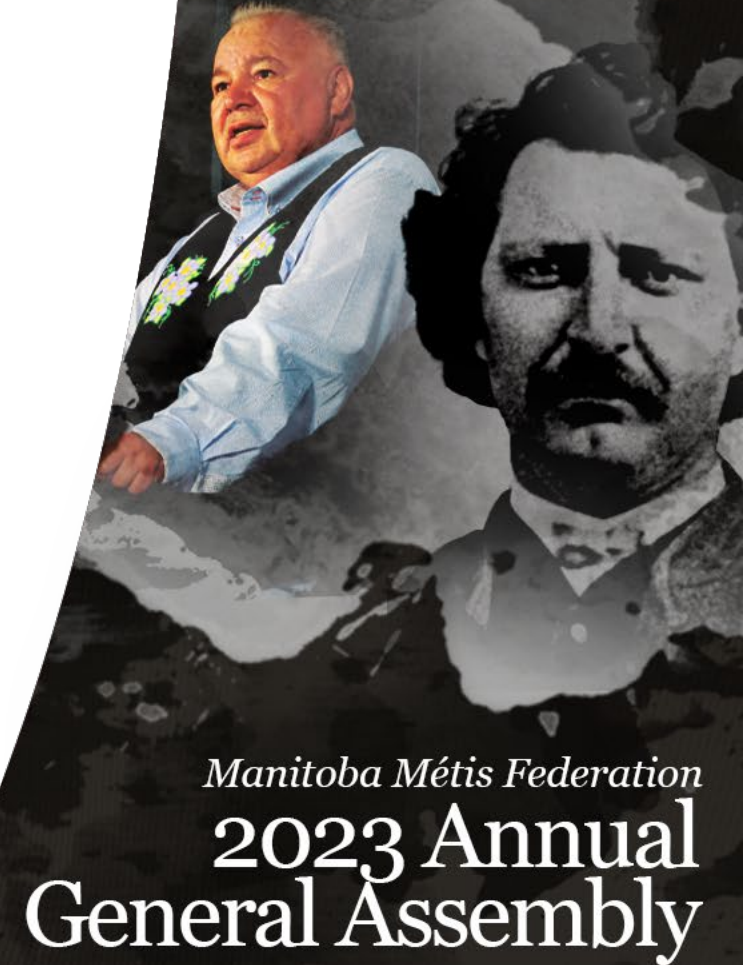


Our Historic Advancements

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Culture & Heritage Report



Department Overview

- This is the first year that the department of Culture & Heritage has operated as a stand-alone department. We now have five staff: A Director and four program support staff.
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- The Department is building capacity and securing funding for cultural events. We are partnering and collaborating with other departments and the Louis Riel Institute to promote and preserve Red River Métis culture and heritage.



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Past Cultural Events and Promotion

- We had a very successful National Indigenous Peoples' Day again this year on June 21 – approximately 1500 people came out to Selkirk Park to celebrate Métis culture with us.
- With our partners in Métis Employment and Training, Métis Community Liaison Department and the Louis Riel Institute, we had a wonderful Elders and Youth Gathering from August 29-30 with Red River Métis Elders and youth from all over the province.
- The Métis Music Van continues to make its rounds, sharing Métis music and culture everywhere it goes. Unfortunately, the van has been less active in the past few months due to some health issues I've had, but we are hoping to be back on track in the near future!

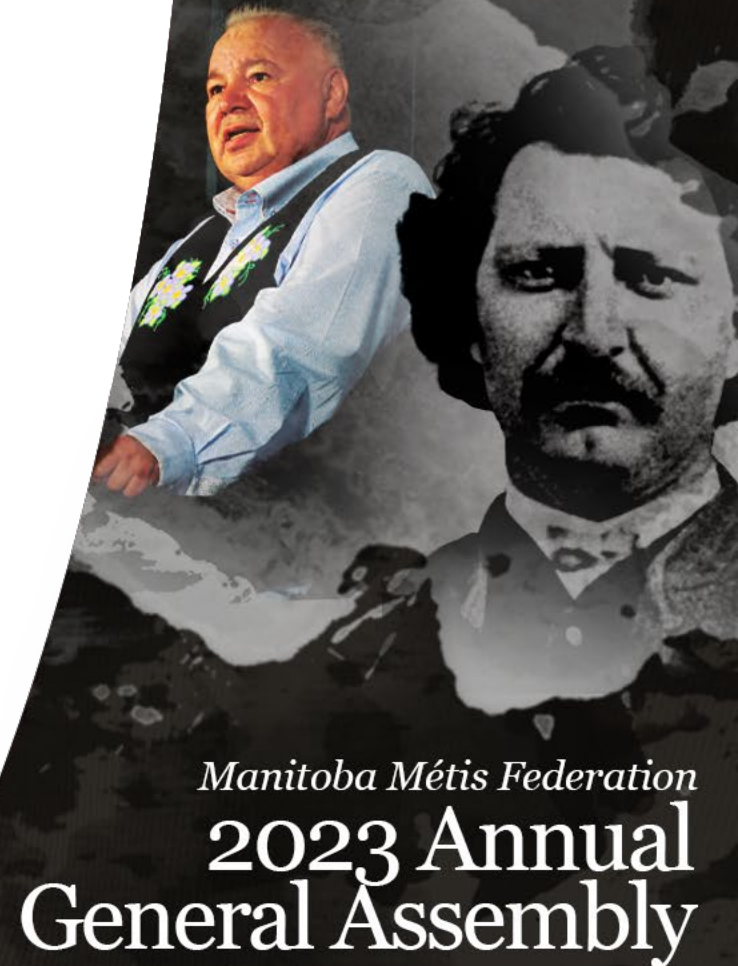


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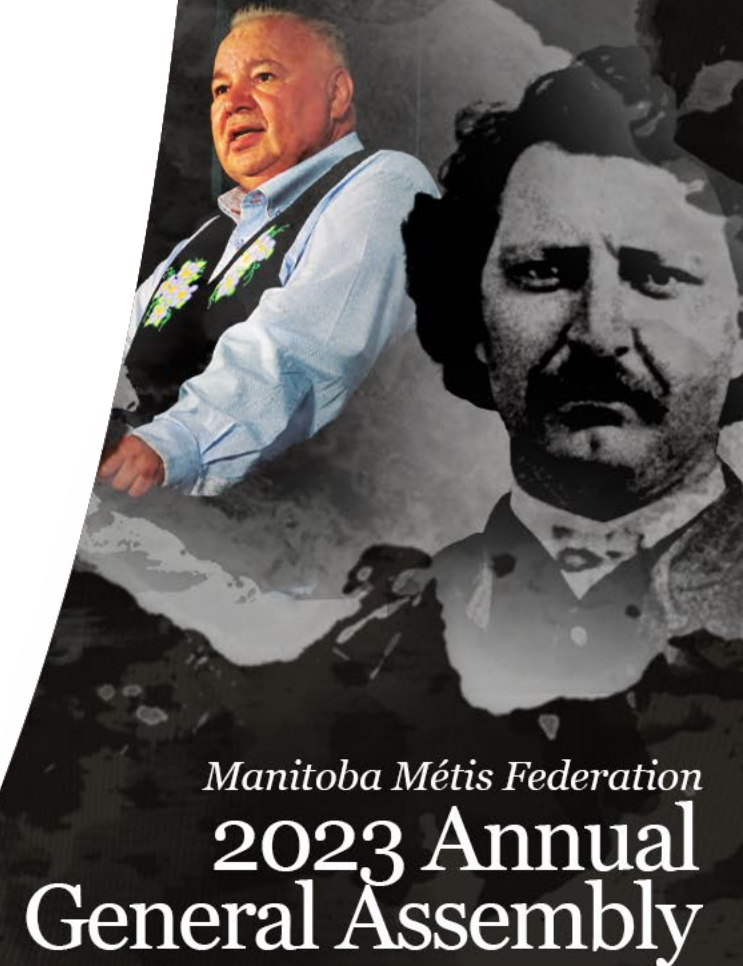
Culture & Heritage Newsletter and Events Calendar

- The Culture & Heritage department has created a newsletter which will be released quarterly – the first issue is available now at the Culture & Heritage booth upstairs at the Trade Show.
- The newsletter will soon be up on our webpage and will also be sent to the Regional offices.
- One thing that we want to include in each newsletter is a calendar of Red River Métis culture and heritage events across the province. This calendar will also be updated regularly on our website.
- The hope is to eventually create an events calendar that allows people to explore the province: Travel Manitoba - Métis Style!



Future Plans

- We want to increase the reach of the Métis Music Van so that we are able to bring it into all the regions and locals who want it.
- We are increasing our presence in a variety of events around the province – attending parades, school events, festivals and markets to promote Red River Métis culture and heritage.
- We are exploring ways we can partner with and support regions and locals in their culture and heritage events. We want to make sure that Red River Métis cultural events are promoted and supported!
- We continue to partner with other departments and affiliates to plan MMF culture and heritage events.



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