



AGA 2025: Know Before You Go



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MMF Annual General Assembly: Your Guide for a Great Experience

It's that time of year again Citizens! As we prepare for the largest gathering of Red River Métis in the country, we are pleased to provide you with this guide to help you navigate the busy and exciting days ahead at our Annual General Assembly.

This assembly is more than a meeting; it is a living tradition. It is a place where we reconnect as a community, celebrate our unique culture, and honour our successes from the past year. At the same time, it is the fundamental engine of our Red River Métis government, where the course for our future is set.

The strength of our Red River Métis Government is a direct reflection of you. Your presence and your voice are what give our leadership its mandate and our Nation its direction. Whether you are speaking to a resolution, asking a question of your leadership, or listening to the debates that will shape our collective path, your involvement is the most vital part of this process.

We look forward to a weekend of powerful discussion, proud celebration, and shared progress. Welcome.

To help you plan your visit, here is some key information about the event schedule, services, and activities at MMF AGA 2025 October 17-19, 2025.



AGA 2025 Schedule at a Glance

Thursday, Oct 16

Early Registration (Lobby): 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Friday, October 17

Registration: Opens at 7:00 AM

Tradeshow: 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Assembly: 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Lunch: Served at 12:00 PM

Monster Bingo: Doors open and sales begin at 6:00 PM. Games run from 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM. *A cash snack bar will be available.*

Saturday, October 18

Registration: 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Tradeshow: 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Assembly: 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Lunch: Served at 12:00 PM

Dinner: Served on the Main Floor at 5:30 PM

Tribute Concert & Family Night: 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Sunday, October 19

Registration: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Tradeshow: 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Assembly: 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Lunch: Served at 12:00 PM



1. Arrival and Registration

When you arrive at Assiniboia Downs, the main lobby is your first stop.

Citizenship Card is Essential: Please have your Red River Metis Citizenship Card ready. It is required for entry and will be scanned to register you.

Registration Process: Once scanned, our team will confirm your delegate status and direct you where to pick up your name tag and AGA kit.

Safety & Security - A Note for All Attendees: To ensure a safe and comfortable environment for all our Citizens, Elders, and children, please be aware that large bags may be subject to a quick security check upon entry. To help speed up the entrance process for everyone, we encourage you to bring only essential items. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and welcoming space for our community to gather.

2. Parking and On-Site Transportation

General Parking: The main parking lot is available for all Citizens.

Golf Cart Shuttles: For your convenience, golf carts will be running to escort Citizens from the main parking lot to the front doors. Priority is given to Elders, those with mobility needs, and families with young children.

Accessible Parking: Designated accessible parking is available in the south lot for vehicles with a provincial handicap pass.

Shuttle Service: For those staying at partner hotels, a shuttle service is available. The drop-off and check-in point is located in the main lobby of each hotel.



3. Seating and Viewing

Seating is organized across multiple levels. All satellite locations will have full audio and video feeds from the Main Hall.

Main Floor Hall: Reserved for specific delegates and those with pre-registered mobility needs (wristband required).

General Seating: Available in the Main Level Red River Metis Pavillion, the Lower Level, and the Second Floor. Seating in these areas is first-come, first-served.

Dedicated ASL Location: The satellite viewing location on the Second Floor includes a dedicated space for American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation. (Please see Registration to register for this service.)

Elders' Lounge: Located on the north side of the Main Hall, this lounge is a quiet space for Elders and their escorts to rest and enjoy light refreshments (wristband required). There will also be reserved seating just outside of the lounge, and at front stage for Elders and their escorts.

4. Services for Citizens

Information Booth (Lobby): Your central point for general questions, media check-in, and the Lost & Found for children.

First Aid (Lobby): A clearly marked First Aid station is located in the lobby for any medical needs. If you have an emergency – please advise a staff member and if possible attend to the Information Booth in the Lobby for assistance.

Lost Children Protocol: The Information Booth is the designated site for lost children. Should a child be separated from their family, please report it to the Information Booth immediately so staff and security can be notified.

Citizen Inquiry Form (Information Booth): Have a question for an MMF department? Fill out an inquiry form and drop it off to be forwarded to the right team.

CRO Bus (Main Entrance): The Central Registry Office bus will be parked outside the main entrance for Citizens needing assistance with renewals or Harvesting needs.

Health & Wellness Van (Outdoor Area): The mobile Health and Wellness van will be on-site to provide clinical services.



Refreshment Stations: Coffee, tea, water, and light snacks will be available throughout the day.

5. Special Events & Activities

Tradeshow (Third Floor): Open all three days. Visit over one hundred booths from MMF Departments, affiliates, and Métis-owned businesses.

Mini AGA for Kids (Ages 6-12): Held all weekend in the outdoor tent, this is a fun, interactive space with Red River Métis games, crafts, and Michif lessons.

Métis Market (Outdoor Area): Shop for official merchandise and artisan goods at the Red River Métis Marketplace, located in a large tent on the east tarmac.

IWS Rainbow Auction (Third Floor): Support the Infinity Women Secretariat's Bereavement Fund for a chance to win incredible prizes. Donations can be dropped off in the Tradeshow area.

Pickle Contest: Drop off your sealed jar of homemade pickles at the Information Booth before noon on Saturday, Oct 18.

"An Evening Remembering 'Big' Al Desjarlais" (Saturday Night): Join us in the Main Hall for a special tribute concert celebrating the life and music of a Red River Métis icon.

Family Night (Saturday Night): At the same time as the concert, head to the lower level for a Rummy and Cribbage tournament and games for children.

In Closing

Thank you for bringing your voice, your wisdom, and your passion to this year's Annual General Assembly. The resolutions passed and the direction set this weekend are vital, but just as important are the connections we have renewed and the community spirit we have shared. As we depart, let us carry this momentum forward into our home communities. The strength of our Nation is built day by day, and the work we do together in the year ahead will stand on the powerful foundation we have reinforced here. We wish you and your families a safe journey home.



MMF AGA Shuttle Bus Service Schedule

Schedule for the Polo Park Area for the following hotels:

Best Western Plus Winnipeg Airport 1715 Wellington Avenue
Hilton Winnipeg Airport & Suites 1800 Wellington Avenue
Holiday Inn Winnipeg Airport-Polo Park 1740 Ellice Avenue
Residence Inn 1301 Ellice Avenue
Fairfield 1301 Ellice Avenue
Homewood Suites 1295 Ellice Avenue
Mainstay 670 King Edwards Street
Sandman Hotel & Suites Winnipeg Airport 1750 Sargent Avenue
Sandman Signature Winnipeg Airport Hotel & Suites 1760 Sargent Avenue
Hampton Inn By Hilton 730 Berry Street

THURSDAY OCTOBER 16, 2025

Limited shuttle service available upon request

6:30pm-9:30pm

FRIDAY OCTOBER 17, 2025, AND SATURDAY OCTOBER 18, 2025

7:30am-10:00pm

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19, 2025

7:30am-6:30pm

Call **204-914-3181** or **204-914-3242** to request a shuttle to and from your hotel to AGA



Schedule for the Headingley Area for the following hotels:

Best Western Plus Winnipeg West 4140 Portage Avenue
Motel 6 Headingley 4400 Portage Avenue
Super 8 Hotel 3760 Portage Avenue

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Poster: AGA 2025 Agenda



NOTE: Metis Hour x2, Tradeshow and Mini AGA closed during Opening Ceremonies

<u>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16</u>	<u>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18</u>	<u>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19</u>
DELEGATE REGISTRATION 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. Main Lobby Assiniboia Downs	DELEGATE REGISTRATION 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. Main Lobby Assiniboia Downs	DELEGATE REGISTRATION 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. Main Lobby Assiniboia Downs
<u>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17</u>	9:30 A.M. MAIN ASSEMBLY HALL	9:30 A.M. MAIN ASSEMBLY HALL
DELEGATE REGISTRATION 7:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. Main Lobby Assiniboia Downs	Opening Ceremonies	Carry over of Business from Day 2
MEETING START 9:30 A.M. MAIN ASSEMBLY HALL	Prayer Archbishop Murray Chatlain	Resolutions
Opening Prayer Elder Linda St. Cyr-Saric	Dignitary Greetings	Other Business
Appointment of Co-Chairs	Introduction of MMF Cabinet	Rainbow Auction Proceeds to Bereavement Fund
Acceptance of Agenda	State of the Nation Address President David Chartrand	4:00 p.m. Closing Remarks
Appointment of Resolutions Committee	Tribute to Minister John Fleury	Closing Prayer Elder Linda St. Cyr Saric
Minutes of the October, 2024 Annual General Assembly	Portfolio / Department Reports	
Local By-Law Workshop	Audit / Financial Report	
Constitution Workshop	4:30 P.M. Break for the Day	
4:30 P.M. Break for the Day	5:00 p.m. – Dinner Main Assembly Hall	
7:00 P.M. - MONSTER BINGO Doors open: 6:00 p.m.	7:00 P.M. TRIBUTE CONCERT HONOURING AL DESJARLAIS Main Assembly Hall	
	Family Fun Night – Lower Level	



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Poster: Mini AGA

integrity in our identity

MINI AGA

Red River Métis games,
crafts, Michif, and more!

Outdoor programming tent at Assiniboia Downs

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For kids age 6-12

Friday, Oct. 17: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 18: 12 p.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 19: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

No programming during opening ceremony

Pre register
QR Code
or
Register your
child on site



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General Assembly





Poster: Monster Bingo

MONSTER BINGO

OCTOBER 17, 2025 | 7:00 P.M.
ASSINIBOIA DOWNS

OPEN TO ALL

Ticket sales start at **6:00 p.m.**
Early bird games start at **7:00 p.m.**
Regular Bingo is at 7:30 p.m.

*Pre-sale tickets available at 150 Henry Ave,
until October 15.*

\$100
per ticket

\$50,000
Cash and prizes

License #853BIB0



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Poster: Special Tribute Concert

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR A

∞ SPECIAL TRIBUTE CONCERT ∞

AN EVENING REMEMBERING THE MUSIC OF
“BIG” AL DESJARLAIS

PHIL DESJARLAIS | DARREN LAVALLEE | RUSSELL COOK MEMORIAL SINGERS | MIKE LAZUE
 AND SO MUCH MORE



OCTOBER 18, 2025 | 7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. | MAIN HALL AT ASSINIBOIA DOWNS

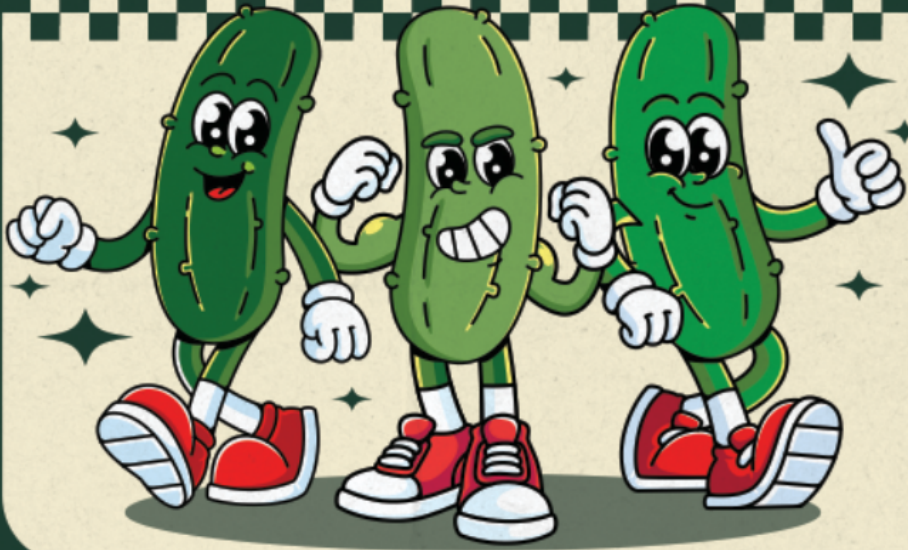
Cribbage and Rummy Tournament & Kids activities in the lower level



Poster: Pickler Classic



**5TH ANNUAL MMF
PICKLER CLASSIC**
OCTOBER 19, 2025



✦ ✦ All participants **MUST** pre-register with ✦ ✦
Tabitha Park at tabitha.park@mmf.mb.ca

Registration is based on **"First come, First Serve"** basis,
once 40 registrations have been received, registration will close.

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Registered participants are to bring their Dill Pickle Jars to the General
Information area at the MMF AGA before Noon on October 18, 2025.

Jars must have sealed lids that are set. Jars that are not set will be disqualified.



AGA Citizen Inquiry Form

Name (optional): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Region: _____

Local (optional): _____

Which Department or Affiliate are you inquiring about:

How can we help you? (check all that apply):

☐ General Question

☐ Concern/Issue

☐ Suggestion/Idea

Your Question / Concern / Suggestion:

Additional Comments:

