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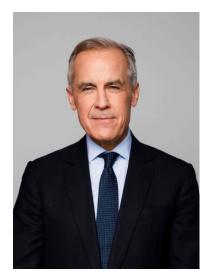


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# ANNUAL GREETINGS - THE RIGHT HONOURABLE MARK CARNEY, P.C., O.C., M.P., PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA



I would like to convey my warmest greetings to everyone taking part in the 2025 Annual General Assembly of the National Government of the Red River Métis. Since it was established, the National Government of the Red River Métis has dedicated itself to advancing the wellbeing of Manitoba's Métis community. This event provides an opportunity to review your accomplishments over the past year, discuss issues of importance, and establish goals and priorities for the future.

I would like to thank the organizers of this year's AGA for putting together a rewarding program for everyone involved. I am certain that delegates will make the most of this chance to network, build relationships, and contribute to this important gathering.

I wish you all a productive assembly.

# ANNUAL GREETINGS - THE HONOURABLE ANITA R. NEVILLE, P.C., O.M. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF MANITOBA

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As the King's representative in Manitoba, I am pleased to welcome the leadership, volunteers and delegates gathering in Winnipeg for the 2025 Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) Annual General Assembly.

As an organization, MMF has long played an important role in representing the interests of our province's Métis community, providing an influential voice on significant issues.

Your work continues to make a positive contribution to the lives of your members and our entire provincial community through effective advocacy and a comprehensive slate of thoughtful programming. Your cultural pride and shared commitment to the well-being of Métis people is admirably apparent in everything you do, reminding us all of the importance of unity, intercultural respect and understanding in building a solid foundation for a peaceful, just society.

As you convene for your annual assembly to discuss the progress your organization has made over the past year, assess the challenges you faced and plan for the future, I wish you an inspiring meeting and continued success.

# ANNUAL GREETINGS - THE HONOURABLE WAB KINEW, PREMIER OF MANITOBA



As Premier of Manitoba, I am happy to provide a message of welcome to the Manitoba Métis Federation for your 2025 Annual General Assembly.

The nation-to-nation relationship our government has with the Manitoba Métis Federation is deeply valuable. Working side by side, we are taking concrete steps to advance reconciliation and make life better in Manitoba together.

One of the first things we did after forming government was pass legislation officially recognizing Louis Riel as Manitoba's first Premier. This legislation was the result of years of advocacy and hard work, and we were proud to join you in getting it done.

Since then, we have continued to foster our collaborative relationship, including with a historic joint cabinet meeting between Manitoba's provincial cabinet and the MMF cabinet, and a memorandum of understanding to guide the return of Ste. Madeline back to the Red River Métis. Recently, we have collaborated to support evacuees during this summer's wildfire crisis, and I am deeply grateful for the MMF's partnership during this challenging time.

In all our work together, we are guided by the values of reconciliation, collaboration, and respect. It is this spirit that will ensure our success as we continue to build a future where everyone belongs.

I wish you meaningful connection and productive collaboration during your Annual General Assembly. Miigwech, Merci, Thank you.



## ANNUAL GREETINGS - ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER SCOTT MCMURCHY, COMMANDING OFFICER, MANITOBA RCMP



Citizens and friends of the Red River Métis Nation,

On behalf of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Manitoba, it is my privilege and honour to extend warm greetings to all attendees of the Manitoba Métis Federation's 2025 Annual General Assembly.

This Assembly is a powerful expression of Métis community, culture, and governance vital to the progress of the Red River Métis Nation. The RCMP in Manitoba recognizes the historic and contemporary contributions of Métis peoples and remains committed to fostering respectful relationships built upon trust, transparency, and mutual understanding.

We are proud to stand alongside the Red River Métis Nation in celebrating your achievements, honouring your heritage, and supporting your vision for a vibrant and self-determined future. As partners in public safety and reconciliation, we look forward to continuing our shared journey toward a stronger, more inclusive Manitoba.

Congratulations on this important Assembly, thank you for your leadership and resilience and I wish everyone a productive Assembly and a successful year ahead.

# ANNUAL GREETINGS - HONOURABLE NAHANNI FONTAINE, MINISTER OF FAMILIES, MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCESSIBILITY, MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR GENDER EQUITY



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I'm honoured to extend warm greetings to the Manitoba Métis Federation on the 2025 Annual General Assembly. This event is a great opportunity to celebrate so many achievements including the continued revival of the Michif language, the many ways MMF contributes to the culture and the history of Manitoba and the long-awaited official recognition of Louis Riel as the first Premier of Manitoba. This gathering will honour your collective wisdom and shape a future reflecting the strength of the Métis Nation.

As we look to the future, we often think of our children. Our children carry the future in their hearts and their wellbeing shapes our path forward. This path honours and respects inherent jurisdiction of Indigenous child welfare. This is why my top priority, and our entire Government, is to transition jurisdiction of child welfare back to Indigenous Governments and families where it belongs.

My department is committed to working alongside Indigenous governments to move forward with jurisdiction. Last summer the province issued an Order in Council, which signals our

commitment to enter into a coordination agreement with the MMF and Canada in respect of child and family services for Red River Métis citizens. It is important to me to continuously reaffirm the commitment the province has made to recognize and respect the inherent right of Indigenous governments to care for their children and families.

I wish you a successful Assembly and hope you enjoy these next few days spending time with so many others who are dedicated to building strong communities while upholding, preserving, and celebrating Red River Métis culture and building strong communities.

# ANNUAL GREETINGS - SCOTT GILLINGHAM, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG



On behalf of the City of Winnipeg, I'd like to welcome all delegates and participants to the Manitoba Métis Federation 2025 Annual General Assembly.

President Chartrand, I want to thank you for your vision and unwavering commitment to Winnipeg's downtown. The MMF's bold and transformational investments in the heart of our city are deeply appreciated, and they are making a lasting difference for generations to come.

I am very proud of the strong government-to-government relationship we have built together. It is rooted in mutual respect and in a shared commitment to reconciliation, economic development, and building a stronger future for all.

As Mayor, I look forward to continuing to strengthen our partnership with the MMF and to working together in advancing reconciliation and supporting opportunities for the Red River Métis people and for all Winnipeggers.

My best wishes for a productive and meaningful Assembly.

Sincerely,

# ANNUAL GREETINGS - OFFICIAL OPPOSITION AND PC LEADER OBBY KHAN



I am honoured to bring greetings to President Chartrand, the National Government of the Red River Metis and all the members of the Manitoba Metis Federation in their Annual General Report. It is my pleasure as Leader of the PC Party and PC Caucus to recognize the vast contributions of Louis Riel to the formation of our province as Leader of the Red River Metis, the first provisional government and as the first Premier of Manitoba.

Louis Riel's leadership transformed the transfer of Hudson's Bay Company lands into a carefully negotiated entry of Manitoba into Confederation. He invited English-speaking parishes to join Métis delegates in a joint convention, ensuring that all settlers elected representatives rather than having terms imposed unilaterally. By insisting that annexation be negotiated with the entire population of the Red River Settlement, Riel stood up for the rights of farmers, clergy, traders, and Indigenous communities alike.

He championed denominational schools and bilingualism from the outset, demanding that both French and English be recognized legally, published in statutes, and permitted in the Legislature and courts. This forward-looking vision acknowledged how crucial language, faith, and culture were to every community—Francophone and Anglophone Métis, Scottish settlers, Anglican and

Presbyterian congregations, and First Nations—all of whom would shape Manitoba's future.

Thanks to Riel's inclusive approach, the Manitoba Act of 1870 embedded protections for Métis land rights and cultural institutions at Confederation. Today, Manitoba's vibrant Métis culture and ongoing contributions of Métis individuals testify that Riel's legacy endures.

Thank you for the opportunity to recognize and salute the contributions of Louis Riel, the Manitoba Metis Federation and the National Government of the Red River Metis. Manitoba has very much become the homeland of the Red River Metis as Riel and many others envisioned, and believed it would continue to be for generations to come.

# ANNUAL GREETINGS - ALLAN DANROTH, PRESIDENT & CEO OF MANITOBA HYDRO



It is my pleasure to extend greetings to all those attending the Manitoba Métis Federation's 2025 Annual General Assembly.

Manitoba Hydro and the MMF are building a strong working relationship following the signing of the Revitalization Agreement in 2023. This agreement addresses the adverse effects of Manitoba Hydro's existing developments and establishes processes for working together to move forward. The Red River Métis have a strong cultural and spiritual connection to many of the lands and waters on which Manitoba Hydro operates, and we are committed to continuing to work together with the MMF with a spirit of collaboration.

On behalf of Manitoba Hydro, I would like to extend best wishes to all the delegates in attendance and thank the volunteers, organizers, and contributors who make events like this possible. I am sorry that I was not able to be there in person with you this year, but I look forward to attending again in years to come.

I wish you all a productive and inspiring Annual General Assembly.

# ANNUAL GREETINGS - THE HON. PIERRE POILIEVRE, P.C., M.P., LEADER OF HIS MAJESTY'S LOYAL OPPOSITION AND CANADA'S CONSERVATIVES



Dear friends,

On behalf of Canada's Conservatives, I would like to send my best wishes to everyone gathered for this year's Manitoba Métis Federation Annual General Assembly.

Over this weekend, you will work to shape and chart the course of your future. It's often said that history doesn't repeat itself, but it often rhymes, and we can learn a lot from our past to help guide our collective future. We know that prosperity does not come from standing still. The Métis have known this throughout your history.

Long before Canada was discussing trade deals and relationships, Métis travelled across the vast expanse of this land to buy and sell goods. You built communities and passed down the traditions that bind us with our past. It took inventiveness, determination and strength – values that guide us to build a Canada that is richer and stronger for all of us.

Our futures on this land are intertwined, but that does not mean your life should be run from above. Conservatives condemn the "Ottawa-knows-best" approach that has too long held

Métis back. We believe you should be in control of your lives and your destiny, free to empower your communities and to preserve your traditions.

Together, let us build a country that doesn't just sacrifice to survive today but fights to thrive tomorrow. Where good-paying jobs and affordable homes help raise the next generation. A Canada that is the envy of the world: home to the richest, safest and freest people on Earth.

Sincerely



# ANNUAL GREETINGS - CHIEF GENE BOWERS, WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE



On behalf of the Winnipeg Police Service, it is my pleasure to offer greetings to the Manitoba Metis Federation and all those attending the Annual General Assembly this year.

I have only been the Chief of Police for six months, however I have served with the Winnipeg Police Service for 36 years. Over that time, I have had the privilege of getting to know the people that make up our great City and Province. This includes the Red River Metis, whose people have contributed significantly to the history of Manitoba.

The Winnipeg Police Service is proud to partner with all Metis people and commits to listening, learning and respectful collaboration. My commitment to the Manitoba Metis Federation is walking the path of Reconciliation together.

Unfortunately, I cannot be with you in person this year as my work has taken me out of the country. I commend the advocacy work of your government, and the leadership of President Chartrand.

I remain a proud friend of the Metis Community.

# ANNUAL GREETINGS - HONOURABLE RENÉE CABLE, MINISTER OF ADVANCED EDUCATION AND TRAINING



Dear Fellow Citizens of the Red River Métis Nation,

On behalf of the Government of Manitoba and the Department of Advanced Education and Training, I extend warm greetings to all those gathered for the MMF's Annual General Assembly. This important event is a testament to the enduring strength, unity, and self-determination of the Red River Métis Nation. Your historic and growing participation in this Assembly reflects a vibrant and resilient community, deeply committed to shaping its own future.

As we come together in dialogue and celebration, we are reminded of the power of collective decision-making. The Annual General Assembly reflects the democratic traditions that have long guided our Métis Nation, a space where voices are heard, achievements are honoured, and the path forward is shaped together. Values such as respectful dialogue, collaboration, and shared responsibility are the very principles we strive to instill in our students as they grow into informed and responsible citizens.

Education is a cornerstone of empowerment and progress. The MMF's unwavering commitment to student success is evident in the many initiatives that support Métis learners across the

province. Programs like the Post-Secondary Education Support Program, the Louis Riel Bursary, and the Louis Riel Vocational College are not only opening doors to higher education, but they are also nurturing dreams, building careers, and strengthening communities.

These investments in education are investments in the future of our Métis Nation. They ensure that every student can pursue their goals, contribute meaningfully to society, and carry forward our proud legacy as Red River Métis. I commend the MMF for its leadership in this area and for its dedication to creating pathways of opportunity for all Métis youth.

As Minister, I am so proud to stand alongside the MMF in celebrating the achievements of the past year and in supporting the important work that lies ahead. May this Assembly be a time of reflection, renewal, and inspiration for all.

Thank you for your continued commitment to building a strong, inclusive, and self-determined Métis Nation.

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Renée Cable Minister of Advanced Education and Training Government of Manitoba Congratulations to the Manitoba Métis Federation on their 58th Annual General Assembly!



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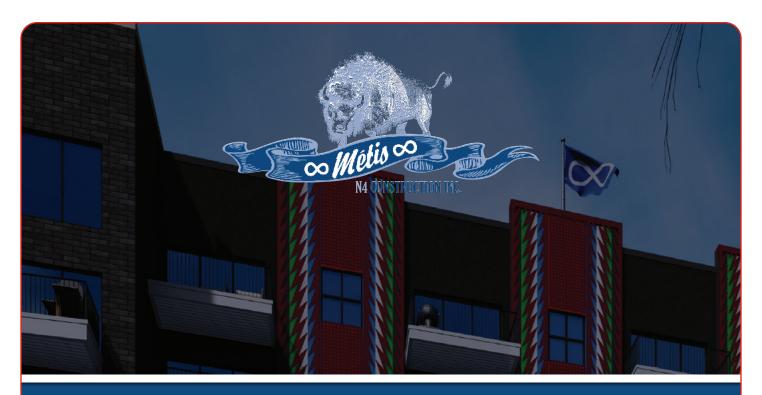
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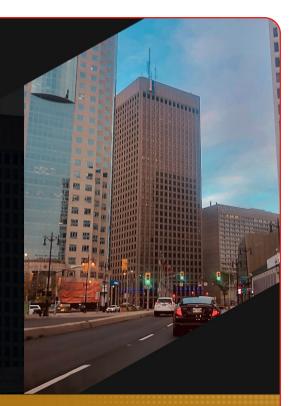
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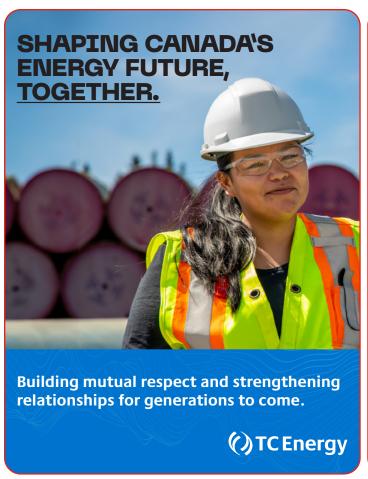
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