wasn't a difficult decision for me to resign from the Executive Committee. If I can't do my work ethically, trust our in-house experts, not be able to turn a blind eye or unhear what was said, then I know I made the right decision. I stand by my Nation, I stand by our CEO, and I stand by our staff because I believe in them.

I continue to work with staff in the Ministry of Children & Families and the Ministry of Education, and I am pleased to share some updates. I still receive many phone calls regarding the hardship some of our families are facing, and I refer them to our Children and Families and/or our Education and/or Housing and/or Health teams. We do a lot of cross-Ministry work to support our Citizens, as each issue is different. I can't thank those Ministry staff enough as they continually go above the call of duty and understand that working in silos does not move us forward or help our people.

We continue our work to Promote Métis Rights and Recognition to achieve Jurisdiction of our Children. This is our priority as we build a future for Métis families. Part of this goal is to have Designation, and that has been a central focus this past year and will continue in 2026.

The guidance from Elders, knowledge carriers, Métis Citizens, and Chartered Communities continue to shape the future to create Métis Family Law that will reflect Métis values and culture while aligning with jurisdictional and legislative requirements. My heart is full from the wisdom shared and the incredible dedication our Citizens have as volunteers in their own Chartered Communities. These leaders continue to give and give, and it is humbling to see their dedication.

I want to assure you that during our groundbreaking Provincial Forum for Métis Child and Family Services held in Kelowna in March of last year, we heard you loud and clear! I take the passion and stories I heard from you to my meetings and discussions in Ottawa, and with Honourable Jodie Wickens, Minister of Children and Family Development in Victoria, who attended. We continue to meet regularly. Our meetings are meaningful for our children and youth, but government is slow, and that is frustrating and harmful to yet another generation of children.

We continue collaborating with Métis service providers and agencies who work every day, doing the hard work with our Métis children, youth and families. With two social workers in my family, I can assure you that I respect the work you do from the bottom of my heart. Every day, you hold the heart and future of our children in your hands. It is not an easy job.

I cannot take credit for this but our amazing Colleen Hodgson, Executive Director of the Ministry of Children and Families, helped establish a Sub Table which meets regularly with the Provincial Ministry of Children and Family Development to discuss next steps and our future. However, decision-makers are caught up in bureaucracy and political games. I have said many times that I don't play games with children's lives, and I want to be on the right side of history: bringing historical change, not blocking it. MNBC's Ministry of Children and Families' vision is clear. We need an Information Sharing Agreement with MCFD as soon as possible, Delegation, Equitable Funding and Jurisdiction. It is our sacred and inherent right and duty to look after the most vulnerable.

The MNBC Ministry of Education continues to lead B.C. and other Métis Governments in child care. MNBC and our Early Years team have a respectful and collaborative relationship with the province and Ottawa. It was evident in October during our Métis Summit meetings in Ottawa and again in November in Victoria. We are not only building child care centers that are providing culturally safe learning opportunities, but that are affordable for our families! The largest cost to families after housing is childcare. In some cases, low-income workers or single parents cannot survive on what is left of their salary after paying for childcare. This puts them at further risk. When a spouse or single parent can go back to work because their child care is affordable, that is perfect Economic Development! A young family can then start to build their own wealth, save

for housing, provide a stable life for their family and move forward.

We meet on a weekly to bi-weekly basis as things are moving at a fast pace currently with all our child care projects. My favourite is the monthly staff meeting, which is full of talented people who are in community, working passionately with our children and families doing an incredible job. Some are bringing Métis culture and values to young minds, while others are working with parents. Incredible work is being done behind the scenes with our employees, and they need a shout out because they are the backbone of our Nation.

This is just one of the many testimonials from parents accessing supports: “We have been so grateful for the support from MNBC this past year. It has truly made a big difference for our family to have our daughter’s childcare expenses supported. Thank you.”

We have numerous child care facilities at different stages around the province, and we have many projects that are in partnership with the MNBC Housing Ministry, local Chartered Communities, Metis Service Providers and School Districts. I recommend reading the Ministry reports to access up-to-date information.

MNBC works in support of and alongside First Nations across the province to advance culturally strong, community driven ELCC programs. These collaborations are rooted in respect, relationship-building and a shared commitment to the well-being of Indigenous children and families. I believe this work is doing more for reconciliation, understanding and healing than any other program.

Sharlene Wedel, Executive Director, Ministry of Education, is my rock in this Ministry. The team she has developed over the last couple of years

is providing many supports beyond our child care centers. They are the heartbeat of our education Ministry, and my I lift my hands up to them all as they provide so much support to our chartered communities and our Citizens.

Although MNBC is given a token of funding from the province for K-12, we continue to advocate for our Kindergarten to Grade 12 students who are being frozen out in accessing culturally safe material and supports in the school system. We are held hostage by an organization that advocates for First Nations students living on reserve through First Nations Steering Committee, (FNESC). They do amazing work on behalf of their First Nations students. I know, as I served on the FNESC board for 2 years. However, they cannot and should not be interfering with our Métis student’s ability to access their needs. My Ministry warned the province on this matter long before the Bill 40 was signed. Yet unfortunately, all of what we warned about has come true and then some. I will give credit where credit is due: the Province has supported us by giving clearer direction to School Boards and Districts on what is expected. However, I still believe that the Province itself relinquished their duty to act on behalf of all Indigenous students and gave the power to FNESC. FNESC has no right to speak on our behalf and visa versa.

Métis Teacher Classroom Kits are being developed to equip Métis teachers and pre-service teachers with culturally grounded, age-appropriate tools that support the teaching of Métis history, culture, and ways of knowing across all grade levels. Each kit is tailored to a specific grade range K-3, 4-7, and 8-12 ensuring that the resources provided align with student developmental stages and classroom needs.

The overarching goal of this initiative is to enhance cultural understanding, support curriculum integration, and revitalize Metis culture with school

environments. By providing Metis teachers with accessible, classroom-ready materials, these kits help ensure that Metis learners see themselves, their families, and their Nation reflected meaningfully in their education. This work supports the creation of culturally safe, identity-affirming learning spaces where Métis educators and students can thrive.

I am proud of the work these Ministries have accomplished. I stand with my Nation in a way that honours integrity, truth, and responsibility. 🌸



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REGION 5 DIRECTOR'S REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Raynie Gervais

Minister of Elders

Tansi kiyawow, bonjour and hello to all attending this Spring MNGA. I hope you are all well and enjoying the start of 2026. I would like to share some brief updates from my portfolio with you. And I would like to express my gratitude to staff at the Ministry of Elders for all of the work you do.

I am so proud to share with you some great news about our new Elders Advisory, which has finally come to fruition in the beginning of January 2026. We now have the required number of 14 Elders in total that will make up the Elders Advisory. We have worked on this for the better part of 2025, so it is exciting to see this take shape. We had our first meeting in January, and I am looking forward to seeing what emerges.

One aspect of the work will be the creation of an annual Elder Gathering. We are hoping to announce this soon, once we have secured the budget to make sure the work is carried out in a good way.

Other important highlights include an expansion to our Métis Elders and Senior Assistance Program (MESAP). The Ministry of Elders staff are hard at work to support as many as possible. Our next goal will be to increase MNBC's engagement in long

term continuing care and end-of-life planning with our own Ministry of Health. These cross-Ministry collaborations always create a lot of opportunities for our Citizens.

It has been an interesting year, but I am proud of the work that is happening in the Ministry of Elders. Our Elders deserve to have a voice to guide our Nation and to benefit from ongoing care and support.

I would like to close with a few kind words for all of you. I wish you a great year with comfort and safety and warmth. Please take special care of yourselves and thank you, as always, for your many meaningful contributions. 🌸

BOARD REPORTS

REGION 6 DIRECTOR'S REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Susie Hooper

Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Minister of Citizenship,
Associate Minister of Health and Wellness

It is my honour to continue to represent Métis Nation British Columbia as the Director of Region 6. It will be my fourteenth year in this position, and I will keep striving to be your voice for the Northwest. I look forward to continuing to advocate and network for our Nation. We still have much work to do.

I so am grateful for all the work our Chartered Communities continue to do on a volunteer basis for the Citizens in the Northwest. I want to thank the President of Tri-River Métis Association, Dawn McConnell, the President of Northwest B.C. Métis Association, Bernadette Chaboyer, and the President of Prince Rupert & District Métis Society, Joy Sundin. The Métis Chartered Community boards and all our Citizens are the backbone of MNBC. I am looking forward to continuing to be a part of all three communities. Each one invests many volunteer hours planning and organizing all sorts of exciting events, with many yet to come.

A highlight of the last quarter was having the opportunity to present the Nation Builders' Award to Bernadette Chaboyer at the AGM in September. It is so important that we recognize the meaningful contributions of our people.

I was grateful to present, alongside Joy and her community, framed sashes that will be placed in three Northern Health facilities in Prince Rupert. These sashes will communicate to Métis that we are welcome and that we belong. In Terrace, I was able to take in some of the Early Years training this Fall and visit with the Ministry of Citizenship team when they held engagements with the community. Our Citizenship team made it out to 13 of our community for Citizenship engagements. I know that in Region 6 they were very well received and attended.

There are exciting things happening on the MNBC property in Terrace, with the "Kishkayhtaytaahk" (to learn) day care centre almost complete. I also had the pleasure of attending several of Tri-Rivers Métis Associations' kitchen parties. The Stone Soup held at Ross Lake is always a favourite.

A highlight for me this Fall was attending Lobby Week in both Ottawa and Victoria. I was elected as the interim Treasurer for MNBC, and as part of the Executive Committee I was able to attend. Looking back on the trip to Ottawa, I am proud of the hard work that went into our time there. We took

twenty-one meetings in four days, and we worked like a well-oiled machine. I was so impressed by our Government and Strategic Relations and Senior Leadership teams for their networking skills. My sincere thanks for all the behind-the-scenes work. It was great to come home knowing that we did good work for our Nation.

During the Provincial Lobby Week in Victoria, we attended our Louis Riel Proclamation in the Parliament Honour Hall, which was well attended. Fiddle music rang through the halls, and we were joined by community members from the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria. We were even able to attend their community potluck supper. This was a highlight—I really enjoy being in community in different regions when I can.

A lot of good work continues in the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, the Ministry of Citizenship, and the Ministry of Health and Wellness. Rather than repeating what is presented in the Ministry reports here, I really encourage you to take the time to read them. These reports highlight all the hard work and continued endeavors of these Ministries. I am grateful for all the staff that I get to work with, and I am fortunate to work with some of the best.

This term I sit on many committees along with my fellow board members. Other positions I have in my region are with School District #54 Indigenous Education Council, the Dze I K'ant Friendship Centre board member. I have the honor on being the Métis advisor for Canadian Partnership Against Cancer and have held this position since 2018.

I would like to thank all the staff of MNBC for their hard work and dedication, which is evident in the great things that are happening for the Citizens of MNBC. Our CEO Colette Trudeau and her team are committed to our Nation. We are going through

some very challenging times. I remind myself of the Oath of Office that I committed to and believe in and will continue working for the betterment of our nation. 🌸



BOARD REPORTS

REGION 7 DIRECTOR'S REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Paulette Flamond

Minister of Skills Training, Employment and Post-Secondary (STEPS), Minister of Economic Development, Partnerships & Tourism, Minister of Food Security

It's with deep gratitude that I serve as Director of Region 7. The Ministries under my portfolio all have missions that are close to my heart. I want Métis across the province to have equitable access to training and economic development opportunities, because that is a cornerstone of socio-economic reconciliation for our people. I am also passionate about food security, especially during these times when many of our families are struggling. I am happy to share some important milestones in this work.

The Ministry of STEPS signed a historic Post-Secondary Education and Training Protocol agreement with the Province on November 19, 2025. This agreement signals commitment and collaboration between MNBC and the Province, recognizing the needs of Métis around post-secondary education and training resources and programming. I want to thank MNBC STEPS and Government and Strategic Relations (GSR) staff for their efforts in making this agreement possible.

I am also pleased to report that between the months of April and December 2025, there were 2506 Métis Citizens who received support for training or post-secondary education. I will

continue to advocate for the growing needs of MNBC Citizens. This includes working towards a Métis post-secondary school in B.C. which will take a distinction-based approach to post-secondary education and training.

My work with the Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism has also continued. I had the opportunity to participate in the Provincial Lobby Week on November 17 to 21, 2025, which was a great chance to lobby on behalf of our Citizens. Additionally, the Métis Prosperity Group was launched in September 2025. My vision moving forward is to work towards more joint ventures, to encourage more agriculture projects, and to garner more tourism support. It is crucial that we grow our Nation through economic development, promoting sovereignty and sustainability.

Finally, I am proud of the work being accomplished with the Ministry of Food Security. Staff worked on a social media campaign to encourage Métis Citizens to learn more about food security issues. The ever-popular home garden program is serving 773 Citizens across all regions. And I had the chance to be interviewed on my experience with

Boreal Gardens Permaculture farm. This portfolio is exciting, as there are so many opportunities to plant seeds of growth throughout B.C. It's also a privilege to be building this Ministry from the ground up. Food security is an issue that touches so many Métis Citizens, and I am invested in this important work.

I want to extend my thanks to all Chartered Community Leaders for their continued dedication and engagement. I will keep advocating for our Citizens and I continue to be grateful for the opportunity to do so. 🌸

BOARD REPORTS

TWO-SPIRIT MÉTIS BC REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Louis De Jaeger, MBA

2SMBC Council Chair, Minister of Health, Associate Minister of Economic Development, Board Treasurer

As we approach 2SMBC Council's first year, I'd like to provide an update on some of the work that has been accomplished. With the help of our Ministry of Women and Gender Equity (MOWGE) staff, we are beginning to develop our Policy Manual and set the direction of the Council's work for the coming year. Council has met with MNBC's Skills, Training and Post-Secondary (STEPS) team for input on the development of a Métis post-secondary school in B.C. The school's governance and operations will reflect Métis culture, history, language, and knowledge, and will offer a variety of academic and professional development and continuing education credentials as stackable, transferable programs. Adding the voice and needs of 2SMBC Citizens represents an act of Nation-building, designed to strengthen Métis culture, build capacity for self-determination, and create meaningful pathways for 2S+ student aspirations.

On October 9, 2025, the 2SMBC Council met with MNBC's Ministry of Justice to speak candidly about the implementation of MNBC's Justice Strategy. We must consider the impact of colonization on 2S+ Métis folks so we can thoroughly understand the root causes of involvement in the justice system,

the barriers faced by Métis people, and violence against Métis women, girls, and 2S+ Citizens. There are compounding intergenerational impacts of colonization on Métis people that have resulted in a lower likelihood of educational achievement, and a sustainable and liveable income, as well as lower employment rates. These impacts also include a higher likelihood of substance use, disruption of Métis families, poverty that results in food insecurity and precarious housing or risk of being unhoused, and violence—especially sexualized violence for women and 2S+ folks. These colonial factors were recognized by the Supreme Court of Canada as resulting in higher rates of criminalization and incarceration. This lack of safety includes engagement with law enforcement representatives. According to the 2 Worlds 2 Spirit Final Report released in 2023, over 28% say they have negative interactions with law enforcement due to their identity—sometimes with more emphasis on being 2SLGBTQQIA+ and other times with more emphasis on being Indigenous.

The 'Piihtikway/Come in': Two-Spirit and LGBTQIA+ Resurgence and Healing through Kinship and Culture project stewarded by MNBC's

Ministry of Women and Gender Equity took place from Fall 2024 to Spring 2025. The stories within this resource are only a small representation of the continuum of diverse experiences of being Métis and 2S+. If our stories are not told and shared, we won't know our Elders's experiences. As it is, we may never know how our 2S+ ancestors lived. It is vital that we collect stories now of who we are and where we have been to share with future generations. I invite you to read, learn, and celebrate these "coming in" stories of our 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis community, which is expected to be released later in 2026.

Outreach with external organizations include Chill TV (Chilliwack) on Métis and 2S+ issues, the establishment of a Foundry in Chilliwack to include Métis 2S+ supports, and the inclusion of 2S+ in the Fraser Health Accord as Chair of the Cultural, Safety and Humility sub-Committee. I obtained membership with the Rainbow Veterans of Canada, building bridges between our Métis Veterans and our 2S+ Veterans. Now that we have taken the B.C. Métis seat on the IAMC-TMX Advisory Committee, we are making inroads with lobbying for Socio-Economic funding for MMIWG2S+ gatherings and tapping into our partnerships and our continued dealings with industry partners on economic reconciliation. My work with the Métis Financial Corporation has put 146 Métis Families into their first homes. I attended the first MNBC Men's Gathering at Métis Crossing, on November 6 and 7 in Alberta, connecting on men's issues with community members from across B.C.

I look forward to continuing to work on the objectives outlined in my mandate letter and working towards the betterment of 2SMNBC Citizens throughout the province. These include the following:

- Address the incidence of Gender Based Violence impacting Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ in B.C.
- Advocate strongly for all Métis Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) 2SLGBTQQIA+ and Boys.
- Develop a 2SLGBTQQIA+ Policy Forum in B.C.
- Provide greater counselling and other programming support for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis.
- Pursue funding to host Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ gatherings at the Regional and Provincial levels.
- Increase supports by forming relationships with 2SLGBTQQIA+ Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations provincially and federally.
- Engage meaningfully with 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis Veterans to learn about and help address the specific challenges of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis Veterans.
- Develop educational materials, activities, and opportunities to help educate all Métis Citizens and Métis leadership on 2SLGBTQQIA+ issues and needs.
- Create opportunities for greater engagement and relationship building with Métis Elders and Métis Leadership.
- Create more formal and consistent pathways for the Ministry of Women and Gender Equity to interface earlier and more frequently with other MNBC ministries on relevant 2SLGBTQQIA+ issues, projects, and opportunities.

Additionally, my Board commitments continue as Associate Minister of Economic Development, working to continue development of a Metis Credit

Union, enhancing relationships on procurement policy with Ellis Don, Enbridge and TMX. As Minister of Health, I continue to work hard at tables such as the Indigenous Health Collaborative Council and the Fraser Health Accord. I am proud of these achievements and continue to strive for excellence in serving our communities. I look forward to sharing further progress at future assemblies.

Thank you for your continued support, hard work, and dedication to our Métis Citizens and Communities. 🌸



BOARD REPORTS

MÉTIS WOMEN BC REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Carmen Carriere

Métis Women BC Chair, Minister of Women and Gender Equity

Since the MNBC AGM in September 2025, MWBC and the Ministry of Women and Gender Equity continue to have a positive impact. I have had the opportunity to support with budgeting and strategic planning, participate in health and community safety initiatives, and strengthen and develop important partnerships.

The three MNBC Councils (MWBC, Métis Youth BC, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis BC) secured their budgets. MWBC voted to have the funds distributed regionally, to support the work being accomplished in communities. This includes the Safe Communities Fund, which is being dispersed to Chartered Communities with the support of MWBC Council Members.

At the AGM, MWBC began developing a governance framework under the guidance of MNBC Chief Strategy Office Sasha Hobbs. This work will be ongoing over 2026 to bring more clarity to the advisory work of the Council. A part of our strategic planning includes cross mapping our mandate with other Ministries and Departments. This means meeting with Ministries to provide insights and guidance from a Métis women's and gender equity lens. MWBC has met with the Ministry of STEPS,

and the Ministry of Justice to advise on the Justice Strategy.

As MWBC Chair, I had the opportunity to build and strengthen several important relationships. I accepted the invitation to work with the Complex Menopause Clinic at the B.C. Women's Hospital, which focuses on reproductive health and justice. We are in the process of partnering with the clinic to create a webinar examining the stages of reproductive health from a Métis lens. This work is in partnership with the Region 2 MWBC Representative and Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association. We will be collaborating with MNBC's Ministry of Health and Wellness for support. This is an important opportunity to build Métis perspectives into programming.

Further efforts to address Métis-specific needs were undertaken in my meeting with Jennifer Richardson, Advisor to Combat Human Trafficking to the Federal Government. Currently, Métis women and girls have not been captured in human trafficking data as a distinct group. This needed to be rectified to provide support to our women and girls. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) supports the implementation of a national

strategy. This strategy also focuses on our youth and children in care.

MWBC was alerted to the Indigenous Guardian program. The resource industry seeks to provide protections for our Métis women. We hope to build this partnership to create capacity for engagement throughout our communities. This will help increase support for Métis women and girls.

Finally, I continue to engage with the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Senior Officials responsible for the Status of Women, with Women and Gender Equity Canada. Our last meeting took place in Yellowknife in July 2025. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2026. As this current report was finalized on January 19, 2026, I will provide an update in a subsequent report.

I am grateful for the work Chartered Communities continue to undertake to support the needs of Métis women and girls throughout all regions. I am proud to support these efforts and continue to work with MWBC, the MNBC Board of Directors and MNBC Ministries and Departments as well as our external counterparts to ensure we continue this positive momentum. 🌸

BOARD REPORTS

MÉTIS YOUTH BC REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Danielle Bergevin

Métis Youth BC Chair, Associate Minister of Sport and Active Living

I would like to begin this report by expressing my deep gratitude to all MYBC Council members for the important role they play on the Council, and their dedication to this work. Maarsii to:

- Region 1 Youth Representative and MYBC Vice-Chair Seone Anderson
- Region 2 Youth Representative Brynn Carriere McKenna
- Region 3 Youth Representative Kestra Franklin
- Region 4 Youth Representative Charly Defouw
- Region 5 Youth Representative Marcel Phung
- Region 7 Youth Representative and MYBC Secretary Claire Turner

MYBC was present at the September 2025 AGM, attending Regional Governance Council meetings, and participating in MNBC governance. In addition, MYBC established a centralized workspace to support Council members in accessing up-to-date information, collaborating in real time, and staying aligned between meetings.

Current MYBC priorities include hosting Regional events, filling the open MYBC Council seat in Region 6, continuing to build relationships with Chartered Community youth representatives, and

increasing youth engagement in MNBC governance. MYBC remains focused on identifying meaningful opportunities to support Métis youth involvement and engagement across all Regions.

Working alongside the Ministry of Youth provided many meaningful opportunities to connect directly with Métis youth. It was a privilege to attend a youth event organized by Waceya Métis Society at the Aldergrove Community Secondary School with representatives from the Ministry of Youth. There, Métis youth gathered in community, while also learning about MNBC programming and various Ministries. The gathering created space for shared presence, cultural connection, and relationship-building.

MNBC's Ministry of Youth has undertaken substantial work to understand the needs and priorities of Métis youth, including the development of a survey to gather youth perspectives on programming interests and needs. This work ensures that initiatives are grounded in the lived experiences and expressed priorities of Métis youth across all Regions. Ongoing efforts will focus on sustaining a strong relationship between the Ministry of Youth and MYBC, and advancing

programming that reflects the needs of Métis youth.

It is an honour to walk alongside the work of the Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction. Through participation in the LivingWorks Connection in Action Live Stream, the collaborative work between the Ministry and LivingWorks was highlighted. The conversation explored the work undertaken by MNBC and the Métis facilitators in delivering suicide-prevention training to Métis communities. This work has contributed to reducing stigma around suicide, promoting life-saving conversations, and centering Kaa-wiichihitoyaahk.

The Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction held a youth gathering at the Vancouver Island Métis Rendezvous. The event created space for Métis youth to gather, build meaningful connections, engage in discussions about identity and belonging, and spend the weekend camping and visiting together.

Ongoing work with the Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction will focus on advancing proactive approaches and centering community wisdom, grounded in the understanding that culture is medicine.

In November 2025, I was appointed Associate Minister of Sport and Active Living. Earlier in the year, I attended a youth event hosted by the Ministry at Camp Latona. The event provided opportunities for Métis youth to connect with culture, the land, one another, and Elders, and to participate in outdoor movement activities such as hiking, canoeing, and a cold-water dip!

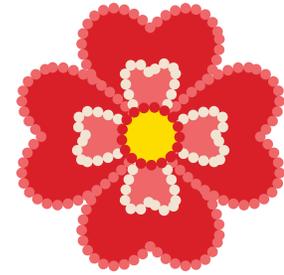
I am looking forward to this work and to supporting inclusive active living opportunities for Métis people of all ages and abilities.

I am extremely grateful to be involved in this work as Youth Chairperson, alongside MNBC Ministries. 🌸



BOARD REPORTS

MÉTIS VETERANS BC REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Dave Armitt

Métis Veterans BC Chair

SUMMARY:

Métis Veterans British Columbia (MVBC) continues to advance Veteran advocacy, cultural recognition, and service delivery across British Columbia. During this reporting period, MVBC strengthened coordination with Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC), expanded regional Veteran representation, increased Veteran Service Officer capacity, and supported major provincial and national initiatives related to Métis Veteran recognition and wellness.

Key achievements include national recognition of Métis Veteran Barbara Hulme, completion of a commemorative banner project with the Royal Canadian Legion, expanded regional leadership appointments, continued Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) engagement, and preparations for the National Métis Veterans Council Wellness Gathering in Vancouver.

MVBC remains committed to ensuring Métis veterans receive culturally appropriate, accessible, and meaningful support while strengthening collaboration with MNBC leadership and partner organizations.

VETERAN RECOGNITION AND AWARDS ENGAGEMENT

MVBC attempted to connect with the MNBC Awards Committee to support the recognition of Métis Veterans through provincial awards processes. While engagement efforts continue, MVBC acknowledges the Governor General's Office announcement that Veteran Barb Hulme has been awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers.

This national honour reflects the dedication and service of Métis Veterans and underscores the importance of strengthening recognition pathways for Métis Veteran contributions within MNBC and across Canada.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION PARTNERSHIP: MÉTIS VETERAN COMMEMORATIVE BANNERS

MVBC successfully completed a collaborative project with the Royal Canadian Legion to create 11 commemorative banners honouring Métis Veterans. These banners were prominently displayed in downtown Vancouver during the Remembrance season, significantly increasing public visibility and recognition of Métis Veteran service.

This initiative represents a meaningful step toward preserving Métis military history, strengthening public awareness, and ensuring Métis Veterans are visibly represented in national remembrance traditions. MVBC will continue exploring similar cultural and commemorative projects that honour Métis veterans and educate the broader public.

MVBC—MNBC COLLABORATION AND VAC ENGAGEMENT

MVBC Committee members met at the MNBC office to participate in a Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) update session for Veteran Service Officers.

This session enhanced service readiness and strengthened alignment on VAC benefits, case management processes, wellness programming, and advocacy practices.

MVBC values MNBC's continued support in facilitating engagement opportunities that improve service delivery for Métis veterans and their families.

MVBC maintains a growing network of trained Veteran Service Officers who assist Métis veterans with VAC benefits, advocacy, and community-based support.

ACTIVE VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS

- Christopher Koenig
- Jodi Webster
- Eleanor Creighton
- Robert Gyger
- Lindsay Gowler
- Richard Hourie
- Alexis (Alex) Ibbotson
- Christopher Lenko
- Dave Armitt
- Tom Adams

These officers play a critical role in supporting Veteran claims, connecting veterans to services, and strengthening trust between Métis Veterans and institutional support systems.

INDIGENOUS VETERANS DAY PARTICIPATION

With support from Region 2 Director Allan Lavallee, MVBC participated in the National Indigenous Veterans Day ceremony on November 8 in Vancouver. This event honored Indigenous veterans, reinforced Métis veteran visibility, and contributed to broader efforts to preserve Indigenous military history and remembrance.

EXPANSION OF REGIONAL VETERAN REPRESENTATION

MVBC strengthened regional capacity through the appointment of new Veteran Regional Representatives:

- Region 2: Christopher Koenig
- Region 3: Jodie Webster
- Region 4: Alex Ibbotson
- Region 6: Jocelyn Foidart

These appointments enhance regional outreach, veteran advocacy, and localized service coordination. MVBC continues efforts to build sustainable leadership across all regions.

MVBC CHALLENGE COINS, VETERAN SASHES, AND RECOGNITION ITEMS

The final distribution of MVBC Challenge Coins and Métis Veteran Sashes for Region 2 veterans is nearing completion. These items serve as meaningful symbols of service, pride, and cultural identity.

MVBC is exploring making Métis Veteran Sashes available through the MNBC Trading Post, increasing accessibility across the province. MVBC is also investigating procurement of the Royal Canadian Legion Indigenous Veterans Pin to further support ceremonial recognition.

NATIONAL MÉTIS VETERANS COUNCIL WELLNESS GATHERING

(Vancouver, March 11–12, 2026)

MVBC is supporting the upcoming National Métis Veterans Council Wellness Gathering, funded through a Veterans Affairs Canada Wellness Grant. The gathering will welcome approximately 100 Métis veterans and spouses from across the Métis Homeland.

GATHERING FOCUS

- Métis veteran wellness and mental health
- VAC supports and service awareness
- Peer connection and community healing
- Exploration of culturally appropriate veteran wellness models

MNBC has been allocated 20 veteran participant spaces (plus spouses). MVBC looks forward to collaborating on participant coordination and post-event knowledge sharing to ensure lasting benefit for Métis veterans in British Columbia.

- Strategic Priorities Moving Forward
- MVBC will continue to prioritize:
 - Strengthening formal engagement with MNBC governance
 - Expanding Veteran Service Officer training and regional coverage
 - Supporting Métis veteran recognition and cultural visibility
 - Improving VAC navigation and advocacy outcomes
 - Advancing culturally grounded veteran wellness initiatives
 - Developing sustainable Métis veteran leadership across regions

CONCLUSION

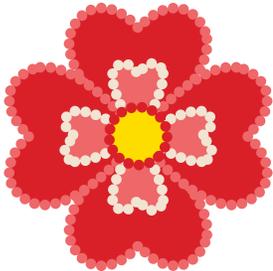
This reporting period reflects meaningful progress in Métis veteran recognition, service delivery, cultural commemoration, and national collaboration. Through partnerships with MNBC, the Royal Canadian Legion, Veterans Affairs Canada, and national Métis veteran organizations, MVBC continues to amplify Métis veteran voices and ensure veterans receive the respect, services, and culturally appropriate supports they deserve.

MVBC thanks the MNBC Governing Board for its continued leadership and commitment to Métis veterans across British Columbia. 🌸



BOARD REPORTS

SENATE REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Bill Bresser

Senate Clerk

It is with pleasure that the Senate provides this report on its activities for the information of attendees at the February 28 to March 1, 2026 MNGA.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- The MNBC Constitution states the Senate shall be responsible for the provisions outlined in the legislation known as the Senate Act.
- The Senate Act mandates the Senate to act as the judicial arm of MNBC in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.
- The Senate Policies and Administrative Standards and Practices ensure that Senator/ Elders are provided with the opportunity to review pertinent information concerning the state of the judicial system, including the condition of its proceedings; the policies, procedures, guidelines, and programs of MNBC and Senate that relate to the guiding of the judicial system; and legislative requirements.

SENATE PRIORITIES INCLUDE:

- Education of Métis Citizens on role of the Senate, and related legislation;

- Update and refine the Senate Act as well as related Policies and Administrative Standards and Practices;
- Research and identify required legislative amendments in support of increased powers and authorities of the Senate as judicial arm of the Métis Nation;
- Pursue establishment of a restorative justice system for the Métis; and
- Submission of quarterly reporting on the activities of the Senate to the MNBC Board of Directors and chartered community presidents.

Aside from their judicial roles the Senators as elders and statespersons contribute in significant ways throughout British Columbia on behalf of the Métis Nation some examples of which include:

- Attendance at numerous community AGMs and meetings.
- Focusing attention and awareness with respect to the violence and impacts that have and continue to be directed at Indigenous women, children, and families.

- Blanketing and Métis cultural education events in school districts.
- Participation in various events including Orange Shirt Day, Remembrance Day, Louis Riel Day, School Graduations, Flag Raisings, etc.
- Attendance at all grade levels within schools to deliver educational and practical exercises related to the Métis people.
- Attendance at regional governance council meetings to deliver opening and closing prayers, answer questions and use the opportunity to educate attendees on role of the Senate as well as provide an overview on Senate activities.
- Interact with First Nations Elders to develop respectful relationships and attend aboriginal justice sessions at the courts for education and exposure to the First Nation restorative justice system with view to development of a similar model for the Métis.
- Work with the Sports Fishing Advisory Board to advocate for salmon hatcheries, aboriginal allocation of stocks, and fishing rights.
- Respond to numerous calls from Métis Citizens, providing direction and procedural advice, or referring questions to the Senate Clerk for follow-up attention.
- Interact with MNBC staff and Board of Director members where appropriate.

SENATE JUDICIAL ROLE:

During the past year the Senate has accepted, initiated and/or continued several appeals. These appeals have included Citizenship, and Community matters—some requiring significant research,

seeking outside advice, allocation of Senator time and excessive expenditure of Senate financial resources. Community appeals have identified a significant lack of Senate jurisdiction and enforcement authorities which the Senate has been giving considerable research attention to. A substantial number of recommended legislative changes were submitted to the MNBC Board of Directors in January 2026.

Other Citizens have sought information on a myriad of matters, including Citizenship, their genealogy, and requesting review of documentation previously submitted. Through review of their particulars and consultation between the Ministry of Citizenship as well as follow-up research via the St. Boniface Historical Society and other sources, it has been determined that all individuals were treated fairly by the MNBC Ministry of Citizenship. These interactions also provided an opportunity for the Senate Clerk to educate individuals and point them in the right genealogical research direction.

All Senate decisions may be found at the following link: www.mnbc.ca/senate.

OTHER SENATE CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:

- Succession planning for the Senate;
- Redefining the role of Senators and broadening the parameters by which potential candidates are selected for appointment;
- Training for incoming senators by shadowing sitting Senators;
- Reviewing existing MNBC legislation and recommending improvements
- Senate budgetary projections; and

- Senate lack of enforcement and jurisdictional powers.

JUDICIAL MATTERS BEFORE THE SENATE AS OF JANUARY 20, 2026:

- Three Citizenship appeals
- One mediation
- Community Dispute – currently held in abeyance

Your Métis Senators are available, and eagerly look forward to hearing from all Métis Citizens, whether it be for Elder support, ceremonies or interpretation, or feedback and advice related to MNBC legislation. Sadly, the Senate did lose Senator Phillip Gladue due to retirement in September, but fortunately, a stellar candidate in the person of Lisa Shepherd has taken on this important role.

- Region 1 – Senate Chairperson – Senator Alan Edkins – Re-appointed in 2023
Contact: 250-710-9757
- Region 2 – Senator Lisa Shepherd – Joined Senate in 2025
Contact: 604-880-3289
- Region 3 – Senator John Sayers – Re-appointed 2024
Contact: 250-463-4431
- Region 4 – Senate Secretary Kevin Murray – Joined Senate in 2023
Contact: 250-908-7252
- Region 5 – Senator Arnold Lucier – Re-appointed in 2025
Contact: 778-349-1094

- Region 6 – Senator Sandra Dore – Joined in 2024
Contact: 250-876-8168

- Region 7 – Administrative Senator Gerald Pope – Re-appointed in 2022
Contact: 250-262-6565

SENATE CLERK RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Senate Clerk is charged with performance of a wide range of secretariat related duties which include research, support to Senators, processing requests for Senate documents and preparing a variety of forms and reports as mandated by the MNBC Senate Act and the Senate Policies and Administrative Standards and drafting Senate decisions. The Senate Clerk also provides expert advice on MNBC legislation, guidelines, policies and procedures, seeks outside advice as necessary and works closely with the Senate Chairperson, and the Administrative Senator in negotiations, on behalf of the Senate. Importantly, the Senate Clerk is also the sole point of contact for the Senate.

Senate Clerk Bill Bresser will be retiring at the end of March 2026. The new Senate Clerk will be Dan McDonald who has a substantial Indigenous, labour negotiations and academic background. Dan currently resides in Nanaimo. His email contact will continue to be senateclerk@mNBC.ca but a different cellular number will be issued to Dan in due course.

The Senate Clerk may be contacted as follows:

E-mail: senateclerk@mNBC.ca

Cellular: 250-488-1509 📞

MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

MINISTERS:

Minister Debra Fisher

Associate Minister Allan Lavallee

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Colleen Hodgson

MISSION:

The Ministry of Children and Families strives to honour the traditional concept of Takaki Awasisiwin, which means a good childhood for the future of our people. This entails empowering future generations of Métis in B.C. as they will become our knowledge-keepers and carry our culture, language, and heritage forward for future generations. We are committed to placing children at the center of all we do.

GOAL #1: Draft Métis Family Law.

Aligned with Goal 1 of the Nation: Promote Métis Rights and Recognition, and Achieve Jurisdiction of our Children.

We have been continuing the Métis Family Law initiative. This will establish a culturally grounded, legal foundation for MNBC's jurisdiction over child and family services. This will prioritize family preservation, community connection, and cultural continuity. Families will have access to more culturally-informed supports and clearer pathways for help when they need it. The law will embed Métis teachings, kinship practices, and traditional

caregiving principles into standards of care and service delivery.

We created initial rationale documents, including a framework, outline and summary detailing scope, purpose and need. Our final administrative tasks for this phase are underway. Additionally, interview preparations are in progress, with questions being drafted. Elders and Knowledge Holders are being identified for consultation.

These activities support the Ministry's goal to draft Métis Family Law. They ensure that Métis Family Law has a strong, organized and strategic foundation on which to conduct research and engagement.

It is crucial that Métis Family Law be shaped with guidance from Elders, Knowledge Carriers, Métis Citizens and Chartered Community Leaders.

Our next steps include finalizing the list of interview participants, continuing to research and analyze Indigenous laws from other Nations, and conducting internal data collection on system gaps and priorities.

GOAL #2: Develop a Métis Children & Families Service System.

Aligned with Goal 1 of the Nation: Promote Métis Rights and Recognition, and Achieve Jurisdiction of our Children.

The Métis Children and Family Service System (MCFSS) will establish a culturally grounded service delivery framework that supports Métis families' interactions with the Provincial Ministry of Children and Family Development. The MCFSS will focus on family preservation, community connection, and cultural continuity.

The development of the MCFSS is ongoing, and we have completed preliminary framework and summary documents that clarify scope, purpose, and need. Final administrative tasks for this phase are underway.

A new component of this work has been to conduct structured engagement with Métis service providers. Our work here identified that uncertainty around Citizenship criteria, application processes, and roles could create unintended barriers for families.

With this information, we began to collaborate with the Ministry of Citizenship to provide workshops. For Métis children and youth, particularly those involved in or at risk of child and family services,

Citizenship is not merely administrative. It is foundational to identity, belonging, and access to Métis-specific supports, programs, and protections. Strengthening shared understanding of the Citizenship process is therefore essential to the effective operation of a Métis-led Family Service System.

Obtaining MNBC Citizenship helps ensure that Métis children, youth, and families can access Métis-specific programs, services, and supports, strengthens connection to Métis identity and community, and enables more timely, culturally appropriate assistance within a Métis-led child and family service system.

Taken together, these activities identify existing services and establish a solid, coordinated foundation for province-wide operationalization. Families experience expanded access to programs and services through Citizenship.

Our next steps will be to continue to conduct internal and external scans that help us understand the programs and services available to Métis children, youth and families. We are also collecting insights into any gaps that need to be filled. This work will make sure we are operating from a solid foundation. 🌱

MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF CITIZENSHIP

MINISTER:

Minister Susie Hooper

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Colleen Hodgson

MISSION:

The Ministry of Citizenship promotes Métis Citizenship in British Columbia and supports individuals who self-identify as Métis in the Citizenship application process. The Ministry ensures that the Métis government is supported with data collection and information sharing across all ministries and departments and provides statistical analysis for future-facing strategies. The Ministry of Citizenship is responsible for increasing the number of Section 35 rights holders in British Columbia and supporting Citizens and Communities to thrive through access to Citizenship-based services.

GOAL #1: Increase the Number of MNBC Citizens.

Aligned with Goal 1 of the Nation: Promote Métis Rights and Recognition, and Achieve Jurisdiction of our Children.

We are pleased to report that the Ministry of Citizenship received 713 new Citizenship applications between September to December 2025. Of those applications, 216 were received through the metishub.ca, indicating continued growth in the use of our online submission portal.

During the third quarter, the Citizenship Navigation team supported 577 applicants assembling the required documentation to complete their application packages. Our Citizenship Navigators are

currently hard at work processing new applications that are just one month from the current date.

We also had the privilege of approving 1131 new applicants, which our Métis Chartered Communities have now accepted into the Nation as Métis Citizens. Increases to staff capacity and improvements of internal systems have allowed our Ministry to consistently process the number of applications in a quarter that previously would have taken a year to complete.

The Indigenous Research Team was able to assist increasing the number of MNBC Citizens, with over 2500 reviews conducted on newly complete Citizenship applications during the third quarter. These reviews support the growth of our Nation by establishing an applicant's Métis ancestry.

The Ministry of Citizenship has increased our focus on processing pending Citizenship renewals. The Operations Team has gained capacity to support the increased renewals demand. The team completed and printed 862 new renewals between September and December 2025. They are now processing renewals submitted in October 2025 and are continuing to improve these timelines.

GOAL #2: Strengthen Relations with Métis Chartered Communities.

Aligned with Goal 4 of the Nation: Support Métis Chartered Communities.

The Citizenship Relations team heard the requests for more involvement in our local communities and began holding Citizenship Information Sessions. Sessions were completed in Region 3 – Thompson/Okanagan, Region 4 – Kootenays, Region 5 – North Central, and Region 6 – Northwest between September and December 2025, totaling 13 of the 38 Métis Chartered Communities visited so far. These sessions saw nearly 200 attendees, where our Ministry accepted new applications, started the renewals process for current Citizens and provided helpful information about individuals interested in learning more about Citizenship.

The Citizenship Relations team has scheduled further Information Sessions in Region 1 – Vancouver Island, Region 2 – Lower Mainland, and Region 7 – Northeast, to continue our involvement with our Métis Chartered Communities. Additionally, The Quality Assurance team continues to deliver updated Citizen Lists each month, via the Community Updates service, to all 38 Métis Chartered Communities. 🌟



MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF CULTURE, HERITAGE, AND LANGUAGE

MINISTER:

Minister Patrick Harriott

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Mallory Blondeau

MISSION:

The Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language upholds Métis culture, heritage, and Michif languages in B.C. through programs, resources and supports for Métis Citizens, MNBC staff and the public on Métis culture and history. The Ministry advances Métis cultural visibility and revitalization through training, advocacy and research. The Ministry provides a central service to all MNBC staff. The Ministry is also the interim secretariate for the Amelia Douglas Institute and oversees the management of Point Ellice House.

GOAL #1: Lead Michif language revitalization and create more Michif speakers in BC through the implementation of MNBC's 10 – Year Michif Language Revitalization Plan.

Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation: Promote Cultural Revitalization and Cultural Wellness.

The Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language continues to advance progress on the implementation of its 10-Year Michif Language Revitalization Plan: Aan Michif Piikishkwaytaak.

We have identified several activities in support of this plan, with many underway. Currently, we are in the process of issuing language grants to

Métis Chartered Communities and Citizens to run Michif learning initiatives and events in their community. We are furthering the development of our Michif Home Kits, which provide resources for language learners. Chartered Community visits and gatherings are being planned to support Michif celebration events and to identify Community Leaders interested in running Michif language programming.

We are hosting beginner Michif French and Northern Michif workshops, and building relationships with mother-tongue Michif speakers to expand our speaker network.

The Ministry is also documenting Michif speakers and sharing approximately 500 new words and phrases on the Amelia Douglas Institute (ADI) website as a learning page. The creation of a Michif resource page for the ADI website is an ongoing initiative.

GOAL #2: Provide secretariat support to the Amelia Douglas Institute to ensure its successful operations and initiatives, with the goal of achieving sustainability.

Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation: Promote Cultural Revitalization and Cultural Wellness.

The Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language continues to provide secretariat support to the Amelia Douglas Institute (ADI). Recently, we appointed new Board of Director member Danielle Levine. We supported the launch of the Stewards of Our Stories exhibition. The Ministry helped make updates on the ADI website to enhance the Exhibitions page, and to improve the Michif Phrase Search function.

We assisted with six Métis Culture Talks. These virtual workshops explore many diverse and vibrant aspects of Métis culture, heritage, and art. They offer Citizens a way to learn about their Métis heritage.

Finally, the Ministry attended numerous community outreach events, including Louis Riel Day at Fort Langley, and the Golden Ears Métis Society's AGM.

GOAL #3: Develop educational resources and opportunities that support Métis cultural and historical learning and understanding for MNBC Citizens, MNBC Ministries and employees, partner organizations and the public.

Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation: Promote Cultural Revitalization and Cultural Wellness.

The Ministry has advanced Métis cultural and historical learning opportunities for MNBC Citizens, MNBC Ministries and employees, partner organizations and the public.

We are pleased to share that we have written a book on the history of Métis beadwork that will be for sale in Spring 2026.

We facilitated Métis culture and history presentations for all new MNBC staff as part of their onboarding. In addition, we facilitated a presentation on Louis Riel to all MNBC staff and teach staff new Michif words on a weekly basis through the internal newsletter. These efforts ensure that all MNBC staff have a foundation in Métis culture, heritage and language. We have also completed the creation of a Métis Cultural Wellness online training course.

GOAL #4: Oversee the management of Point Ellice House and provide opportunities for community connection and knowledge sharing through an Indigenous focused interpretation of the heritage site.

Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation: Promote Cultural Revitalization and Cultural Wellness.

Point Ellice House (PEH) has continued to strengthen its community engagement, with a focus on workshops and volunteers. We organized and hosted a decoupage workshop and winter wreath workshop, hosted fiddling and moccasin making workshops for Métis Nation Greater Victoria at the Carriage House of PEH, and held weekly Garden Volunteer days. We also hosted the BC Museums Association event for their 2SLGBTQ+ and IBPOC Networks, with a guided tour and self-guided workshops.

It has also been our priority to build relationships and trust with colleagues from small museums and heritage sites across Victoria. This creates opportunities to share challenges, exchange ideas, and support one another through ongoing collaboration. 🌸



MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF DIGITAL GOVERNMENT

MINISTER:

Minister Melanie Allard

DIRECTOR:

Felix Ikem

MISSION:

Official mission statement in progress. The Ministry of Digital Government facilitates seamless data management processes that provide every Ministry with access to essential data. This is within a centralized and standardized ecosystem. We work to expand the digital infrastructure to accommodate the Nation's ongoing growth.

GOAL #1: Ensure Métis data sovereignty by creating digital literacy and capacity for Chartered Communities, while providing greater accessible solutions for Métis Citizens to access MNBC services.

Aligned with Goal 4 of the Nation: Support Métis Chartered Communities.

The Ministry of IMIT is working hard to maintain and stabilize the Hub, also known as the Customer Relationship Management (CRM) application. We endeavour to make it a safe and secure portal for Citizens to access MNBC services.

GOAL #2: Pursue strategic partnerships, sponsorships, and funding agreements—particularly within the B.C. Tech sector—to enhance MNBC's ownership, control, access, and stewardship of Métis data.

Aligned with Goal 5 of the Nation: Generate Core Capacity, Infrastructure, and Economic Development.

The Ministry of IMIT is pursuing strategic partnerships and funding agreements to make better, more informed decisions with the best interest of Citizens in mind. We are continuing this strategy from 2025, which began with categorizing and labeling all data stored internally at MNBC. In this way we ensure that retention standards are in place, that Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) data

is being stored in a safe and secure location with limited and trackable access. We are also laying data out in a manner that enables Ministries and Departments to find what they need in a timely manner. This promotes greater accuracy and efficiency.

GOAL #3: Develop and implement a Métis data strategy and data-driven decision-making values.

Aligned with Goal 5 of the Nation: Generate Core Capacity, Infrastructure, and Economic Development.

We are currently engaged in conversations with the Province around data regulation policies. The Ministry is also involved with the technology sector across Canada, to ensure that best practices are in place for data safe-guarding. This includes working with groups like Big River to establish strategies and policies for the governance of our data.

GOAL #4: Provide a secure and accessible digital platform that also serves as a research and data center.

Aligned with Goal 5 of the Nation: Generate Core Capacity, Infrastructure, and Economic Development.

The Ministry is redesigning and implementing new systems and policies on our existing intranet (SharePoint) system to ensure that the data that we house is safe, secure and accessible to those that need it. The redesign is underway, with several Ministries already using it as a model and template of what is achievable. Our next steps involve scaling these efforts for the organization. 🌱

MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PARTNERSHIPS, AND TOURISM

MINISTERS:

Minister Paulette Flamond

Associate Minister Louis De Jaeger

ACTING DIRECTOR:

Tracey McBride

MISSION:

To develop and implement diversified economic initiatives, foster entrepreneurship, and build strong partnerships that generate wealth, create jobs, and enhance the well-being of Métis Citizens across B.C.

GOAL #1: Develop a regional approach to economic development with MNBC Ministries and Departments for procurement, capacity development, employment, training and other revenue opportunities.

Aligned with Goal 5 of the Nation: Generate Core Capacity, Infrastructure and Economic Development.

The Ministry has been meeting regularly with other Ministries and Departments for procurement, capacity development, employment, training and other revenue opportunities. This has resulted in increased communication, more collaboration and awareness of the 475 Métis businesses across B.C.

Recent examples include the Ministry of Health and Wellness contracting master's level Métis social workers for a clinical supervision contract and the Ministry of Women and Gender Equity seeking Métis counsellors for their Honouring Missing & Murdered Relatives project. We also assisted the Ministry of Sport in seeking Métis businesses to participate in their annual golf tournament, and supported the Ministry of Housing in connecting with major general contractors for procurement opportunities.

GOAL #2: Diversify Revenue for MNBC by creating internal revenue & economic development opportunities.

Aligned with Goal 5 of the Nation: Generate Core Capacity, Infrastructure and Economic Development.

The Ministry of economic development has been working to improve and relaunch the Métis Trading Post Website. By working collaboratively with various MNBC Departments and Ministries, along with Métis designers and input from over 250 Métis artists, we are excited to create improvements to the online Métis Trading Post. This is an ongoing initiative to provide revenue opportunities for Métis artists and makers in B.C. The presence of the Métis Trading Post onsite at events such as the MNBC AGM in September 2025, the Vancouver Island Métis Rendezvous, and the Early Years Conference gave us promotional opportunities. Métis artwork is currently being sold online and at Point Ellice House. We anticipate a formal launch in March 2026.

GOAL #3: Develop economic development institutions in collaboration with other MNBC entities and opportunities.

Aligned with Goal 5 of the Nation: Generate Core Capacity, Infrastructure and Economic Development.

Aligned with Goal 6 of the Nation: Develop and Restore Respectful Relationships and Partnerships.

The Ministry successfully launched the first Métis Business Mixer at the MNBC AGM on September 19, 2025. There were 70 attendees present. Sponsors included the Métis Financial Corporation, KPMG, the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC), and the British Columbia Lottery Corporation (BCLC). This enabled us to network and connect with Métis business owners.

GOAL #4: Leverage relationships with industry for Economic Development Opportunities.

The Ministry has been having ongoing monthly meetings, committees and work with the federal and provincial governments. We have also been having meetings with government-affiliated associations. Our Ministry attends conferences and tradeshows to ensure MNBC is at the forefront of economic development discussions and opportunities.

Some recent examples of our presence in these spaces include participating in UBC's Indigenous Procurement Working Group, Canada's Procurement Strategy Co-Development Table Meeting, Indigenous i-Trade's Export Canada, the BDC's Canada's Capacity Development Workshops, and a partnership with Destination BC and Indigenous Tourism BC. Additionally, we have been participants in the Indigenous Procurement Initiative with the B.C. Government, the Annual West Coast Forward Summit, an Indigenous Technology Conference, the National Aboriginal Business Opportunities Conference, and the Indigenous Partnership Success Showcase

In collaboration with BCLC, we created Indigenous Procurement Working Groups in the Kamloops area and on Vancouver Island. 🌟



MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

MINISTER:

Minister Debra Fisher

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Sharlene Wedel

MISSION:

Métis Nation British Columbia's Ministry of Education [Early Learning | K-12] will promote the healthy growth and development of children and families through experiences grounded in Métis culture and community ways, while Métis-specific wrap-around services, programs, and policies will support their ongoing well-being.

GOAL #1: Expand and Operationalize Métis-Led, Culturally Grounded Child Care While Advancing Jurisdiction Over Child Care.

Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation: Promote Cultural Revitalization and Cultural Wellness.

The Ministry of Education is continuing to advance Métis jurisdiction over child care through the development and operationalization of 14 Métis-led, culturally grounded child care centres across B.C.

In partnership with Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU), a new 61-space child care centre is under development at their Surrey campus. Elders led a land awakening ceremony on November 13, 2025, with strong community and government participation.

Additionally, a 44-space child care centre in Terrace and a 34-space centre in Port Alberni are on track to welcome families in Spring 2026.

We are prioritizing the recruitment and retention of Métis Early Childhood Educators (ECE), with 41 ECE supplements provided in November 2025. This is alongside ongoing ECE Community of Practice facilitation. To foster workforce inclusion and professional support, we are continuing initiatives to support male-identifying Early Learning and Child Care professionals.

A male-identifying participant in our Community of Practice said, "The balance between professional learning and relational connection made this session feel grounding, not overwhelming. I left feeling encouraged and re-energized."

To support families in accessing affordable child care, we have deployed the Métis Child Care Benefit (MCCB). As of December 2025, 726 children have benefited.

GOAL #2: Enhance Métis Cultural Programming and Supports for Children and Youth from birth to age 18.

Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation: Promote Cultural Revitalization and Cultural Wellness.

The Ministry of Education is prioritizing culturally grounded programming and supports for Métis children and youth from birth to age 18.

The fourth annual Métis Early Years Conference was held from October 17 to 18, 2025. We hosted 165 participants, including many Early Years Educators. The keynote speaker was Dr. Vanessa Lapointe. Here, participants learned about Michif language and how to integrate Métis culture in child care.

Our efforts were also directly in support of Métis families. Our new Parent and Caregiver Workshop series delivered virtual sessions focused on Métis cultural teachings, parenting strategies, and child development. We hosted 256 participants.

We continued to implement the Miyoopimaatishihk (Wellbeing) Program, to provide wellness supports to Métis children and families. And our Community Mobile Vans were active in Regions 4, 6 and 7, connecting families to Métis cultural programming and resources.

A parent who accessed Miyoopimaatishihk said, “When MNBC supports us, it makes me feel closer to my sense of being Métis, when I know that there are other Métis people who are willing to reach out with a helping hand.”

Finally, in the last quarter, we are pleased to highlight the following milestones: 120 Métis Family Connections (MFC) enrollment kits were sent to Métis children (birth–8), 54 MFC enrollment kits were sent to Métis children and youth (9–18), 1,656 Imagination Library books were sent to Métis children, and 1,484 holiday packages were distributed to MFC-enrolled families in December.

GOAL #3: Strengthen Métis Presence, Increase Participation, and Obtain Equity in K-12 Education.

Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation: Promote Cultural Revitalization and Cultural Wellness.

The Ministry of Education continues to strengthen MNBC’s presence within the K-12 education system and support equitable outcomes for Métis learners. Our efforts are multi-faceted. This includes the development of a Métis-led school food program, with planning underway to establish a Métis School Food Framework.

We have been focused on recruitment and retention initiatives for Métis teachers, which currently includes 57 Métis teachers and 11 Métis pre-service teachers across the province. We have worked to provide a Métis K-12 Teacher Community of Practice, to support peer learning and virtual Southern Michif language lessons led by Samson LaMontagne.

One teacher involved in this work said, “I recognize the importance of the work you are doing to support Métis teachers, other teachers who are teaching about Métis history and culture, and most significantly, to support the physical wellbeing of Métis students.”

We also distributed Métis-specific resources to School Districts and Chartered Communities, supporting culturally grounded early learning

programming and strengthening connections with Métis families and communities.

Finally, we continue to engage with the Province to explore the establishment of a formal Education Table to support Métis learners.

GOAL #4: Establish and Utilize a Data System to Inform Early Learning and Child Care and K-12 Education Planning, Funding, and Jurisdiction Over Child Care

Aligned with Goal 1 of the Nation: Promote Métis Rights and Recognition, and Achieve Jurisdiction of Our Children

We are proud to share that we achieved a major milestone in our goal to strengthen the Ministry of Education’s ability to support Métis families through a centralized data system. We successfully launched a Métis Family Connections module within the Ministry of Education’s Relationship Management system. This streamlines service delivery and helps with case management.

All team members working with our Métis Family Connections program have transitioned to using our Relationship Management system, which means we are supporting secure and consistent data collection and reporting.

We have been hard at work to identify ways to improve functionality, align the system with workflows, and increase efficiency in service delivery. Our next steps include enhancing our system and providing staff with ongoing training. 🌸



MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF ELDERS

MINISTER:

Minister Raynie Gervais

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Tanya Davoren

MISSION:

The Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC)'s Ministry of Elders supports Métis Elders and seniors, advocating for culturally appropriate health programs and services. The Ministry actively supports Elders within the Métis Chartered Communities, advocating for their needs at national, provincial and regional levels. The Ministry is working on the development of an Elders Advisory Circle to better understand the needs of Elders and inform the work of the Ministry, centering Elders voice across the organization. The Ministry aims to improve health outcomes and increase access to services for this population, particularly given the increasing reliance on digital platforms. The Ministry of Elders administers the Métis Elders & Seniors Assistance Program (MESAP), which helps low-income Elders and seniors purchase necessary health-related items not covered by the BC Medical Services Plan.

GOAL #1: The Ministry works with the results of the first Elders Survey to identify Elders to make up the Elders Advisory Circle and support the participants in the creation of policies and practices to drive their work.

Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation: Promote Cultural Revitalization and Cultural Wellness.

Work is currently underway with the Elders Advisory. At the time of this report-writing, the group has met once in January 2026. The Elders Advisory will ensure that Elders drive the creation of policies and practices that will guide the work of our Ministry going forward. In this way, we aim to be responsive

to the actual needs of Elders in our communities and enhance advocacy across MNBC Ministries and Departments.

GOAL #2: The staff team will maintain, deliver, evaluate and, where possible, expand the Métis Elders and Seniors Assistance Program (MESAP).

Aligned with Goal 3 of the Nation: Pursue Socio-Economic Reconciliation.

The Ministry of Elders maintains and delivers the MESAP program, which aids lower income Métis Citizen Elders and Seniors purchase health related necessities not covered by the B.C. Medical Services

Plan (MSP). The funds can be used by Elder's/Seniors for the purchase of items including hearing aids, dentures, walkers, glasses, and more. Where possible, we seek to expand the funding of this program to meet the needs of Elders and Seniors.

GOAL #3: To expand MNBC engagement in Long-term Continuing Care and the End-of-Life Care continuum through diverse funding opportunities and program development in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Wellness and other MNBC Ministries.

Aligned with Goal 5 of the Nation: Generate Core Capacity, Infrastructure and Economic Development.

The Ministry of Elders has been working to build relationships to support the priorities of Métis Elders. Ministry staff attended a Human Rights and Aging Conference. Ministers Gervais and Lavallee attended and Indigenous Elders Gathering in Alberta.

We have engaged with provincial Health Authorities related to Métis Citizen feedback on their needs for spaces and beds across the province. Engagement with government has been slow, but we continue to advocate for the needs of Métis Elders and Seniors. 🌱

MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

MINISTER:

Minister Susie Hooper

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Leona Shaw

MISSION:

The Ministry is mandated to advance research, advocacy, and programs to help connect Métis Citizens to the natural environment in B.C. This is done through centering and empowering Métis voices and values in matters related to climate change, conservation, and food security. These efforts honour the connections between Métis Citizens and all our relations so we may strive for a healthy and thriving planet for current and future generations.

GOAL #1: Ensure a Métis environmental voice is brought forward on all relevant projects relating to climate change and conservation/nature.

Aligned with Goal 3 of the Nation: Pursue Socio-Economic Reconciliation.

Aligned with Goal 6 of the Nation: Develop and Restore Respectful Relationships and Partnerships.

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change has been hosting Indigenous Knowledge engagements to create a What We Heard report. This report aims to contribute a Métis perspective for the Canadian Environmental Protection Act

(CEPA). This report provides guidance to CEPA on how they can incorporate Indigenous Knowledge respectfully in their process. Our engagements included a workshop in Kamloops, which was offered in support with Two Rivers Métis Society, and a session with BCMANR. We will also use this information to guide Ministry advocacy activities and responses.

GOAL #2: Advocate for more programs, and enhance current programs, to help connect Métis Citizens to the natural environment, and adapt and respond to climate change in British Columbia.

Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation: Promote Cultural Revitalization and Cultural Wellness.

Aligned with Goal 3 of the Nation: Pursue Socio-Economic Reconciliation.

Aligned with Goal 4 of the Nation: Support Métis Chartered Communities.

Aligned with Goal 5 of the Nation: Generate Core Capacity, Infrastructure and Economic Development.

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change is working to enhance our current programming and to promote new initiatives.

We are pleased to run Sîpihkisôwin, our Low Carbon Energy Program. This new initiative provides Métis homeowners with up to \$20,000 to transition to low carbon and energy efficient technologies for their homes. This program will improve affordability and health outcomes in households, all while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption. Participants were prioritized based on energy needs, lower household income, larger family size, and geographic location. Currently, the program has reached capacity, and new applicants will be placed on a waitlist. We will be supporting at least 150 to 200 homeowners. Métis Chartered Community Leaders will be provided with program updates and announcement through Kaniikaniit Lii Noovel.

We are excited to announce our Millions of Trees program. This new initiative has the objective of strengthening capacity and resilience against climate change. The program has three main goals. This includes planting up to 3,000,000 trees with a focus on reforesting public lands affected by wildfires. We aim to plant 4,000 trees in urban areas in collaboration with Métis Chartered Communities, Municipalities, Métis Citizens and businesses, First

Nations, and other local governing bodies. And the third goal of this initiative is to build capacity by supporting the training and education of 120 Métis Citizens in planting, monitoring, and other forest management skills. We are currently organizing engagements with Métis Chartered Communities, and we will be undertaking a mass planting pilot project in Spring 2026. Following this, we will develop the community planting and capacity building approaches.

The Ministry is pleased to share that we completed a Pollinator Species Booklet and Pollinator Kits. These were created to assist Citizens in supporting pollinator conservation in their own communities and backyards. Citizens were also encouraged to participate in MNBC's ongoing Citizen Science iNaturalist project and record species observations. The Pollinator Kits include: a colouring book, puzzle, a guide on bumble bees and native pollinator plants in B.C., and a book on pollinators in North America.

We created the Adopt an Elder program. This entails developing a culturally safe curriculum for Métis Citizens to "adopt" an Elder by checking in on them in the case of an extreme weather event, such as extreme heat or cold. The aim of this program is to increase safety and decrease isolation of Elders, to promote individual resilience amongst Elders and Citizens experiencing mobility or isolation challenges, and increase experiential knowledge sharing between Elders and younger Métis people. This will create a greater sense of community within the Métis population. Métis-specific extreme weather response plans have not been created in partnership with the Province, so this initiative is step towards Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) and Indigenous reconciliation through Métis self-determined programming. The Ministry is testing proof of concept with a pilot project in the Interior Health region, and Métis Chartered Communities in the region are being consulted for feedback on

the project. Our next steps involve developing the curriculum to train volunteers, meeting with the program advisory group, and training volunteers.

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change has now been processing and renewing Harvester Cards. The intent of this program is to support land-based cultural practices and support access to traditional foods and harvesting activities. We provide direct engagement with Citizens, give information, and clarify the goals of obtaining a Harvester Card. We are actively working to process and deliver Harvester Cards in a timely manner, and we are available and responsive to Citizen requests and needs. Since the September 2025 AGM, the Ministry has processed new and renewal applications, printed and mailed 90 Harvester Cards, and maintained records of issue date and delivery. We expect to process and mail another 90 Harvester Cards by the end of the first quarter in March 2026. We will continue to improve processing timelines. We will also coordinate with Métis Chartered Communities to host Harvester Card drives in Communities.

Finally, we have made some upgrades of the annual Harvester Survey. This work was undertaken to better document Métis land use in B.C., so that we can continue to support Métis connection to the land, culture, and community. We have updated our questions to better understand Métis harvesters' perspectives. This will help inform our programs and advocacy. We also continue to seek feedback from BCMANR to learn how to best capture land use data.

GOAL #3: Supporting British Columbia Métis Assembly of Natural Resources' (BCMNR) growth and development.

Aligned with Goal 6 of the Nation: Develop and Restore Respectful Relationships and Partnerships.

We launched the BCMANR promotional video at the September 2025 AGM. This video aims to increase BCMANR's visibility as traditional knowledge holders and leaders in matters of the environment. By sharing this video, we intend to promote the ways in which BCMANR can work with Métis Chartered Communities and Citizens. This could include supporting conservation projects, outdoor training programs, support with PAL and CORE courses, knowledge-sharing, and harvesting advocacy.

GOAL #4: Mitigate the effect of future climate hazards by building relationships with regional, provincial, and federal partners.

Aligned with Goal 6 of the Nation: Develop and Restore Respectful Relationships and Partnerships.

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change is working to build and maintain important partnerships across all levels of government.

We attended the Union of B.C. Municipalities Conference in September 2025 to garner support for MNBC's Millions of Trees program. Attendance at this conference created networking opportunities to identify new partnerships with municipalities and external organizations with an interest in reconciliation and tree-planting. We were able to connect with various municipalities who have shown interest in supporting this program.

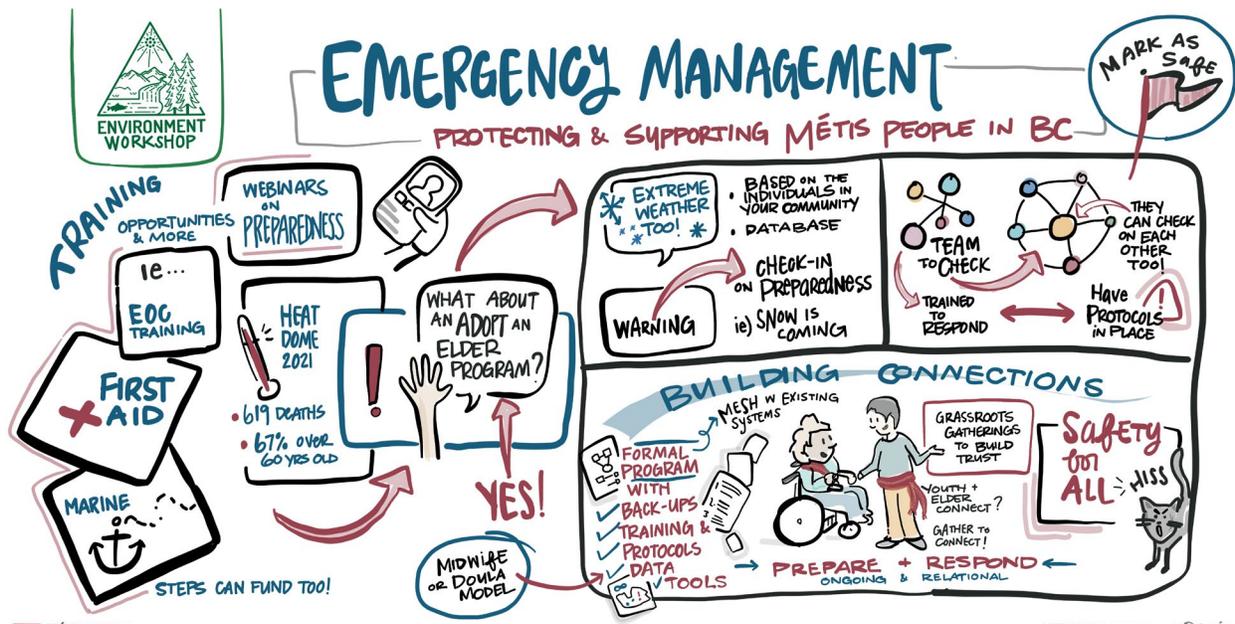
The Ministry has also been working with the Province in integrating MNBC in the B.C. Common Operating Picture (BC COP). This is an opportunity to integrate MNBC into provincial-level emergency planning and communications. The BC COP is a platform that uses Geographical Information System (GIS) based location intelligence to monitor emergencies. It helps emergency management teams with situational awareness during a crisis.

By being involved in this initiative, we can help protect Citizens' and Communities' assets during emergencies. We can also build our own emergency management capacity internally. Currently, proof of concept is being tested in the Fraser Valley Regional District. Métis Chartered Communities in this area are being consulted. Our next steps include a privacy and data sharing agreement with the Province. 🌱



The purpose of this colouring book is to bring awareness to pollinator species in BC and celebrate their importance in our ecosystems. Pollinators have many methods of pollinating and come in all shapes, sizes, colours and abilities. This book will introduce you to some fun facts about pollinators while you brighten up the pages!

The creation of this book was funded by the Environment and Climate Change Canada through the Species at Risk Program. We hope you enjoy the colouring book and getting to know the beautiful, bumbly, buzzy, busy pollinators that hold so much value in nature.



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LIVE VIRTUAL RECORDING | Drawing Change
Melissa Kenderziski

MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF FOOD SECURITY

MINISTER:

Minister Paulette Flamond

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Leona Shaw

MISSION:

Food security is a new Ministry and works closely with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change to advance Métis interests in relation to food security. A Ministry mandate is currently in development. The Ministry focuses on activities that improve or strengthen Métis Citizens' access to food in the areas of gardening, agriculture, harvesting, gathering, and culturally appropriate foods and practices. Some projects include community gardens, supporting Métis food systems, harvester supports and educational opportunities, all while incorporating a lens of sustainability and stewardship of the land. Another priority is to ensure different external and governmental agencies are aware of the Métis experience and relation to food, and that they are being included as well as their voices are being heard in strategies, initiatives and policies being developed.

GOAL #1: Increase internal capacity and resources.

Aligned with Goal 3 of the Nation: Pursue Socio-Economic Reconciliation.

The Ministry is working to increase our internal capacity and resources to serve Métis across all regions. We have applied for five new funding opportunities to support new programs and initiatives to help strengthen food security for Communities and Citizens.

As a new Ministry, our next steps involve continuing to raise awareness about our Ministry and securing funds to build capacity.

GOAL #2: Increase programing and educational opportunities for Métis Chartered Communities and Citizens.

Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation: Promote Cultural Revitalization and Cultural Wellness.

Aligned with Goal 4 of the Nation: Support Métis Chartered Communities.

The Ministry of Food Security conducted a social media campaign to raise awareness around food security topics. This new initiative involved conducting four interviews with Citizens who are passionate and knowledgeable about food security in B.C. The series introduced Minister Flamond as

the Food Security portfolio lead and highlighted some of the work happening at the grassroots level within communities. We were proud to feature some of the good working around food security in B.C.

Our Ministry was also delighted secure funding for the popular Home Garden Program. This program aims to support Métis Citizens' food security by providing access to seeds and funds to purchase gardening tools and equipment. This also strengthens the overall well-being of Métis Citizens. The program also supports Citizens with a monthly newsletter containing gardening tips and tricks, recipes and communicates any relevant information.

Funding was secured for the sixth year of the program, and applications launched in November 2025. We received a record number of applications. Originally, we had planned to support 500 households, however, our team successfully secured additional funds. This means we were able to support all 773 applicants. These Citizens will receive their choice of microgrant or seeds gift card.

Next, we aim to explore ways we can offer educational opportunities to Citizens. We also plan on gathering stories from participants to share.

Finally, we were able to engage with Citizens on Food Security at the Ministry of Environment & Climate Change workshop. This workshop took place in October 2025 in Kamloops, B.C. The discussions encouraged Citizens to share their perspectives and concerns related to food security, which helped shape our Ministry's priorities.

GOAL #3: Create a Métis Food Security Alliance/Network with internal and external collaborations.

Aligned with Goal 3 of the Nation: Pursue Socio-Economic Reconciliation.

Aligned with Goal 4 of the Nation: Support Métis Chartered Communities.

The Ministry of Food Security recognizes the importance of internal and external partnerships. Within MNBC, we began the groundwork to create an informal internal food security working group. This is because food security is a growing concern for Citizens, and therefore this work touches on many different initiatives across Ministries. We are reaching out to key employees in various teams to collaborate on issues that pertain to food security. This may include programs that support community gardens, foraging programs, harvesting-related initiatives, food preservation programs, or health reporting on food security. By sharing ideas and priorities internally, we can build stronger food security proposals for MNBC, benefitting Citizens.

Our Ministry has also been working on creating external partnerships. MNBC connected with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and provided comments on the Plant Breeder's Rights Act, and the Seed Regulatory Modernization. It was important to provide a Métis perspective on any potential regulation changes that could affect Métis farmers across the province.

We continue to meet quarterly with the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) food security team to foster collaborative working relationships. MNBC is a part of their Food Security Indicators working group. We also meet regularly with Métis Nation Saskatchewan's counterpart to share ideas and initiatives.

MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

MINISTERS:

Minister Louis De Jaeger

Associate Minister Susie Hooper

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Tanya Davoren

MISSION:

The Ministry of Health and Wellness enables Métis to self-determine their health and wellness needs, access culturally safe resources and services, adopt a lifestyle-as-medicine approach, and flourish within healthy, resilient communities. The Ministry advances Métis health sovereignty through advocacy, system navigation, direct service delivery, culturally grounded education, and Métis-led research and data governance.

GOAL #1: Advance Métis Health Sovereignty through distinctions-based policy expertise.

Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation: Promote Cultural Revitalization and Cultural Wellness.

The Ministry of Health and Wellness recognizes that Métis-specific policy approaches are required to address systemic anti-Indigenous racism and to improve cultural safety across health systems. We advanced distinctions-based health policy analysis across provincial initiatives. We provided advocacy on Women's Health and Reproductive Rights from

a Métis lens, including menstruation rights and pregnancy loss supports. The Ministry developed a formal Escalation Policy to support frontline staff and Métis Citizens who are facing complex health system barriers. Finally, we launched province-wide health promotion programming and digital toolkits.

For Citizens, this means improved access to Métis-specific health promotion tools and resources. It offers a clearer escalation pathway for complex or urgent health concerns. In Communities, Regional Health Coordinators support the delivery of workshops and mobile services.

GOAL #2: Strengthen health system governance and Métis cultural education.

Aligned with Goal 1 of the Nation: Promote Métis Rights and Recognition, and Achieve Jurisdiction of Our Children

It is a priority to ensure that staff in Regional Health Authorities have an understanding of Métis-specific needs in health and wellness. We are pleased to report that we received accreditation from the UBC School of Medicine for our Métis Cultural Wellness Education, Miyo-pimâtisawin.

We delivered accredited training to over 80 Fraser Health staff in November 2025, with plans for additional training to all Health Authority staff in 2026. We also maintained Leadership-to-Leadership meetings with all Regional Health Authorities.

Métis Health and Wellness Plans were developed and launched with Interior, Northern, and Fraser Health. To ensure community voices are well-represented, we delivered a What We Heard Report to Island Health leadership, following the June 2024 Community engagement event and ongoing work throughout 2025.

In the last quarter, Regional Health Coordinators supported 244 Citizen and self-identified Métis. Additionally, our Métis Health Experience program supports Citizens and self-identified Métis navigate the healthcare feedback process. Between September 2025 and January 2026, we received 13 new cases, resolved ten, and closed five.

These efforts improve cultural safety and accountability within healthcare encounters, by consistently raising Métis priorities at senior health authority tables. Our health gatherings, the Ta Saantii Mamawapowuk Training events have received a

92% Community satisfaction and an 89% Health Authority staff satisfaction.

GOAL #3: Expand MNBC direct health care programs and service delivery.

Aligned with Goal 3 of the Nation: Pursue Socio-Economic Reconciliation.

Aligned with Goal 4 of the Nation: Support Métis Chartered Communities

The Ministry has worked to create opportunities for direct health care service and programs. Recently, we worked with Community on the MIKI'SIW Health Clinic in Courtenay. This clinic is designed to serve over 4,600 Métis and Urban Indigenous people, of which 2,060 identify as Métis. Two full-time Community Health Pathfinders were onboarded. They have developed background materials and began taking referrals for clients in January 2026. This will ensure that Métis in the community have access to Métis-run primary care clinics and services.

The Ministry is pleased to report that it has expanded the Essential Medical Transportation and Accommodation Program (EMTAP). This helps Citizens with financial supports for travel and lodging when accessing specialized care.

We are also implementing Electronic Medical Records (EMR) onboarding for direct service teams. We initiated training in December 2025. These efforts strengthen our community-based navigation and social work supports.

GOAL #4: Advance evidence-informed decisions and Métis data governance.

Aligned with Goal 6 of the Nation: Develop and Restore Respectful Relationships and Partnerships.

Métis control of data and research is foundational to self-determination and effective policy advocacy. The Ministry of Health contributes to Provincial-level reporting and formal evaluations to ensure that Métis experiences and priorities are reflected in decision-making. We advanced foundational work to support Métis-specific health reporting, including analytical development for the next Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO) report, targeted for release in June 2026. We supported and contributed to the evaluation of the Interior Health Letter of Understanding and Métis Health and Wellness Plan, with the intent to publish evaluation findings within the current fiscal year. We also engaged with provincial and health system partners to expand MNBC's access to health and administrative data, strengthening the conditions for future evidence-informed planning and accountability.

These efforts contribute to greater visibility of Métis health realities in Provincial reporting and health system evaluations. This contributes to more informed and responsive health policies that reflect the actual needs and priorities of Métis Citizens. 🌱



MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF HOUSING

MINISTER:

Minister Allan Lavallee

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Chris Tupy

MISSION:

To increase the supply of safe, affordable, and culturally grounded housing for Métis Citizens across British Columbia through strategic partnerships, capital development, and the integration of Métis design and governance principles.

GOAL #1: Successfully advance at least four priority housing projects to “shovel-ready” status by securing land, completing detailed designs, and finalizing external funding commitments for construction start.

Aligned with Goal 3 of the Nation: Pursue Socio-Economic Reconciliation.

The Ministry of Housing advanced multiple priority housing projects through key pre-development approvals. We secured a development permit approval for a 45-unit mixed-used housing in Campbell River, we submitted applications for a rezoning and development permit for a 55-unit mixed-use project in Saanich, obtained a rezoning and development permit for a 51-unit apartment project in Invermere, and began the first phase of development on the project in Terrace.

We also made progress with the Campbell River and Saanich projects, moving towards Final

Project Approval with BC Housing. The Ministry anticipates that construction will begin in early 2027. Furthermore, we began funding applications for the Invermere and Terrace projects through BC Housing’s Community Housing Fund.

GOAL #2: Create a sustainable governance model through the launch of a Métis Housing Authority by March 2027, ensuring long-term operational excellence, financial sustainability, and community accountability.

Aligned with Goal 5 of the Nation: Generate Core Capacity, Infrastructure, and Economic Development.

The Ministry supported MNBC Board of Directors discussions on housing sequencing, scale, and future governance needs. We initiated internal planning work related to long-term housing governance, portfolio oversight, and operational models. We continue the advancement of the MNBC Housing

Strategy, which establishes the policy and strategic foundation for future housing governance.

GOAL #3: Build a diversified and resilient funding base by securing at least three multi-year, multi-partner agreements by March 2027, strengthening MNBC's ability to plan and deliver housing at scale.

Aligned with Goal 6 of the Nation: Develop and Restore Respectful Relationships and Partnerships.

The Ministry successfully secured additional Preliminary Development Funding from BC Housing for the Campbell River (\$1,188,440) and Saanich (\$967,900) projects. Additionally, we obtained \$337,900 from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to support ongoing design work in Terrace, Campbell River, and Invermere, and to explore potential developments in Surrey and Kelly Lake.

We continued to build relationships with federal and provincial partners to position MNBC for future multi-year funding agreements.

It is a priority that all projects reflect Métis specific needs and culture. The Ministry engaged Métis architects to integrate Métis design elements into the Campbell River and Saanich projects. We retained a Métis architect to redesign the exterior of the Crosstown Apartments in Fort St. John, guided by collaboration with the Fort St. John Métis Society.

The Ministry continues to refine our Métis Chartered Community Engagement Process. This ensures we center the needs of Métis Communities and Citizens at all stages of development. Additionally, we proceed in clarifying our procurement practices to prioritize Métis consultants, contractors, and artists. 🌸

MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF MENTAL HEALTH AND HARM REDUCTION

MINISTER:

Minister Danielle Bergevin

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Tanya Davoren

MISSION:

The Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction (MHHR) is working towards fully realized mental health and wellness for Métis people in B.C. Through our Ministry, we advocate for culturally appropriate mental health and harm reduction programs and services at the national, provincial, and regional levels. We continue to highlight and address the gaps in existing services and advocate for changes needed to better foster the health, wellness, and resilience of Métis individuals and communities. Additionally, the mental health and harm reduction team provides support, education, and advocacy for Métis people and Métis Chartered Communities across B.C.

GOAL #1: Gather knowledge to support the creation of culturally grounded mental wellness, substance use, and harm reduction resources that are of Métis, by Métis, for Métis rooted in Métis ways of knowing and being.

Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation: Promote Cultural Revitalization and Cultural Wellness.

Through this continued initiative, MHHR gathers knowledge to create mental wellness, substance use, and harm reduction resources

that are informed by and anchored in community knowledge. After the completion of knowledge-gathering efforts, we are currently developing a Métis Mental Wellness and Harm Reduction Framework. Communities have had the opportunity to share knowledge via in-person knowledge gathering sessions, virtual knowledge gathering sessions, and various MHHR advisory circles.

The Ministry has also co-created the interim Taanishi Kiiya report—part of the Métis Public Health Surveillance Program—in collaboration with

the Office of the Provincial Health Officer. We are working towards publication of this report.

Utilizing knowledge gathered to inform programs, policies, supports, and services of MHHR.

GOAL #2: Develop and deliver barrier-free, Métis grounded mental health, substance use, and harm reduction programs and services that seek to uplift the mental wellness of Métis individuals and Communities throughout B.C.

Aligned with Goal 3 of the Nation: Pursue Socio-Economic Reconciliation

We continue to provide mental health, substance use, and harm reduction supports that foster mental wellness for Métis individuals and Communities throughout B.C.

During the last quarter, MHHR Regional Wellness Coordinators, Harm Reduction Coordinators, and Harm Reduction Family Support Specialists supported 355 Métis individuals. Additionally, Métis Peer Support Outreach Workers supported 760 individuals in Kamloops, Cranbrook and Nanaimo through the Substance Use and Addictions Program pilot project. We also held 30 virtual circles to support Métis individuals across all regions.

Our aim is to provide direct individual and community support, offering system navigation, resource connection, in-person gatherings, one-to-one connections, virtual circles, and more. Over the next quarter, we will continue to offer support through the Regional Mental Wellness Coordinators, Harm Reduction Coordinators, and Harm Reduction Family Support Specialist positions. We will also keep offering opportunities for both virtual and in-person group connections and gatherings. This

includes the Silent Sorrows gathering, to be held in March 2026.

GOAL #3: Pursue and advocate for flexible, sustainable funding to support the ongoing operations and services of MNBC's Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction.

Aligned with Goal 5 of the Nation: Generate Core Capacity, Infrastructure and Economic Development.

The Ministry is advocating to receive funding for culturally safe and appropriate mental health and harm reduction services. This includes strategically pursuing funding opportunities to support short-term projects and initiatives. We are pleased to report that we have successfully secured 4 years of funding to assist in the development of youth-focused mental health and wellness initiatives. This includes the hiring of two Youth Mental Wellness Coordinators.

GOAL #4: Maintain and further nurture strong, healthy, collaborative relationships between MNBC's Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction with both other MNBC's Ministries, as well as with key external partners – including provincial and federal governments, health authorities, Indigenous organizations, and mental health/harm reduction organizations.

Aligned with Goal 6 of the Nation: Develop and Restore Respectful Relationships and Partnerships.

It is our priority to ensure strong, healthy, collaborative relationships with both key external and internal partners. This includes continued advocacy at various mental health and harm reduction external partnerships, working groups,

and advisory committees for Métis-specific resources and services. We are beginning to build relationships with substance use treatment and recovery centers across B.C. Additionally, we are connecting internally with relevant MNBC Ministries to best support the mental health and wellness needs of Métis individuals throughout all regions. 🌸



MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF POVERTY REDUCTION

MINISTER:

Minister Patrick Harriott

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Chris Tupy

MISSION:

The Ministry of Poverty Reduction is committed to breaking the cycle of poverty and homelessness for MNBC Citizens by addressing root causes and advancing equitable, community-driven solutions. Through partnerships, inclusive policies, and culturally grounded supports, the Ministry works to improve access to housing, income, and essential services.

GOAL #1: Develop and Implement an MNBC specific strategy for reducing poverty and addressing homelessness grounded in data, community input, and culturally safe principles by March 31, 2027.

Aligned with Goal 3 of the Nation: Pursue Socio-Economic Reconciliation.

To create a strong foundation for our strategy, Big River Analytics was contracted to complete a research report titled "Understanding the Scale of Métis Homelessness." A draft of this report is complete, and we expect to release this to the public in early 2027. The report will provide much needed statistical data and objective inferences to support

the development of an MNBC specific strategy for reducing poverty and addressing homelessness.

Our next steps include collaboration with other relevant MNBC Ministries to gain their input on the strategy. We are also planning to request and reflect on the input from Métis Communities.

GOAL #2: Secure two or more long-term funding agreements by March 2027 to support culturally appropriate homelessness prevention and poverty reduction programs.

Aligned with Goal 3 of the Nation: Pursue Socio-Economic Reconciliation.

The Ministry of Poverty Reduction continues to seek new and enduring sources of funding. We have secured an additional \$50,000 to relaunch the Welcome Home Kits program. This program supports Métis Citizens with lived experience of homelessness by providing the essentials required to build a new future in their homes. The kits contain necessary items for living independently and will assist with the rising costs associated with transitioning through the housing spectrum. Messaging for the re-launch of this program is forthcoming at the time of this report.

We have also secured additional funding for the Reaching Home Program totalling \$118,125 over the next 3 years. These additional funds will support activities related to developing the MNBC Poverty Reduction Strategy and continuing MNBC's 2nd Stage Program for Métis women and children fleeing gender-based violence. Our next steps include the continued advocacy for additional funding at Federal and Provincial sub-tables, and the continued collaboration with the MNBC Grants team and applicable funders.

GOAL #3: Gain access to Métis-specific data from the 2025 Point-in-time (PiT) homeless count for all 30 participating communities by March 31, 2026, to inform MNBC programming and advocacy with the data by March 2027.

Aligned with Goal 6 of the Nation: Develop and Restore Respectful Relationships and Partnerships.

Our staff secured data during the 2023 Point-in-Time (PiT) homeless count. This was used to inform the "Understanding the Scale of Métis Homelessness" report. We have made excellent progress towards accessing the raw data from the 2025 (PiT) homeless count for B.C. The Homelessness Services Association of B.C. (HSABC) has indicated that all 20 of the Provincially funded communities

will be able to share their data. So far, 7 of the 9 Federally funded communities have indicated their consent to sharing their data. We expect to have consent for data sharing and receive the results by the end of the second quarter in 2026.

Once the raw data has been received for all communities, Big River Analytics will review the information and provide an addendum or update to the "Understanding the Scale of Métis Homelessness" report. The final reports and compiled data will help to inform current and future programming as well as support advocacy and MNBC's positioning for additional funding.

GOAL #4: Co-develop at least one agreement with an Indigenous service provider to expand culturally grounded homelessness and poverty supports by March 2027.

Aligned with Goal 6 of the Nation: Develop and Restore Respectful Relationships and Partnerships.

We are pleased to report that the Aboriginal Housing Management Association (AHMA) and Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that affirms a shared commitment to advancing affordable, safe, and culturally appropriate housing for Métis people across British Columbia, while strengthening pathways to improved health and well-being.

AHMA is the leading voice for Indigenous housing in British Columbia, representing and advocating for the off-reserve Indigenous housing sector across urban, rural, and northern communities. Through its administration of operating and capital agreements, AHMA supports over 5,500 housing units serving First Nations, Métis, Inuit, non-status, and self-identified Indigenous families. AHMA's 55 member organizations manage more than 95% of Indigenous housing units located in municipalities

across BC. AHMA members deliver critical programs and services that prevent homelessness and support community well-being through shelters, transitional housing, supportive housing, complex care, and assisted living.

Under the MoU, AHMA and MNBC recognize their mutual commitment to improving health and wellness outcomes for Métis people and to working together at the intersection of housing, social infrastructure, and the social determinants of health.

We have identified several other Indigenous service providers with similar values and goals. Our next steps involve efforts to develop relationships and potentially formalize collaborative agreements. 🌱



MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF SKILLS TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT, AND POST-SECONDARY

MINISTER:

Minister Paulette Flamond

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Katie Trace

MISSION:

The Ministry of Skills Training, Employment and Post-Secondary (STEPS) lifts our Citizens into a confident self-knowing so that they can secure the education and career that supports enriched, socioeconomic-resilient lives for themselves and their families. STEPS aims to eliminate barriers and inspire Citizens, offering culturally safe programs and services that are grounded in Métis knowledge.

GOAL #1: STEPS strengthens our Citizens for socioeconomic health and wealth by supporting their educational, training, and employment aspirations through relevant, high-quality programming, funding, and services. These reflect cultural integrity, align with Nation priorities and key educational streams, and evolve through our commitment to continuous learning and improvement.

Aligned with Goal 3 of the Nation: Pursue Socio-Economic Reconciliation.

The Ministry of STEPS focuses on increasing participation, completion, and employment

outcomes for Métis Citizens by delivering responsive, culturally grounded education, training, and funding supports aligned with Citizen goals, Nation priorities and workforce needs.

Between August to December 2025, we served 576 Citizens across B.C. These include post-secondary learners, trades participants, short-ticket training participants, and Citizens accessing upgrading and licensing supports. This represents \$4,961,441 in funding commitments. From April to December 2025, STEPS supported 2,506 Citizens, representing \$19,122,905 in total funding commitments.

Citizens Assisted By Region:

- Region 1 (571)
- Region 2 (743)
- Region 3 (580)
- Region 4 (205)
- Region 5 (231)
- Region 6 (74)
- Region 7 (102)

To date during the 2025 to 2026 fiscal year, STEPS committed \$283,052 to Paid Practicums and Wage Subsidies, supporting 7 wage subsidy placements and 18 paid practicums to strengthen pathways into employment.

We facilitated six cohort-based training and professional development offerings, engaging 116 participants between September and December 2025. These included topics in mental health, digital marketing, business management, and introduction to artificial intelligence.

To support participation in high-demand education and training streams, STEPS opened applications for Scholarships, Grants, and Bursaries to reduce financial barriers. This includes a \$5,000 Nursing Bursary, \$2,000–\$2,500 STEM scholarships, a \$2,000–\$2,500 K–12 Métis Teacher Bursary for new and current educators, and the Fraser Health Grant supporting Citizens pursuing health-related studies.

We thank Chartered Communities for supporting this work by informing and referring Citizens to STEPS programs and services. STEPS will continue to deliver and refine these programs and services to ensure Métis Citizens across all regions have ongoing access to culturally grounded education,

training, and employment supports that meet evolving community and workforce needs.

GOAL #2: STEPS will lead the development of a Métis post-secondary and skills training college, including securing sustainable funding, developing and delivering culturally grounded programming, and supporting the development of provincial legislation to formally recognize the College as one of B.C.'s Indigenous institutes. This initiative will support educational sovereignty, self-determination, and contribute to the revitalization of Métis culture, language, and identity across the province.

Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation: Promote Cultural Revitalization and Cultural Wellness.

This Nation-building initiative serves to advance the development of the first Métis-led post-secondary college in B.C. This supports educational sovereignty, cultural revitalization, and long-term economic well-being for Métis Citizens. It also aligns with the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA), specifically Action 1.8.

The Ministry of STEPS completed province-wide Métis Citizen engagement through a comprehensive survey, regional engagement sessions, student focus groups, and discussions with MNBC governance councils. Chartered Communities contributed perspectives on programming priorities and culturally grounded delivery models to ensure the MNBC College is Citizen-informed, Métis-led, and rooted in Métis culture and values.

We continued to develop a College Business Plan and multi-year operating budget to inform governance and financial sustainability. We also continued advancing a Métis-specific labour

market analysis to inform future programming. This ensures we align the College's development with regional workforce priorities and Métis employment pathways across the province.

Our next steps include continuing high-level discussions with funding partners, advancing planning toward implementation and program design, and laying the foundation for the MNBC College to become a recognized Métis-governed institution within British Columbia's post-secondary sector.

GOAL #3: STEPS builds and deepens relationships with chartered communities, public post-secondary and training institutes, government partners, employers, and community organizations to advance shared priorities, improve outcomes for Métis Citizens, and advocate for more equitable funding aligned with the number of Citizens we serve.

Aligned with Goal 6 of the Nation: Develop and Restore Respectful Relationships and Partnerships.

The Ministry of STEPS is focused on strengthening relationships with government partners, post-secondary institutions, and Métis Chartered Communities to expand the visibility of services and improve access to education and employment supports for Métis Citizens across British Columbia.

In October 2025, MNBC signed a bi-lateral protocol agreement with the Provincial Ministry of Post-Secondary and Future Skills (PSFS) to formalize collaboration and strengthen government-to-government engagement on post-secondary and workforce priorities.

STEPS maintained regular engagement with provincial and federal funding partners to align priorities and advocate for more funding to increase

the number of Métis Citizens that can access STEPS programs and services.

We engaged with Citizens by participating in the Louis Riel Day event at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC), engaging over 70 attendees through academic speakers, Elders and Knowledge Carriers, and cultural activities. This was in close collaboration with the Prince George Métis Association.

To increase visibility within Chartered Communities, staff participated in 14 events between September and December 2025, and 28 events total between April and December 2025. We connected directly with Citizens and partners across the province. We will continue to strengthen partnerships and community presence to broaden awareness of services and expand participation in education and employment pathways across British Columbia.

GOAL #4: STEPS provides wraparound supports that meet the diverse needs of Métis learners and job seekers, grounded in Métis culture, values, and community connection to promote long-term personal and professional success. To ensure these supports are accessible and sustainable, we are committed to strengthening our internal capacity, infrastructure, and technology needed to deliver responsive and culturally grounded services across the province.

Aligned with Goal 5 of the Nation: Generate Core Capacity, Infrastructure and Economic Development.

Our Ministry focuses on improving learner well-being, retention, and long-term success by ensuring programs, services, and wraparound supports are responsive to Citizens' current and future needs. It is a priority that these are grounded in Métis culture, values, and ways of knowing.

Through the cohort delivery model, STEPS integrates cultural learning and connection into training and education pathways. This way, we strengthen engagement, community connection, and cultural continuity for Métis learners.

Between September and December 2025, STEPS delivered five cultural workshops, and the Cultural Coordinator partnered with the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC), Vancouver Island University (VIU), and the University of Victoria (UVic), reaching 99 students across post-secondary campuses. 🌸



MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF SPORT AND ACTIVE LIVING

MINISTERS:

Minister Dean Gladue

Associate Minister Danielle Bergevin

SENIOR MANAGER:

Adam Fitchett

MISSION:

The Ministry of Sport and Active Living is to empower our communities through active living. We are committed to providing accessible sporting opportunities, fostering athletic excellence, and instilling a sense of pride in our Métis athletes. Through strategic collaborations and innovative programs, we aim to build a strong, united community where every Citizen can thrive, excel in sports, and celebrate our rich cultural heritage on and off the playing field.

GOAL #1: Increase visibility by building strategic partnerships with Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations, government agencies, and sport bodies. These partnerships will support provincial and national events and help gain recognition from professional teams, PSOs, and emerging sport organizations.

Aligned with Goal 6 of the Nation: Develop and Restore Respectful Relationships and Partnerships.

The Ministry aims to develop and nurture mutually respectful relationships with Métis Chartered Communities, First Nations, and federal, provincial and municipal levels of government. We are also

fostering collaborations with other organizations and entities, pursuing key partnerships and agreements.

The Indigenous Rookie League (IRL) is a newer initiative for MNBC. IRL is designed to introduce Métis youth to organized slo-pitch in a culturally safe, inclusive, and supportive environment. The Ministry created a league from scratch in partnership with the Toronto Blue Jays' Jays Care Foundation. It focuses on creating positive first experiences in sport, particularly for Indigenous youth who may face barriers to participation due to access, cost or lack of culturally relevant programming.

The eight-week long, fully functional slo-pitch league features teams and partnerships with

North Fraser Métis Association, Chilliwack Métis Association, Tsawwassen First Nation, Kwikwetlem First Nation, and Britannia Community Centre. The season culminated in a one day wrap up tournament at Tsawwassen First Nation, where prizes and season champions were announced.

Season 2 will begin in June with the addition of two more teams, bringing the total teams to six. With this addition, there will be more events and fun activities centered around baseball, including a Vancouver Canadians game for all participants.

GOAL #2: Develop and deliver sustainable sport and active living programs, including culturally rooted active living camps and initiatives for all age groups, to promote physical activity, skill development, and overall well-being.

Aligned with Goal 4 of the Nation: Support Métis Chartered Communities.

The Ministry is working to collaborate with Métis Chartered Communities to offer opportunities that encourage active living.

Recently, we delivered the Camp Latona program, providing Métis youth with a multi-day camp focused on sport, leadership, cultural connection and wellness. Hosting a pickleball event introduced an accessible, multi-generational sport to community. We delivered Indigenous Bridging the Gap, which is focused on relationship-building, inclusion, and increasing Indigenous representation in sport and recreation space. Finally, hosting the Lacrosse Forum, in partnership with Métis Nation Saskatchewan, brought together more 30 Métis youth from across the country to participate in high level lacrosse facilitation by the Vancouver Warriors.

MNBC is actively investing in sustainable, youth-focused programming, and one-time events to pique

the interest of Citizens. The Ministry of Sport and Active Living could not have the success within the last year without the support of the Metis Chartered Communities.

GOAL #3: Promote the inclusivity and accessibility for all MNBC Citizens in sport and active living. We aim to ensure that sports and active living programs are inclusive and accessible to individuals of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. This will be specific programming throughout the year and will be an evolutionary process.

Aligned with Goal 3 of the Nation: Pursue Socio-Economic Reconciliation.

The Ministry aims to create inclusive and accessible programming throughout the year. We hosted the Indigenous Bridging the Gap event in Richmond, which focused on reducing barriers to participation and fostering inclusive sport spaces for Indigenous participants who use wheelchairs. Additionally, we provided support for 10 Indigenous 2SLGBTQIA+ players to participate in the annual inclusive hockey tournament, This Tournament Has Everything (TTHE). Registrations fees were covered, and on-site support was given for the second consecutive year.

We further strengthened our partnerships with inclusive sport organizers to ensure MNBC Citizens are represented in safe and welcoming environments.

MNBC is committed to creating safe, inclusive, and accessible sport opportunities for all Citizens. Targeted programming is currently being developed to support individuals who face barriers to participation. Citizen voices and lived experiences will continue to shape future programming and improvements.

We are grateful for Chartered Communities, who helped ensure programming reflected community needs and supported Citizens who may not otherwise have access to inclusive sport opportunities.

Our next steps include expanding inclusive programming opportunities across additional sports and regions. We will continue supporting Indigenous 2SLGBTQIA+ participation in both recreational and competitive sport. 🌸



MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND GENDER EQUITY

MINISTERS:

Minister Carmen Carriere

Associate Minister Louis De Jaeger

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Rachel Perkins

MISSION:

The Ministry of Women and Gender Equity (MOWGE) elevates Métis women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ communities by fostering a space for sharing to ensure their voices are heard by the wider community, and by advocating for and delivering on resources, programs and services that reflect their unique needs.

GOAL #1: Address and advocate for the needs of Métis women and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community within MNBC and to external partners through strong advocacy, needs assessment and collaboration with other Ministries and external partners.

Aligned with Goal 3 of the Nation: Pursue Socio-Economic Reconciliation.

In partnership with related Ministries and Departments, MOWGE supported the Ministers' participation in key provincial and national meetings. This included assisting with Minister Carriere hosting Canada's Chief Advisor on Human Trafficking and meeting with the MMIWG2S+

Secretariat of CIRNAC to discuss possible funding opportunities.

In partnership with MNBC's Justice and Rights Ministries, MOWGE continues to advocate to provincial and federal Ministries responsible for MMIWG2S+, justice and women and gender equity portfolios.

GOAL #2: Lead and expand comprehensive, culturally grounded Gender Based Violence (GBV) Prevention, Intervention, and Healing initiatives across Métis communities.

Aligned with Goal 3 of the Nation: Pursue Socio-Economic Reconciliation.

MOWGE launched the Honouring our Missing and Murdered Métis Relatives Commemorative project, which includes the ability for Citizens to contribute to the development of a commemorative blanket and/or receive support for financial expenses related to MMIWG2S+.

We planned and hosted MNBC's second men's gender-based violence healing gathering at Métis Crossing in November, bringing together 25 participants to engage in ceremony, circle discussions and cultural teachings. Initial planning began on future women's gender-based violence gatherings.

We delivered the Comfort Kit Program, providing materials to Métis Chartered Communities to distribute and provide immediate, culturally safe support to Métis women and 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals who have experienced gender-based violence.

GOAL #3: Develop and deliver initiatives specific to Métis women and girls to close socio-economic gaps.

Aligned with Goal 3 of the Nation: Pursue Socio-Economic Reconciliation.

MOWGE supported the Métis Women British Columbia (MWBC) Governance Council was supported at the AGM, in partnership with the Governance department.

We provided Smudge and/or Beading Kits to all Chartered Communities. These kits serve as meaningful tools for cultural reconnection, grounding, and healing for those impacted by gender-based violence.

GOAL #4: Develop and deliver initiatives specific to the Métis 2SLGBTQIA+ community to close intersectional socio-economics gaps.

Aligned with Goal 3 of the Nation: Pursue Socio-Economic Reconciliation.

MOWGE supported the 2SLGBTQIA+ Métis British Columbia (2SMBC) Governance Council was supported at the AGM, in partnership with the Governance department.

The 2SMBC provided Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) libraries to all Métis Chartered Communities, an initiative rooted in the commitment to empower survivors of violence and support them in their healing journeys, guided by the values of community, resilience, and mutual care.

The Ministry continued work on developing a Resource Book as part of the 2SLGBTQIA+ project "Pihtikway/ Come In: Two-Spirit Resurgence and Healing through Kinship and Culture", which will include offerings from the 2SLGBTQIA+ participants of the Pihtikway project. 🌟



MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF YOUTH

MINISTERS:

Minister Danielle Bergevin

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Rachel Perkins

MISSION:

The Ministry of Youth aims to revitalize and strengthen Métis culture and community by providing Métis youth in B.C. with low-barrier, culturally relevant education, life skills, programs, supports and events. Through these initiatives, the Ministry of Youth aims to foster a deep sense of connection, pride, and engagement among Métis youth while equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to lead fulfilling and empowered lives as Métis Citizens.

GOAL #1: Create inclusive and culturally rooted opportunities for Métis youth to learn, lead, connect and heal through land-based programming, cultural workshops, and civic engagement, while honouring youth achievements with the annual Métis Spirit Award.

Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation: Promote Cultural Revitalization and Cultural Wellness.

The Ministry of Youth is pleased to share several milestones in our creation of opportunities for Métis youth.

We successfully concluded the second cohort of the Eco Collective in September 2025. The program was comprised of a guest speaker series, youth-driven eco initiatives, an art contest, and the Eco Camp. Youth participated in experiential learning, volunteer

opportunities, and cultural activities fostering strong connections with Elders, peers, and BCMANR captains to strengthen Métis identity and belonging. Eleven youth participated in the Eco Collective program, collectively contributing 317 volunteer hours toward environmental and community initiatives.

The Eco Camp was designed for Métis youth passionate about climate action, fostering a deeper understanding of Métis cultural traditions and their relationship to the land and traditional practices. Thirteen youth attended and engaged in experiential, land- and culture-based activities, including GPS training, compass navigation, circle and storytelling with s'mores by the fire, plant walks and more. Nearly all participants reported being likely to engage in land-based activities in the future. One participant said, "It's hard to pick just one favourite moment. I loved the jigging to help be an icebreaker to connect

with one another through dancing music. I liked the closing circle we did at the fire on the last night because it really showed how much of a connection we made with one another from the beginning to the end.”

The Ministry of Youth attended a presentation at Aldergrove Community Secondary School, organized by the Waceyá Métis Society. Over 25 Métis students in Grades 9–12 attended the presentation on October 21, 2025. Staff from the Ministries of Youth, STEPS, and Citizenship visited the school to share information on programs and services available to Métis Citizens and self-identifying Métis students. The event included a sashing ceremony, providing students with a meaningful cultural experience. We were grateful to receive media coverage in Langley Advance Times.

We are also currently reviewing the process and supporting documents for the Métis Spirit Award, with consultations with the MYBC Council now completed.

And finally, planning for Gathering Our Voices, Canada’s largest Indigenous youth conference, is underway. This includes the launch of participant applications, with the goal of bringing a Métis youth delegation and creating Métis-specific spaces in partnership with British Columbia Aboriginal Friendship Centres Association (BCAAFC). We aim to foster a sense of belonging for Métis youth.

GOAL #2: Promote opportunities for education, training, employment, and life skills enhancement among Métis youth in British Columbia through fostering strategic internal and external partnerships, identifying and understanding the unique needs of Métis youth, and staying attuned to current labour market dynamics and industry trends.

Aligned with Goal 3 of the Nation: Pursue Socio-Economic Reconciliation.

We began to redesign the Youth Employment & Training Initiative. Pending consultation with the MYBC Council, we are anticipating a program launch in Summer or Fall 2026.

GOAL #3: Advance the effective representation of Métis youth by working closely with MYBC Council, strengthening provincial and federal visibility of youth priorities, developing capacity-building resources, supporting the inclusion of community youth representatives, and conducting engagement sessions to gather feedback and ensure youth voices inform decision-making.

Aligned with Goal 6 of the Nation: Develop and restore respectful relationships and partnerships.

We are proud to announce a collaborative project between the Ministry of Youth and UBC Okanagan research. The project will explore how Métis youth engage with MNBC and local communities, what interests they have, and what barriers might limit participation. The goal of this research is to design future programs in ways that better fit youth’s real lives. The project is currently in the preparatory phase. This Fall, we focused on planning and preparation, including developing materials, coordinating with researchers, and forming a working group to guide the project.

GOAL #4: Strengthen the Ministry’s internal capacity and long-term impact by enhancing cross-ministry collaboration, expanding funding sources, and improving internal practices, including data tracking and staff training.

Aligned with Goal 5 of the Nation: Generate core capacity, infrastructure and economic development.

Over the last quarter, we have undertaken capacity-building efforts to better serve Métis youth. We prioritized staff training, equipping staff with Standard First Aid, First Aid for Opioid Poisoning, and Mental Health First Aid to ensure staff can support youth wellbeing.

We finalized a policies and procedures toolkit for safe, culturally grounded youth programs and events, which provides clear guidance and consistent standards for program delivery across our Ministry. We collaborate with other MNBC Ministries, offering expertise on youth-focused initiatives and promoting consistency throughout the Nation. 🌱



MÉTIS CHARTERED COMMUNITY REPORTS

ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT MÉTIS SOCIETY

Region 1 – Vancouver Island & Qathet

PRESIDENT: **June Graham**

VICE-PRESIDENT: **Judy Black**

SUMMARY:

Alberni-Clayoquot Métis Society is pleased to report major updates on two significant projects we have had in the works. We also have hosted a number of events and gatherings that brought the community together all throughout the year.

UPDATE #1: Completion of the Mamawii Clinic

The Alberni-Clayoquot Métis Society is proud to report the full completion of the Mamawii micro clinic, which is now ready to welcome future service providers. This clinic was a community-driven initiative, made possible through the dedication of Métis Citizens who generously donated their time to prepare the space prior to construction. Their efforts allowed the architect to complete a finished clinic space designed to meet community needs, and we are extremely proud of what has been accomplished to date.

As part of early programming, a master's-level social work student successfully completed her practicum at Mamawii. During her placement, she facilitated

wellness-focused workshops for community members, which were consistently well attended and received. In addition, a foot clinic for Elders was hosted and received very positive feedback from participants. We are now actively seeking a master's-level social work practicum student, as well as a physician and other service providers, with a strong preference for Métis providers.

UPDATE #2: Now Seeking Staff for Child Care Centre

The child care centre has reached its completion stage, marking a significant milestone for the Society. We are now in the process of seeking qualified Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) and an individual with the required qualifications to oversee

the overall operation of the daycare. This centre will offer no-fee child care services, reducing barriers for families in the community. There will also be an after-school program available to support school-aged children.

UPDATE #3: Miscellaneous Milestones

Our relationship with the local school district continues to strengthen. The Alberni-Clayoquot Métis Society holds a seat at the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) Committee table, where we are welcomed, respected, and actively involved in discussions.

Each March, we participate in a retreat focused on developing the 2026/27 budget and completing additional planning to support the success of Indigenous students within the district.

Throughout the year, we hosted and participated in numerous community events. These included two Family Day gatherings, an Elders' Christmas dinner with a wealth of door prizes, and participation in Orange Shirt Day. We also took part in events hosted by the Port Alberni Friendship Centre, and attended three additional community events within Region 1.

Community outreach remained a priority, with tarps and hot meals distributed to people experiencing homelessness. Warm Christmas dinners were also delivered on Christmas Eve to support those in need. Members attended the local Remembrance Day ceremony, where Métis Veterans were formally recognized for their service. Additionally, the Métis flag was flown at City Hall for three days in commemoration of Louis Riel Day.

The Society continues to sit on a committee with the Primary Care Network, contributing to the development of a primary care clinic intended to provide a culturally safe space where Indigenous

people feel comfortable accessing services. This work is done in close collaboration with the Friendship Centre and representatives from surrounding First Nation communities. 🌱



MÉTIS CHARTERED COMMUNITY REPORTS

COWICHAN VALLEY MÉTIS ASSOCIATION

Region 1 – Vancouver Island & Qathet

PRESIDENT: **Richard Lewis**

VICE-PRESIDENT: **Jan Ovans**

SUMMARY:

Cowichan Valley Métis Association had an eventful year. We're pleased to share that with the support of our dedicated volunteers, we are able to keep our office open two days a week. This has ensured continued access for members and the community. Board and Community meetings continue to be held on the first Tuesday of each month at our office, providing a consistent and welcoming space for community engagement.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our Youth Representative, Samantha, for all her hard work. Samantha is now leaving us to pursue her dreams of working for the betterment of the Métis people.

UPDATE #1: Successful Events

This year, our organization was proud to participate in laying wreaths at three cenotaphs. We also hosted a National Indigenous Peoples Day gathering on the grounds of the historic Koksilah School property, where our office is located, bringing community members together in celebration and reflection.

On the same grounds, we held a Truth and Reconciliation Gathering in partnership with Island Health, creating an opportunity for learning,

dialogue, and healing. In collaboration with School District #79, we successfully hosted our annual week-long Métis Cultural Camp in Glenora. This offered participants hands-on cultural learning in a supportive outdoor environment.

In addition, we hosted a women's wellness event over two separate dates. These covered overall wellness and traditional medicines. A men's wellness event was also held, where participants learned traditional food preparation by making pemmican. This included cutting and drying moose meat one

weekend, followed by grinding the meat and adding dried blueberries and tallow the next weekend. We also gathered outdoors for a Winter Solstice celebration and closed the year with a wonderful Christmas gathering that brought our community together.

UPDATE #2: Workshops Offered

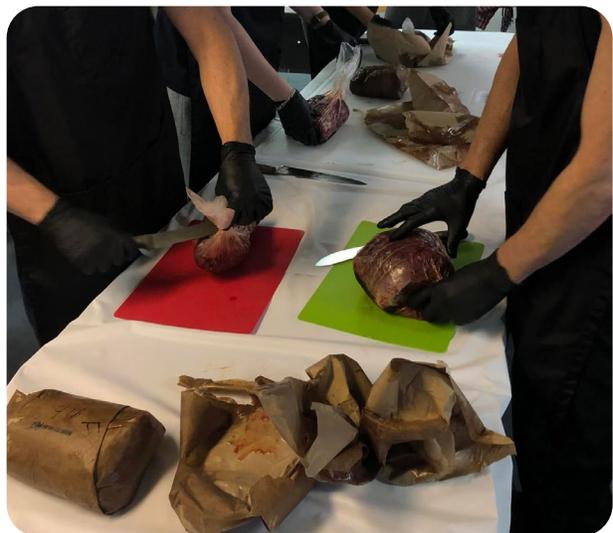
In our upstairs classroom and teaching area, we hosted a variety of workshops and gatherings throughout the year. These included food sustainability workshops, Northern Michif language lessons, crafting circles such as beading, and other cultural learning opportunities.

UPDATE #3: Ongoing Community Involvement

We're proud to play an active role in the wider community by sitting on several councils and advisory groups. These include the School District #79 Indigenous Education Council, the Hospital Replacement Indigenous Advisory Council, and the Vancouver Island University Indigenous Group.

Two dedicated Métis Special Cultural Teaching Assistants employed by School District #79 continue their valuable work in schools, teaching Métis culture and history to students. In addition, we support schools through several cultural presenters who are regularly invited into both public and private schools within our catchment area.

We were also pleased to support the Indigenous Rookie League slo-pitch tournament in Tsawwassen by providing our large portable events barbecue and cooking hotdogs for the participants. Finally, President Graham of the Alberni-Clayoquot Métis Society presented challenge coins to their veterans—these coins were developed by our community to recognize and thank veterans for their service. 🌸



MÉTIS CHARTERED COMMUNITY REPORTS

MIKI'SIW MÉTIS ASSOCIATION

Region 1 – Vancouver Island & Qathet

PRESIDENT: Tom Adams

VICE-PRESIDENT: Chrys Sample

SUMMARY:

MIKI'SIW is proud to share many positive updates from the past year. We had the opportunity to move locations, which has had a huge impact on our ability to support our community. From this new space, we have been able to expand our programming, offering workshops and planning events that brought so many from the Cowichan Valley together.

UPDATE #1: New Location

MIKI'SIW relocated from a small, closet-sized office with shared boardroom space to a 1,500 square foot single-dwelling location. The new space provides dedicated office areas, storage, and ample room for gatherings, workshops, lunches, and meetings. In addition, we now have on-site parking and outdoor space that allows us to host community events more comfortably. Since moving into the new space, our membership has increased by more than 100 people. One of the most appreciated benefits has been easy, stress-free parking. The ground-level location is fully accessible to all community members.

The move itself was a true community effort. Members stepped in with trucks, dollies, rope, and

helping hands to make it happen. A special thank you goes to Barb for bringing lunch to keep everyone fueled, and to Troy for quite literally walking a filing cabinet three blocks down the sidewalk. We're grateful for the support.

UPDATE #2: Community Support

Our new space has allowed us to expand our community programming. We hosted beadwork sessions creating poppies, ball caps, Christmas ornaments, and medicine pouches. We held a community survey and dinner focused on the possibility of a Métis credit union. Our Books & Bannock gatherings for children aged 0–8 have been especially successful and continue to grow in popularity. In addition, we offered Michif language

lessons, hosted Elder lunches, and assisted many individuals with applications for MNBC Citizenship. These activities have strengthened community connections across all ages.

UPDATE #3: Successful Events

On Truth and Reconciliation Day, we hosted our fifth Annual Spirit Walk, which became our largest and most impactful to date. This year, we shifted from individual walks throughout the day to a single, unified walk. To make this possible, we received permission to close the downtown main street for four hours, with the City providing staff to manage side streets. Participants gathered at Harmston Park and walked together through downtown, across the bridge, and into Lewis Park. The turnout exceeded expectations, and Mayor Bob Wells commented that we will need a larger space next year. As a result, we plan to use the ball field at Lewis Park in the future. Following the event, the Comox Valley Regional District approached us with information about a grant opportunity for future Spirit Walks, which we have since applied for. This event was made possible through partnerships with Wachiyay Friendship Centre, K'ómoks First Nation, Upper Island Women of Native Ancestry, Comox Valley Farmers Market, Comox Valley Art Gallery, Downtown Courtenay Business Association, City of Courtenay, Indigenous Women's Sharing Society, and many dedicated volunteers.

On December 13, 2025, we held our annual Christmas gathering at the Courtenay Legion. We welcomed 102 attendees and were well prepared. Tom, our President and chef extraordinaire, cooked and carved six turkeys and prepared stuffing and gravy, while Chrys, our Vice-President, handled the shopping, purchasing 30 pounds of potatoes, 20 pounds of carrots, 12 pounds of peas, and all the trimmings. With the addition of Costco's excellent pumpkin pies and whipped cream, we enjoyed a full Christmas

dinner with leftovers. Santa attended with gifts for all the children, fiddlers provided Métis music, and guests enjoyed door prizes, crafts, and interactive activities. MNBC Early Years joined us, and the new buffalo LEGO set was a big hit. We also introduced a new community game, Rock, Paper, Scissors, Evolution, which was a fantastic icebreaker. At the end of the day, many attendees stayed to help with cleanup. It was heartwarming to see our community come together. 🌸



MÉTIS CHARTERED COMMUNITY REPORTS

MID-ISLAND MÉTIS NATION ASSOCIATION

Region 1 – Vancouver Island & Qathet

PRESIDENT: Lloyd Hogue

VICE-PRESIDENT: Brenda Fletcher

SUMMARY:

This past year saw a new Board elected for Mid Island Métis Nation Association. We also offered events and opportunities for members to gather and connect.

UPDATE #1: New Board

Our new Board was elected in November 2025, with a mix of new and familiar faces! Maarsii to everyone who put their name forward.

President: Lloyd Hogue

Vice President: Brenda Fletcher

Secretary: Guy Beaulieu

Treasurer: Edie Cartwright

Directors-at-Large: Leslie Balan, Issy Bourque, Tara Furnemont, Joe Wensley, Tim Low, Délani Valin, and Bernette Laliberte

UPDATE #2: Christmas Hampers

As the festive season approached, the community came together to assemble and distribute Christmas

hampers. Thanks to generous donations, we were also able to provide gifts for children.

UPDATE #3: Open House

Our first Open House took place December 14, 2025. It was a chance for community members to meet the new Board, participate in festive activities, and connect with other Mid Island members. We also host a drop-in crafting circle every second Tuesday night. It's open to all ages and has been well attended so far. 🌸

MÉTIS CHARTERED COMMUNITY REPORTS

NORTH ISLAND MÉTIS ASSOCIATION

Region 1 – Vancouver Island & Qathet

PRESIDENT: **Tyler Masee**

VICE-PRESIDENT: **Charlotte Lever**

SUMMARY:

North Island Métis Association (NIMA) has experienced another year of growth. We continue to expand and diversify the supports available to our Métis community. The Board of Directors provides governance through policy development and strategic direction. Day-to-day operations are led by the Executive Director, who is responsible for implementing the work needed to achieve organizational goals. The organization is proud of its progress in expanding access to culture and responding to the evolving needs of its members. NIMA is currently supported by a team of thirteen staff members and one service dog working from the office.

UPDATE #1: Events and Courses

We organized many exciting events and courses for our members throughout the year such as:

- Mamawi – An ongoing program for NIMA womxn, teaching projects such as sewing, hand beading, crocheting, and embroidering. Many project the group works on go back to community, such as beaded pouches for new parents.
- Piihtikway – A monthly drop-in cultural night for our members to finish crafting projects or begin new projects including supplies and teaching with tea and snacks for all
- Lissaas – A monthly daytime drop-in group where members finish projects
- Men's Group – Sessions where men got to build flower box planters and other various woodwork projects, as well as learn bush crafting. A group

of mxn also got the opportunity to go on a day long fishing trip with golfing the next day.

- Kayhkway Chi Miichihk— A gathering of seniors which included exercises, a meal, self-care presentation, health discussions and a Métis art/craft project.
- Coffee & Conversation – A weekly community group that meets to talk and enjoy each other company.
- Book Club – A monthly Métis-authored book club for NIMA womxn with meal provided
- Laarb Kawmaekit – A program that explores cultural food sustainability practices, such as canning, making pemmican, fishing and more
- Physical activity programs for our members which included geocaching, online yoga, and skating.
- Bike Safety Course for members interested in riding their bikes safely in urban areas.
- Reclaiming the Matriarch – A program for womxn that celebrates who we are, builds peer relationships and supports womxn’s empowerment
- Tanning workshops, Michif language courses, plants and salve making, multimedia art projects, and more
- NIMA’s Health team has bookable appointments to support members. We also hosted a Health Fair with vaccination clinics, health professional services and dietician presentations

UPDATE #2: Ongoing Initiatives

NIMA’s online store offers our custom-designed sashes, shirts, sweaters, and beading kits. Check out our latest bison design and other unique styles. Visit nimetis.com/store for Métis clothing, beading supplies, and more.

We continue to collaborate with MNBC on housing and childcare development in Campbell River. The building will showcase artwork by Métis artist Mara Kersey. In addition, we actively participate in local Indigenous Education Councils for area school districts and the college, and we are engaged with our local Primary Care Network.

UPDATE #3: Community Celebrations

We had many special celebrations:

- Sashing Ceremony in June honouring our Métis Grade 12 and post-secondary graduates, included graduation gifts and luncheon for grads and their families
- Indigenous People’s Day at Spirit Square in Campbell River
- Port Hardy Cultural Evenings – NIMA provided a meal and brought materials for members to work on projects
- Filomi Days – a community celebration in Port Hardy
- Canada Day in Campbell River
- NIMA Family BBQ

- OrcaFest – a community celebration in Port McNeill
- Vancouver Island Métis Rendezvous attendance with a community info table
- Métis flag raising in November for Louis Riel celebrations in Campbell River and Port Hardy
- Louis Riel day event in Campbell River including voyageur games
- Louis Riel day dinner in Port Hardy
- NIMA Pancake Breakfast family events
- Housing and Childcare engagement event hosted with MNBC to discuss the new development on Dogwood
- National Day of Truth and Reconciliation at Spirit Square in Campbell River
- Santa Breakfast event for families 🌸

MÉTIS CHARTERED COMMUNITY REPORTS

QATHET MÉTIS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Region 1 – Vancouver Island & Qathet

PRESIDENT: Zevier Bewer

VICE-PRESIDENT: Russell Brewer

SUMMARY:

Qathet Métis Community Association is pleased to share that we have had great growth in the number of young families participating in our activities. We have had the opportunity to continue offering popular workshops. We also put on some well-attended events that especially catered to our families. Partnerships with Tla'amin Nation and School District #47 has meant that we have been able to collaborate on events for the wider community.

UPDATE #1: Gatherings and Workshops

Throughout the year, Qathet Métis Community Association continued to host regular community gatherings, including monthly Métis Meuzeuk nights, Mamawapawak drop-in socials, and Women's Gatherings. These events provided consistent opportunities for connection, cultural sharing, and mutual support among members.

With the support of an Indigenous Mental Health and Wellness grant, we delivered Mental Health, Wellness, Culture, and Mindfulness workshops twice per month from September 2024 through June 2025.

In addition, we hosted special cultural workshops such as a Tourtière-making session, where participants prepared pies to take home. This workshop also contributed to our Christmas Dinner, during which Santa read Métis Mittens by Leah Dorion to children and community members.

Update #2: Successful Events

The year began with a National Ribbon Skirt Day gathering. We went on to host a variety of family-centered events, including a Winter Wonderland skate, a family swim and craft afternoon, and a youth bowling event, all of which saw positive feedback.

We also opened our doors during the qathet Main Street Trick-or-Treating night. A Louis Riel Day celebration featured local fiddlers and provided an opportunity to honour Métis history and culture through music and community gathering. Additionally, our first annual Métis Handmade Market was very well received, showcasing local artisans and strengthening connections within the community.



UPDATE #3: Partnerships and Outreach

Collaboration remained a key focus this year. Qathet Métis Community Association partnered with Tla'amin Nation for Orange Shirt Day, Indigenous Peoples Day, and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples march and gatherings.

The community tipi and Métis artifacts were presented during a week-long Voyageurs event at the School District #74 Outdoor Education Centre for all Grade 4 students in the district. We also participated in the three-day Story to Song event, hosting Grade 8 and 9 Indigenous students who engaged in cultural learning through bannock cooking over an open fire while telling stories, drumming and singing songs. We look forward to more opportunities for community outreach and connection. 🌱



MÉTIS CHARTERED COMMUNITY REPORTS

THE MÉTIS NATION OF GREATER VICTORIA ASSOCIATION

Region 1 – Vancouver Island & Qathet

PRESIDENT: Kim Jenson

VICE-PRESIDENT: Caitlin Bird

SUMMARY:

Métis Nation Greater Victoria (MNGV) is pleased to share some of our highlights from over the past year. We had the opportunity to host many fun events and workshops. And we are also very grateful to be able to offer tangible support to community members through our programming and initiatives.

UPDATE #1: Successful Gatherings

Over the past year, MNGV successfully hosted numerous gatherings that fostered social connection and cultural engagement. These included Youth Gatherings and monthly Women's Circles, which focused on creating safe, supportive spaces for members. We also hosted a 2SLGBTQIA+ Sweat Lodge Ceremony with support from the Province of B.C., providing an important opportunity for healing and cultural connection.

MNGV commemorated the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation through a special gathering that shared Métis stories, made possible with support from Canadian Heritage. We held Wahkohtowin family gatherings which included park meet-ups, Louis Riel Day crafting and jigging activities, as

well as a family trip to the petting zoo. Our Annual Summer Family Picnic at PKOLS Park brought community members together alongside staff from the MNBC Early Years Team. We also hosted our Annual Christmas Gathering. Elder Norman Fleury and Region 1 Director Patrick Harriott were in attendance, and Santa made an appearance. In partnership with MNBC, MNGV participated in ceremony and traditional protocol with Lekwungen Elders to acknowledge the work of the Raymond Street Project.

UPDATE #2: Community Workshops

MNGV offered community workshops focused on cultural learning and intergenerational engagement. A weekly Family Fiddling program was hosted at MNBC Point Ellice House and led by Calvin Cairns.

In addition, several cultural workshops were offered throughout the year, including fish skin tanning, moccasin making, beading, and tufting.

UPDATE #3: Community Involvement

In collaboration with Dr. Natalie Clark, we completed a Research Summary Report on the Walking in Wahkohtowin Gathering, which included recommendations to help address gender-based violence impacting Indigenous women, girls, men, boys, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people. This work was supported by the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres.

MNGV also launched an Isolated Seniors Program in partnership with the District of Saanich to support vulnerable seniors in accessing community events and reducing social isolation. To address seasonal challenges, we offered a Winter Emergency Funds Initiative to support MNGV seniors and families experiencing financial insecurity. In addition, Winter Wellness Bundles were prepared for 25 2SLGBTQIA+ members, Care Kits were distributed to 75 seniors, and 50 Gifts from Santa were provided to MNGV children. 🌸

MÉTIS CHARTERED COMMUNITY REPORTS

FRASER VALLEY MÉTIS ASSOCIATION

Region 2 – Lower Mainland

PRESIDENT: Tracey Good

VICE-PRESIDENT: Tarina Colledge

SUMMARY:

The Fraser Valley Métis Association (FVMA) had an eventful year full of planning and laying groundwork for future projects and programming. We focused on building relationships, community events, and the ongoing renovation of a community gathering space.

UPDATE #1: Renovation in Progress

We are busy renovating our new community gathering space. Through a lot of collaboration, walls were torn down and fresh paint was added. We are looking forward to engaging with the community soon and putting this space to good use hosting events.

UPDATE #2: Community Events

FVMA hosted our Family First Christmas Party, which was a successful event. There was a lot of visiting, accompanied by playing the spoons and jigging with Santa.

We are also planning an Elder's luncheon and an open house. We intend on hosting circle groups, a book

club, youth programs, and potlucks. There will also be beading, drum-making and other supplies available to the community through Big Foot Moccasin.

UPDATE #3: Relationship-Building

We are hard at work repairing our relationship with the local Indigenous centre to utilize the space for community gatherings.

FVMA is also participating in the Abbotsford Homelessness Repose Leadership Table. This City of Abbotsford & BC Housing initiative will enable collaborative work to establish a governance structure. 🌱

NORTH FRASER MÉTIS ASSOCIATION

Region 2 – Lower Mainland

PRESIDENT: **Greg Stanwood**

VICE-PRESIDENT: **Zelda Hunt**

SUMMARY:

During the previous year, we continued to make strides towards building sustainable revenue streams, creating community-building opportunities, and improving food security for Elders and families.

UPDATE #1: Successful Launch of Bingo Program

Having previously purchased bingo equipment, we ordered bingo cards from BC Gaming and established a weekly community bingo event. This functioned as both a fundraiser and a community engagement activity. We developed clear processes and rules, implemented compliant financial controls, provided volunteer training, and carried out promotional activities. This laid the foundation for steady attendance and a reliable future revenue stream that supports community development and our cultural programming. We're also pleased to share that this work allowed us to build a viable volunteer program, offering training and practical skill development opportunities.

Although our venue halted bingo events, the program created a strong base of interested attendees and well-documented procedures that will transfer directly to our planned relaunch in 2026. Much of this progress has been supported by NFMA's ongoing relationship with BC Gaming.

UPDATE #2: Community Garden and Diocese Grant

We successfully secured grant support from the Diocese to develop a community garden space. This garden grows fresh produce, offers learning opportunities, and strengthens food security for Métis families and Elders. We conducted planning, research and program design that resulted in the purchase of a hydroponic garden shed system from Quantotech. This initiative advances food security

while also creating pathways to social and economic development. We are grateful to engage volunteers, youth, and families.

UPDATE #3: Largest Louis Riel Celebration to Date

Last year, we organized and delivered our largest Louis Riel Day celebration to date, attracting record levels of community participation. The event showcased Métis culture through music, jigging, storytelling, and hands-on youth activities such as beading and dot painting. This successful day helped build pride, visibility, and deeper connections across our community. The celebration was also well attended by civic, provincial, and federal representatives, helping raise awareness and strengthen relationships with government partners.

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MÉTIS CHARTERED COMMUNITY REPORTS

SURREY DELTA MÉTIS ASSOCIATION

Region 2 – Lower Mainland

PRESIDENT: Lee Fraser

VICE-PRESIDENT: Anthony Krilow

SUMMARY:

Surrey Delta Métis Association (SDMA) is proud to have offered diverse workshops and events for our community. Highlights include a Capote workshop and a twice-monthly beading circle. Our Family Gathering Day and Christmas Party were fun and festive, and we appreciated hosting everyone. We're also proud to share our community initiatives that provide care and connection to our youth and our Elders.

UPDATE #1: Workshops

We had a great year with a variety of workshops offered in community. Notably, we hosted a Capote workshop with Deni Paquette from April to May 2025. We were also proud to host jigging lessons with a special Orange Shirt Day performance with Métis Bev from September 28 to 30, 2025.

Community members were invited to participate in a Ribbon Skirt Workshop with Lisa Shepherd on November 9, 2025. We're also thrilled to be offering twice-monthly beading circles. These started in July 2025 and are still ongoing. They've been a great way for community members to connect and hone their skills.

UPDATE #2: Gatherings and Events

We have some ongoing events in addition to highlighting specific days of significance.

Our Métis Elder and Senior Lunches are ongoing on a monthly basis, and these have facilitated many important connections and conversations.

We celebrated a Family Gathering Event on January 25, 2025. Our popular Children of the Fur Trade event took place on April 12, 2025. We were happy to participate in the Indigenous Village at the Cloverdale Rodeo from May 16 to 19, 2025. We marked Orange Shirt Day on September 30, 2025. And we were in attendance for the Louis Riel

Day Proclamation Reading at Surrey City Hall on November 14, 2025.

We held our AGM on October 4, 2025, and we hosted our annual Christmas Party on December 13, 2025.

These events were great opportunities to connect with community members, and we look forward to more celebrations in the new year.

UPDATE #3: Community Initiatives

We are pleased to share that we hosted a Youth Jigging Group. These were drop-in Métis Jigging Classes led by Andre Bessette. These weekly classes were open to Indigenous youth ages 8 to 18. They ran from October 15 to December 17, 2025, and were successfully funded by a BC Arts Council grant.

We also were able to provide Youth Recreation Passes in collaboration with the City of Surrey. These passes were free to SDMA youth residing in Surrey.

Finally, we partook in the B.C. Farmers Market Nutrition Coupon Program. We spend \$1080 on this initiative, for which all SDMA senior Citizens are eligible. 🌱



MÉTIS CHARTERED COMMUNITY REPORTS

WACEYA MÉTIS SOCIETY

Region 2 – Lower Mainland

PRESIDENT: Anthony Wingham

VICE-PRESIDENT: Callum Robinson

SUMMARY:

The past year was eventful and productive for Waceya Métis Society. Though we did not have a physical office, we still experienced an increase in membership and hosted well-attended community-building events consistently throughout the year. We created inclusive opportunities for our membership to become involved and the response has been positive in our community.

UPDATE #1: January – April 2025

We saw our membership grow significantly, reaching more than nine hundred fifty Citizens across Langley and White Rock. During this time, we continued to operate through the red carting system after closing the office in November 2024, ensuring that all 2025 funds supported our programming and community members.

We took an active role on the Indigenous Education Council with the Langley School District, ensuring Métis representation in school planning and improving cultural visibility for Métis students.

We hosted Women's Night, focused on Métis history and harvesting rights, as well as autism community meetups, youth nights, and senior's lunches to maintain connection and belonging.

Additionally, we delivered community programming supported by the Giving Voice grant previously secured (no new grants in early 2025 were reported).

UPDATE #2: May – August 2025

During this time, we met with approximately thirty Métis youth at Aldergrove Community Secondary School, building pride, leadership and cultural identity. Our youth leadership saw a transition. We

strengthened inclusion and access in our youth, families and seniors programming, and our youth leadership saw a transition.

This included the launch of the Diverse Learners Art Project, offering a safe and creative environment for children with unique needs, and seniors lunches, 2SLGBTQ+ nights, youth nights, autism meetups and women's gatherings continued throughout summer.

In terms of events during this period, we held Bannock Baking Day, and Academy Farms' summer gathering created land-based learning experiences for children and families.

UPDATE #3: September – December 2025

In the Autumn months, we held one of our most meaningful cultural gatherings of the year: the Getting into Michif even at Locality Brewing. Locality continued to be the site of the Waceya Medicine garden, where Citizens helped grow sweetgrass, sage and tobacco. We are planning an expansion for 2026. To support cultural food sovereignty, we purchased half a bison for traditional food-sharing with community members.

Another successful event was the Vancouver Giants Métis Night. More than five hundred Citizens attended and received Métis-inspired shirts. It was one of the largest Métis gatherings in the Lower Mainland.

We were also privileged to honour Waceya veterans with sashes and commemorative coins. 🌱



MÉTIS CHARTERED COMMUNITY REPORTS

SALMON ARM MÉTIS ASSOCIATION

Region 3 – Thompson & Okanagan

PRESIDENT: Dave Allard

VICE-PRESIDENT: Melanie Howard

SUMMARY:

Salmon Arm Métis Association (SAMA) is a Chartered Community in Region 3. We cover areas including Revelstoke, Malakwa, Sicamous, Chase, Sorrento, Blind Bay, Enderby, Grindrod and Salmon Arm, and points between. We currently have 687 members. SAMA had a successful year of hosting activities and events in 2025. We hope to use our new facilities to support our community, strengthen our cultural connections, and help those in need in 2026.

We wish to thank MNBC for their continued assistance throughout the year, which helps us support our members. We wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy year ahead!

UPDATES:

January 29, 2025 – We hosted an “Unplug and Play” event to encourage children and families to leave their electronic devices alone, and come out and meet other families to learn about their Métis culture through art. They made dreamcatchers and everyone went home with an indigenous coloring book or a story book. There were approximately 25 people in attendance.

February 2, 2025 – SAMA hosted a chair yoga event.

May 2, 2025 – We relocated to new, larger premises, complete with kitchen facilities so that we can host events involving food.

May 28, 2025 – SAMA held a luncheon in honour of Veteran Eldon Clairmont, who retired. He was presented with a medal. The event was well-attended and enjoyed by all.

June 27, 2025 – We put up a display for Multicultural Day at the Gathering Together Festival in Salmon Arm.

October 5, 2025 – We hosted a bowling and pizza event at the local bowling alley. The event was well attended and enjoyed.

October 22, 2025 – SAMA held an immunization clinic and had a good turnout.

October 25, 2025 – A Food Safe course was offered to Métis persons at Okanagan College which was organized by SAMA.

October 26, 2025 – SAMA held its AGM which was well attended, elections were held and all previous Board Members were voted in for another term.

November 1 and 8, 2025 – SAMA put on moccasin workshops, which were enjoyed by all in attendance.

November 17, 2025 – We hosted a Louis Riel event for the whole community. We served Bannock and chilli to everyone, which we made in our new kitchen.

November 29, 2025 – SAMA hosted a Christmas party held at a local hall. We had 112 people attend, and we gave out door prizes and held a raffle. Local musicians played music. It was a fun and festive atmosphere. 🌸

MÉTIS CHARTERED COMMUNITY REPORTS

VERMILION FORKS MÉTIS ASSOCIATION

Region 3 – Thompson & Okanagan

PRESIDENT: Natasha Smith

VICE-PRESIDENT: Dylan Adam

SUMMARY:

Vermillion Forks Métis Association (VFMA) experienced a successful and active 2025, hosting a variety of events and programs. This past year, we had two successful candidates for our annual bursary. We held many workshops, and our events were well-attended. Vermillion Forks has many more ideas that we plan to explore as we start 2026, including upcoming moccasin and beading classes and a new youth outdoors club. We are excited to share our adventures with everyone in the future.

UPDATE #1: Major Events

Our biggest event of the year was National Indigenous Peoples Day. We set up a teepee, made and enjoyed Bannock. Music was provided by local First Nations and Métis musicians, including singing, drumming, and fiddle music. The event also featured history lessons, craft tables, and games. The community came together to experience and learn about Indigenous culture. Schools brought in all K-12 students. Many community members also joined our activities.

Our annual Louis Riel Day dinner was another great success. We invited our Region

3 Director, Dean Gladue, to join us. We spent this time reflecting and expressing gratitude over a beautiful dinner catered by Little Creek Grill, with music by BeeFiddled. Thank you again for joining us.

On Truth and Reconciliation Day, our association purchased Orange Shirts and put a beautiful "Every Child Matters" image on each shirt, which was then given to community members and local schools. A booth was set up at our local grocery store, and shirts were handed out to anyone who asked for one. Our association also supported one of our local hockey teams by purchasing orange hockey socks that were then worn with their Orange Jerseys supplied by the Orange Shirt Campaign.

UPDATE #2: Gatherings and Workshops

We have continued hosting annual family bowling nights throughout the year. We supplied the venue, food, and beverages for attending families. We also organized a BBQ gathering for families to enjoy, as well as multiple youth board game nights. These events continue to bring our community together and strengthen our connections.

Our sewing group has been busy sewing weekly, creating various projects, while connecting with all who want to join. We also held dress beading workshops as a part of the Red Dress Campaign.

We have also been encouraging active living. One of our members has created a walking group that meets weekly to connect while being in nature. Yoga classes have been a huge success in 2025, and we plan to support more in the new year.

Finally, we hosted two community art contests throughout the year. One had the aim of raising awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and another for Louis Riel Day. We received many beautiful art submissions.

UPDATE #3: Food Security

Every Wednesday, our beautiful volunteers open the doors to the community, inviting them for a hot bowl of soup and freshly made Bannock. This gives community members a safe environment, conversation, and community connection. This weekly event is well-received by the community and is heavily requested to continue, as it has become a community staple.

This year, we also received a grant to host a food preservation class, and it was a great success. We also got a grant to develop a community cookbook, which we're happy to report is nearly finished.

Finally, we organized several holiday food hampers throughout the year to support our Métis community during a period of high food costs. 🌱



MÉTIS CHARTERED COMMUNITY REPORTS

KOOTENAY SOUTH MÉTIS SOCIETY

Region 4 – Kootenays

PRESIDENT: Myrt Servatius

VICE-PRESIDENT: Chris Jung

SUMMARY:

The Kootenay South Métis Association had a very busy and successful year. We are proud to have hosted so many wonderful events and workshops. We also strengthened important partnerships. We continue to hold regular community meetings on the second Tuesday of every month, which provide ongoing opportunities for connection, planning, and cultural sharing. We hope to see you there!

UPDATE #1: Successful Events

We are happy to report that we hosted many successful and well-attended events throughout the year. In May, we participated in Silver City Days, one of our largest annual celebrations. We sold buffalo burgers, which are always highly anticipated and enjoyed by the community.

In June, we had our Indigenous Peoples Day at Gyro Park, which was attended by over 400 people. The celebration included Indigenous dancers, drummers, fiddlers, and jiggers brought in from Vancouver. Free bannock and fry-bread were

provided, and buffalo burgers were also sold so everyone could enjoy them.

From September 15 to October 10, the “Forgotten Métis Legacy of Hope” residential school touring exhibition was brought to Castlegar by Selkirk College in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Day. Several of our members attended, along with students, who learned important information about residential schools and Métis history.

On September 30, we participated in the City of Trail’s Truth and Reconciliation Day event, which had over 500 attendees. Kootenay South Métis Association hosted a booth providing information

about our community, Métis culture, and history. We also set up a teepee where one of our members shared stories with children.

November was a busy month for us. On November 11, we proudly carried our flag in the Remembrance Day parade and presented a wreath at the cenotaph. On November 13, we prepared 400 pieces of bannock for School District 20 students, and for those attending the Louis Riel Day flag raising. On November 14, the Métis flag was raised at City Hall and flown for one week. More than 350 students and community members attended, including the full City of Trail council and the mayor. The event featured a fiddler, banjo player, and guitar player. Children danced the jig despite the rain. One school walked from East Trail to City Hall to attend, helping further raise awareness of Métis culture among youth. Bannock and juice boxes were provided for the children.

On November 16, we hosted our Louis Riel Day banquet, which was attended by approximately 140 people. The evening included entertainment from fiddlers and guitar players, and many gifts were donated by the City of Trail and local businesses. The support shown by the City of Trail and the wider community continues to be absolutely marvellous. Next year, Selkirk College will be flying the Métis flag for Louis Riel Day.

UPDATE #2: Classes and Workshops

Throughout the year, we offered a variety of classes and workshops to support cultural learning and community well-being. We hosted a drum-making workshop that was attended by 15 participants ranging in age from 10 to 80, reflecting strong intergenerational involvement.

In May, we held a CORE and PAL course at our office, which was successfully completed by all participants.

On April 22, we hosted a harm reduction session with 17 attendees. The session was very informative, and we were pleased to offer this important learning opportunity to our community.

In December, we held beading classes over three Sundays, during which participants learned how to create a Métis flower. Beginning in January, participants will be learning to make earrings, and in the Spring, we plan to offer additional workshops, including ribbon skirt making and pine basket weaving.

UPDATE #3: Community Involvement

Community involvement remained a strong focus for the Kootenay South Métis Association. This year, we recognized 27 Métis graduates within School District 20 by presenting graduation sashes. Separate gatherings were held at Stanley Humphries School and at Crowe. We also recognized four Métis graduates from Selkirk College, and some of these students proudly wore their sashes during graduation ceremonies.

We sponsored a slo-pitch team called Beaverlodge, which included eight Métis players, and our logo was displayed on their team shirts. We also participated in highway clean-ups twice during the year, once in the Spring and once in the Fall. A large sign identifying Kootenay South Métis Association was displayed, and we were invited by Trail Community in Bloom to attend their banquet in recognition of this work.

Our Elder and President, Myrt, known as Kookum on campus, continues to play an important role at Selkirk College. She attends the campus every Monday, sharing Métis culture and knowledge, conducting blanket ceremonies, and serving as an Elder for campus openings and other groups. She also works closely with School District 20 to teach students about Métis history and culture. 🌸



MÉTIS CHARTERED COMMUNITY REPORTS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MÉTIS ASSOCIATION

Region 4 – Kootenays

PRESIDENT: Suzanne Fiddler

VICE-PRESIDENT: Mike Niezen

SUMMARY:

Our community hosted many successful and engaging workshops last year. We also created volunteer opportunities to help community members feel a bolstered sense of belonging. We were successful in securing supportive grants for mental wellness and health. Our community also had the chance to host two summer students.

UPDATE #1: Successful Events

We are pleased to share that we were able to host members of Vancouver Canucks through the ISPARC program. They travelled to Cranbrook to hold a floor hockey event.

We held additional outdoor events during the summer. During the winter, we hosted our popular winter market, a children's Christmas party. And throughout the year, we held several kitchen parties.

UPDATE #2: A Diversity of Workshops

Rocky Mountain Métis Association was thrilled to offer a variety of engaging workshops with our community during the previous year. Themes ranged

from bow making, meat processing, herbology, genealogy, MocRock painting and medicine bag-making.

UPDATE #3: Community Connections

We began a Citizenship committee, which took care to visit community members in the hospital and at home. This committee also recognized community members who have had significant life events, such as births or funerals. In every workshop, participants made two items: one for the committee and one to take home. In this way, we aimed to promote a sense of connection and belonging. 🌸



MÉTIS CHARTERED COMMUNITY REPORTS

MÉTIS NATION NEW CALEDONIA SOCIETY

Region 5 – North Central

PRESIDENT: Lana Olson

VICE-PRESIDENT: Heather Weaver

SUMMARY:

Métis Nation New Caledonia continues to focus on building strong community connections across our three smaller communities in the Region. While bringing Citizens together can be more challenging due to geography, we remain committed to hosting meaningful events and workshops, and we are proud to see steady growth in participation.

Over the past year, we hosted well-attended events that demonstrated the strength and engagement of our community members. We are especially proud that many of our workshops are now being led by our own community members, reinforcing our mandate to “keep our culture alive.” Through these gatherings, we celebrate the Métis way of life by bridging youth with elders and preserving our culture for future generations.

UPDATE #1: Annual Métis Day Celebration

Our Annual Métis Day Celebration in the Park has been a cherished tradition for the past five years. This year’s celebration was hosted at the Fort St. James Historical Park, a former trading post rich in Métis history, providing a culturally significant setting. The day featured cultural music, jigging lessons, horse-drawn wagon rides, face painting, a pie auction, and cultural vendors.

UPDATE #2: Community Gatherings

Each November, we honour Louis Riel Day with a community dinner and dance, which includes a traditional sashing ceremony. This event is sponsored in part by MNBC and our society, and we invite Presidents from our region to join us for this fun celebration.

Our annual Christmas gathering brings families from all three communities together for a shared potluck

meal and festivities. Gifts are provided for children, and we support our families by sponsoring Christmas dinners through the distribution of turkeys, hams, and gift cards, ensuring everyone can celebrate the season together.

UPDATE #3: Workshops

Throughout the year, we host a variety of cultural workshops designed to strengthen cultural knowledge. These workshops include moccasin making, ribbon skirt creation, drum making, mitts, harvesting, and food preserving. We are honoured to bring in Elders and knowledgeable community members to teach beading, and how to make key chains, medicine bags, and other traditional practices. These workshops provide valuable opportunities for hands-on learning, cultural sharing, and intergenerational connection. 🌱



MÉTIS CHARTERED COMMUNITY REPORTS

PRINCE GEORGE MÉTIS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Region 5 – North Central

PRESIDENT: Sylvia Desrocher

VICE-PRESIDENT: Thomas Spence

SUMMARY:

Prince George Métis Community Association (PGMCA) is thrilled to share some major milestones reached this year with the caliber of events we were able to host. Additionally, a move to a new location enabled us to host a wide diversity of workshops to suit the interests and needs of many community members. We also had the honour of sashing local Métis students. From a projected 120 Métis High School students, University students, and College grads, PGMCA Elders Sylvia Desrocher and Ray Anderson were honored to sash and gift 91 very happy grads. It was wonderful to see the pride and joy in the faces of the students, and all of the gratitude they expressed. We benefitted the most from doing this wonderful gesture for well-deserving students. Overall, we had a positive year with a lot of engagement and successes.

UPDATE #1: Major Successes in Event Hosting

We are proud to share that we were able to bring the Asham Stompers to Prince George. This was a huge undertaking, as we had never attempted such an endeavor. We networked, entered valuable partnerships, and strengthened our relationship with the mayor. In order to receive funding from one of our local grantors, we performed a jig in front of the Prince George community. We were well received. Overall, this experience was well worth the effort.

We also hosted two well-attended luncheons on our usual schedule. One was the Louis Riel celebration, and the other was a Christmas event. Each year, our luncheons have increased in size, and this year was no different. We hosted 140 people and still had others on our waiting list. Providing that we have the funding, we hope to extend the venue to accommodate everyone who would like to attend. PGMCA and Niwikowin Family Services joined forces with the Giving Tree project to support three families.

We are also regularly running a Métis book club, Métis crib nights, Métis beading, and continuing with our all-inclusive circles.

During Indigenous Days, we set up our usual booth and had the chance to meet with many in the community. We also hosted Métis Veterans Day to honour our Métis veterans.

UPDATE #2: Move to a New Location

With some support from MNBC, PGMCA moved into a new space that allows the Métis to gather and hold many small workshops. The parking at this facility is much better, creating more accessibility for community members. We are now located in South Fort George, which has a long history of being one of the first Métis communities in Prince George.

UPDATE #3: A Variety of Well-Attended Workshops

PGMCA has been hosting workshops that appeal to a variety of needs and interests in our community. We hold our Talking Wellness Circles, which feature traditional medicine teachings and yoga style exercise. These are funded jointly in part by the MNMC Safe Communities Grant, and a small grant from PlanH.

A small grant from ISPARC enabled us to hold gardening workshops, including canning moose meat with a pressure cooker. Last year, we experimented with gardening in bags, and this year we will be offering a workshop on starting seeds. Additionally, we held one Food Safe workshop. And to encourage healthy movement, we were able to add a jigging workshop called Get Jiggy With It.

Our Elder Tom Spence is offering traditional teachings on Sundays, where AimHi gym has

provided free use of the space. A men's wellness workshop is currently in the planning stages.

We are also currently working on finding facilitators to share information on toxic drugs and safety with the Métis public. This has been challenging, but we're happy to report that progress is being made. 🌱

MÉTIS CHARTERED COMMUNITY REPORTS

THE CARIBOO CHILCOTIN MÉTIS ASSOCIATION

Region 5 – North Central

PRESIDENT: Marlene Swears

VICE-PRESIDENT: Alex Norquay

SUMMARY:

Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association had an exciting year. We had the opportunity to move into a bigger office with a board room. It has been a long time coming for us. We can now offer more programs in our own facility. We have hired a Métis contractor who is currently installing some renovations and bringing the space to life. This new space offers us more opportunities, and we're excited to share some highlights with you. We warmly invite you all to stop in at our new location for a coffee and a snack when you are travelling through our area.

UPDATE #1: Early Years Resource Center

With some new funding available from the Chartered Community Project Proposal, we have built an early years resource center downstairs in our office. We received additional funding with our Aboriginal Early years Childhood Development contract to hire a part-time worker who connects with Métis children in our school district. She will utilize the resource center to offer one-on-one and small group programs.

UPDATE #2: Successful Gatherings and Events

This past summer, we held our 10th annual jamboree at McLeese Lake. As always, meeting new families in our area was highlight last year. We are seeing an increase in participants in our cultural games and family day.

In 2026, we are thrilled to mark 30 years operating in Williams Lake, and we are planning a bigger celebration for our jamboree to ring in our anniversary.

Our Louis Riel Day celebration was held at the same time as our Christmas event, but this year we had the opportunity to honour our Métis Veterans and thank them for their service. We would like to continue this as a yearly event.

Our Christmas party is always a maximum-capacity event. This was supported by the Ministry of Children and Families, as we have a large turn out of Métis children. We are known for our inclusivity of surrounding cultures, and it is always fun to mix the families together for an evening of games, Métis music and food.

UPDATE #3: Relationship-Building

We have successfully been building and strengthening local partnerships. We have been connecting with the Bella Coola School District and offering support with the creation of their Indigenous Education Committee. In our own school district, our office has held two seats on the Indigenous Education Committee for the past 20 years. As such, we have built a wonderful relationship with our school district and continue to offer cultural presentations and education on Métis culture. One of our Elders also works in the Friendship Centre Head Start program and daycare program two days per week, providing Métis culture connections with children under school age.

Three staff from the office had the opportunity to do a helicopter tour with Tweedsmuir Air, through Indigenous Tourism. We look forward to more engagement and connections with the communities west of ours.

Over the year, we've held numerous office functions thanks to funds received from different MNBC programs. The engagement from the youth and Elders has been increasing over the past couple

years. Special events have been attended to capacity.

Finally, we're proud to say that our community free store—"Give a Little, Take a Little"—is still in operation. There has been a large increase in the number of people accessing it. We were supported this year by some other provincial initiatives which have allowed us to stay in operation with a part-time employee. This program has been recognized as a valuable community asset from the city and other service providers. We are currently seeking ongoing funding to keep this available over the next year. 🌱



MÉTIS CHARTERED COMMUNITY REPORTS

NORTHWEST BC MÉTIS ASSOCIATION

Region 6 – Northwest

PRESIDENT: Bernadette Chaboyer

SUMMARY:

Northwest BC Métis Association is grateful to share a few highlights from a year full of connection and celebrating Métis culture. We're especially proud on updates around our no-cost child care program, the inclusion of a Métis sash in the local hospital, and the successful hosting of one of our largest events to date.

UPDATE #1: Progress on Our No-Cost Child Care Program

Significant progress was made on the No-Cost Child Care Program over the past year. The Northwest BC Métis Association completed a Request for Proposals (RFP) process in collaboration with David Hansen, Executive Director of K5T / Kulspai Learning Village. As a result of this process, the childcare contract was successfully awarded.

This collaboration supports the delivery of culturally responsive, community-based child care services while strengthening local capacity. The No-Cost Child Care Program is scheduled to open on April 1

2026, and will increase access to affordable childcare for families. The program is expected to support workforce participation, family stability, and overall community well-being.

UPDATE #2: Métis Sash in Kitimat Hospital

With the support of Northern Health, the Northwest BC Métis Association facilitated the professional framing and installation of a Métis sash at Kitimat Hospital. This display serves as a visible acknowledgment of Métis identity, history, and ongoing presence within the healthcare system.

The inclusion of the Métis sash advances cultural safety, visibility, and reconciliation by fostering respectful recognition of Métis Citizens within a public healthcare setting. This initiative contributes to the creation of more inclusive, culturally safe spaces and reflects a shared commitment to reconciliation and respect.

UPDATE #3: Louis Riel Day Event

The Northwest BC Métis Association proudly hosted a Louis Riel Day dinner that became one of our largest community events to date, welcoming over 130 community members. The event was catered by Chef Chrystal Seymour of K5T / Kulspai Learning Village and featured live music by Métis musicians, creating a warm and celebratory atmosphere.

An Elders panel opened the gathering with reflections and kind words, including contributions from our beloved Sandra and Anne of Kitselas, setting a respectful and culturally grounded tone. The event supported reconciliation and cultural safety priorities by honouring Métis history, identity, and lived experiences, fostering intergenerational learning, and strengthening community connection, cultural continuity, and pride. 🌸



PRINCE RUPERT AND DISTRICT MÉTIS SOCIETY

Region 6 – Northwest

PRESIDENT: **Joy Sundin**

VICE-PRESIDENT: **Stefanie Coutu**

SUMMARY:

Prince Rupert & District Métis Society (PRDMS) is pleased to share some highlights from a very eventful year full of community connection. We are proud to have offered meaningful workshops and events in service of our community.

UPDATE #1: Emergency Preparedness Workshop

PRDMS organized an Emergency Preparedness Workshop for PRDMS Citizens in April 2025. This workshop featured a fantastic presentation and guided discussion about personal emergency situation preparations by a paramedic who is a Ground Search and Rescue volunteer as well as a Canadian Ranger. PRDMS supplied the starter waterproof kit tote and filled it with a number of basic essentials including crank Radio/Charger/ Flashlight, an Emergency Blanket, hand warmers, Fox whistles, and a list of supplies for Citizens to fill their totes with.

The very successful workshop helped families be ready for an emergency and take an important step toward being prepared for disasters like power and gas outages, earthquakes, floods, and slides, etc. We were offering to help reduce the impact of disasters and reduce the fears in order to help ourselves and each other in our community.

UPDATE #2: Seafest Community Festival

Participation in the annual Prince Rupert Seafest community festival held every June is always a super fun way to share our culture and music with friends and family. PRDMS hosts a parade float with our Métis musicians, Andrew on fiddle and Tom on drums and percussion. We also host a barbecued bison

burger booth, and we can't keep up with the demand for the mouth-watering burgers! As we profile our local Métis community at this festival, it encourages many people to start to look into their genealogy and find out that they are Métis from the Red River! And our Métis community grows!

UPDATE #3:

A Kayaking Potluck event was held in August 2025 with a stunning sunny day. Citizens enjoyed paddling on the rising Pacific tide with a little wind on their backs. We barbequed bison burgers, ate enough sweets to hold us until Christmas I'm sure, and had a wonderful time on the water with our families. 🌸



MÉTIS CHARTERED COMMUNITY REPORTS

TRI-RIVER MÉTIS ASSOCIATION

Region 6 – Northwest

PRESIDENT: Dawn McConnell

VICE-PRESIDENT: Corri Oliarny

SUMMARY:

This past year has been all about building community connections. We're pleased to share how we've been bringing our community together during the past year.

UPDATE #1: Monthly Kitchen Party Updates

It has been so important for our community to have this consistent monthly event. We began holding these parties in 2025, and we're thrilled that the number of participants continues to increase each month.

UPDATE #2: Medicinal Plant Walks

We're grateful to have been able to host a medicinal plant walk workshop series. It brought our community together on the land. We had the opportunity to learn about the plants that grow in our region, proper harvesting techniques, recipes to utilize the plants, and salve-making workshops. It was important to us that community members could engage with experiential place-based learning.

UPDATE #3: Family Day Sleigh Ride

Our annual Family Day Sleigh Ride was a hit once again. It is one of our most popular events. We come together to share good food and good company. The sleigh rides and bonfire provide lots of outdoor winter fun. ❄️





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