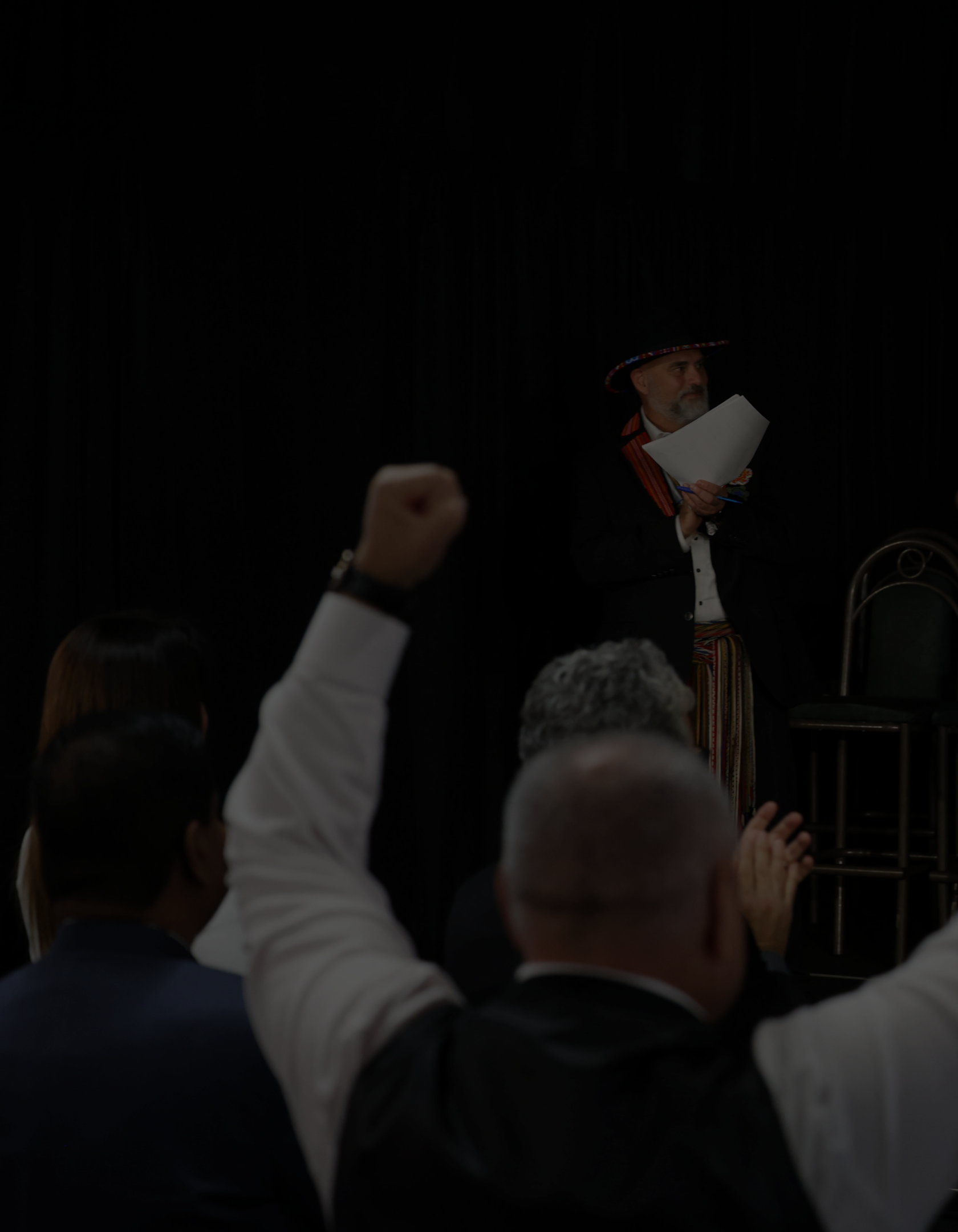


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THE HONOURABLE ANITA R. NEVILLE, P.C., O.M.

Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba

As the King's representative in Manitoba, I am pleased to welcome delegates participating in the 2024 Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) Annual General Assembly.

With shared vision, commitment and cultural pride, MMF leadership and its members continue to make progress in strengthening the provincial Métis community through effective advocacy and supportive programming.

Your efforts help promote public awareness, understanding and appreciation of the unique history and culture of the Métis people, and their significant role in Manitoba history. Your work not only builds unity, but also encourages inter-cultural awareness that ultimately strengthens our entire province.

As your membership comes together for your annual assembly to discuss the challenges and successes of the past year, and chart a path forward, I wish you an inspiring session and continued success.

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PRIME MINISTER JUSTIN TRUDEAU

Prime Minister of Canada

It is with great honour that I send my warmest greetings for the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) Annual General Assembly.

Canada recognizes the inherent right of the Métis to self-government. We look forward to continuing to collaborate to support the implementation of Métis visions for self-determination, and to advance and achieve a lasting reconciliation.

I know that this gathering will celebrate your culture, reaffirm your identity, and create unity. A strong community of Métis citizens makes Canada more vibrant and effective, and this results in Canada being a better place to live, for everyone.

As you reflect on your achievements, discuss current issues, and plan for your future, I wish you all the best in your continued progress. Our government is always ready to continue to work side-by-side, nation-to-nation, and in partnership, with you on crucial matters.

Please accept my very best wishes.

A blue ink signature of Justin Trudeau, written in a cursive style.

Ottawa
2024

C'est avec grand honneur que je vous adresse mes plus chaleureuses salutations à l'occasion de l'assemblée générale annuelle de la Fédération des Métis du Manitoba (FMM).

Le Canada reconnaît le droit inhérent des Métis à l'autonomie gouvernementale. Nous sommes enthousiastes à l'idée de continuer à collaborer avec vous pour soutenir la mise en oeuvre des visions métisses de l'autodétermination, ainsi que pour promouvoir et réaliser une réconciliation durable.

Je sais que ce rassemblement vous donnera l'occasion de célébrer votre culture, de réaffirmer votre identité et de favoriser l'unité. Grâce à sa solide communauté de citoyens métis, le Canada gagne en dynamisme et en efficacité, et devient ainsi un meilleur endroit où vivre pour tout le monde.

Alors que vous réfléchissez à vos réalisations, que vous discutez d'enjeux d'actualité et que vous planifiez votre avenir, je vous souhaite tout le succès possible dans la poursuite de vos progrès. Notre gouvernement est toujours prêt à continuer à travailler côte à côte, de nation à nation et en partenariat avec vous dans les dossiers d'importance cruciale.

Je vous prie d'accepter mes meilleurs voeux.

A blue ink signature of Justin Trudeau, written in a cursive style.

Ottawa
2024



HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND, P.C., M.P.

Canada's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

It is a pleasure to welcome everyone to the Manitoba Métis Federation 2024 Annual General Assembly. This gathering is an important moment for the Red River Métis to come together and honour the traditions of democratic decision-making that have guided your Nation for generations.

As our government walks the path of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, we recognize the significant role of the Manitoba Métis Federation in advancing Métis rights, culture, and self-determination. The efforts and contributions of the Manitoba Métis Federation have critically shaped the past, present, and future of the Red River Métis.

I wish you a successful and productive Assembly as you continue this important work, and I hope this gathering strengthens your visions for the future.

Sincerely,

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HONOURABLE DANIEL VANDAL

Member of Parliament for Saint Boniface – Saint Vital

It's a pleasure to bring greetings and well wishes to you all for 2024's Manitoba Métis Federation Annual General Assembly, both as Minister of Northern Affairs and as Red River Métis proudly representing Saint Boniface—Saint Vital.

Since the MMF was established in 1967, the importance of the work done to support Red River Métis cannot be understated. Your advocacy has supported families and communities, and I've seen the positive impact it has had in cultivating Métis life and culture in my own riding. Notably, this year saw the long overdue recognition of Louis Riel as the first Premier of Manitoba – due in no small part to the good work of the MMF in advocating to make this a reality.

Our culture, history, and nation are an essential part of the fabric of Manitoba's and Canada's history, and I've had the pleasure of promoting it to the public here at home and in Ottawa – it was a delight to bring the Prime Minister to visit Festival du Voyageur earlier this year to partake in the festivities. Our Government's support of reconciliation and Indigenous rights led to the signing of the Manitoba Métis Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Agreement in 2021. In 2023 we financially supported the MMF's creation of the Métis Economic and Community Development, as well as investing in the Red River Métis Heritage Centre. We continue to support the cultural and political right to self-determination, as well as economic reconciliation, for Métis.

Thank you to President Chartrand, the Cabinet, the Assembly, for the work you do. To all those joining the AGA, you are essential to the success of our nation and I look forward to speaking to some of you over the course of the Assembly.



TERRY DUGUID

Member of Parliament
Winnipeg South

Dear Members of the Manitoba Métis Federation,

It is a privilege to extend greetings on behalf of the Government of Canada to this year's Manitoba Métis Federation Annual General Assembly. This important gathering provides an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and to chart a course for the continued progress of the Métis Nation in Manitoba.

For decades, the Manitoba Métis Federation has been instrumental in advancing the rights and aspirations of Métis people. Your steadfast leadership and dedication to the well-being of Métis communities are sources of pride not only for Métis citizens but for all Canadians.

The partnership between the Government of Canada and the Manitoba Métis Federation is built on mutual respect and a shared commitment to reconciliation. Together, we have undertaken several significant initiatives that have positively impacted the lives of Métis families and communities across Manitoba. None of this progress would have been possible without your government's leadership – and particularly that of President David Chartrand.

Our collaboration has addressed critical needs in housing, education, and healthcare. Notably, the construction and repair of homes have significantly improved living conditions for Métis families throughout Manitoba.

Looking ahead, I eagerly anticipate congratulating the Manitoba Métis Federation on the passing of the Manitoba Métis Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Agreement—a monumental achievement that is long overdue.

This year, we are also proud to have partnered with the Manitoba Métis Federation through the Métis Nation Language Funding Model. Your remarkable work in advancing Michif language education plays a vital role in preserving the cultural heritage of the Métis Nation for future generations.

The MMF's leadership in economic development is equally commendable. The recent acquisition of 11 properties in downtown Winnipeg is a transformative step that will inject \$100 million into the city's economy, revitalizing Winnipeg's core while also offering vital supports.

As we move forward, the Government of Canada remains fully committed to working alongside the Manitoba Métis Federation to advance the priorities of the Métis Nation. Under your leadership, we will continue building a future in which Métis communities thrive—socially, culturally, and economically.

I extend my best wishes for a successful and productive assembly. Your ongoing dedication and hard work continue to inspire us all, and I look forward to the continued progress we will achieve together in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Duguid". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.



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 Annual General Assembly.

The nation-to-nation relationship our government has with the Manitoba Métis Federation is deeply valuable and held in high regard. 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.

This summer, we were honoured to host a historic joint cabinet meeting between Manitoba's provincial cabinet and the MMF cabinet. One of the many impactful things to come out of that meeting was a memorandum of understanding to guide the return of land at Ste. Madeline back to the Red River Métis, generations after it was unjustly taken away.

This agreement was signed in the spirit of reconciliation, collaboration, and respect. And it is this spirit that guides our continued work together, as we build a future where everyone belongs.

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

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HONOURABLE IAN BUSHIE

Minister of Indigenous Economic Development
Minister of Municipal Relations

As the Minister of Indigenous Economic Development, I am deeply honoured to extend my warmest greetings to the Red River Métis Nation on the occasion of your 2024 Annual General Assembly. This gathering, rooted in rich history and democratic traditions, represents a moment of reflection and an opportunity to advance the collective aspirations of the Red River Métis people.

The Manitoba Government is committed to advancing Indigenous economic reconciliation and fostering inclusive economic growth that benefits all Manitobans. With the creation of the Department of Indigenous Economic Development, we have, for the first time in our province's history, a dedicated team focused on removing economic barriers and building a future where Indigenous communities can thrive. Through partnerships with the First Nations, Inuit, and Red River Métis, we are working collaboratively to ensure that economic opportunities are both accessible and equitable.

I commend President David Chartrand for his exemplary leadership and ongoing efforts to foster economic growth. The Manitoba Métis Federation is a driving force in empowering the Red River Métis and has an integral role in revitalizing our province's economy, especially in downtown Winnipeg. The success of your initiatives reflects the power of community-driven collaboration, and I am confident that together we will continue to unlock the vast potential of Indigenous-led enterprises.

As we celebrate this moment of progress and renewal, let us remain guided by the principles of respect, collaboration, and mutual engagement. The Manitoba Government is proud to walk alongside the Red River Métis as partners in this journey, and we look forward to achieving continued success together.

I congratulate the leadership of the Manitoba Métis Federation for their dedication and vision. The information shared in this Annual General Assembly Report is a testament to your achievements and an inspiration to us all. With your continued partnership, we will create a more prosperous and inclusive Manitoba for future generations.



HONOURABLE RENÉE CABLE

Minister of Advanced Education and Training

Taanishi,

As a proud Red River Métis citizen, member of the Infinity Women's Secretariat, and Minister of Advanced Education and Training for the Manitoba Government, it is my honour to extend a warm welcome to you.

Every student deserves the opportunity to acquire the skills and knowledge needed to secure a good, family-supporting job right here in Manitoba. If you know a Red River Métis Citizen who is considering training, adult education, or pursuing post-secondary, please encourage them to take that step. My colleagues and I are committed to ensuring access to education and training is equitable. We are making new investments adult learning centres and student aid, including scholarships and bursaries for Indigenous students.

Our Provincial Government is dedicated to working in partnership with the National Government of the Red River Métis. Together, we are enhancing programs at Louis Riel Institute, and are striving to ensure that Red River Métis students have a strong sense of belonging and see themselves reflected in all learning spaces.

Thank you for being here and for your continued commitment to building a healthy, strong, and inclusive future for all.



HONOURABLE BERNADETTE SMITH

Minister of Housing Addictions and Homelessness

Minister Responsible for Mental Health

Boozhoo, aaniin, tansi,

I am so fortunate to hold important roles at this point in my life: Minister of Housing Addictions and Homelessness and Minister responsible for Mental Health for the Government of Manitoba, MLA for Point Douglas, mother and grandmother. I am also a proud Red River Métis citizen and a member of the Infinity Women's Secretariat. My family is from Duck Bay/Pine Creek and I grew up in the North End of Winnipeg. It is from all these perspectives that I extend a warm welcome to this year's Annual General Assembly.

The Government of Manitoba is dedicated to working in partnership with the National Government of the Red River Métis. Representatives from the Manitoba Métis Federation joined leaders from across the province in a delegation to Houston to learn about addressing homelessness. In my role as Minister, I have been fortunate to collaborate with many MMF Ministers on housing, health and ongoing work to address MMIWG2S+. Together, we are working to ensure that Red River Métis are supported by their governments and to know that, in collaboration, we can do great things.

I wish you a successful Assembly – a time to connect, learn, visit, and celebrate the work to build stronger communities and future for all.

Miigwetch, maarsii, thank you.



CINDY LAMOUREUX

Interim Leader of the Manitoba Liberal Party
MLA Tyndall Park

To all delegates,

Welcome to your 2024 General Assembly! I wish I could be there with you in person to share in the discussions and celebrations.

The hard-won legacy of the Manitoba Métis Federation continues to be inspirational to Canadians by providing democratic, responsible, and accountable governance on behalf of its citizens. A legacy that your ancestors and citizens are no doubt proud of. The history of the Red River Métis is unique and continues to evolve as it moves forward to unite the Red River Métis located within the traditional home of the Manitoba Métis and elsewhere within and outside of Canada, utilizing your ancestral traditions and without being defined by others.

The programs that the MMF provides to its citizens for youth, education, employment, housing and health and wellness, and more are incredibly valuable and as always I support your goals and aspirations. I wish you continued successes and a proud future together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cindy Lamoureux', written in a cursive style.



BILLIE CROSS

MLA for Seine River

It is my honour to offer greetings to all Red River Métis citizens attending the MMF AGM. As one of the five Red River Métis MLAs in the provincial government, I am so grateful for the support and love shown to me by President Chartrand, the entire MMF cabinet, and our community. It is my greatest honour as a Red River Métis Woman to represent the area of Seine River, including the neighbourhood of St Norbert, where the Provisional Government was established in 1869. It is an honour every day to be a voice for Manitobans. I'm proud to be part of a government that listens, and cares, about Indigenous voices like ours- and prioritizes diversity and inclusion. The first bill we passed as a new government was to bestow the honorary title of 'First Premier of Manitoba' on Louis Riel, a truth as Red River Métis people, we have always known.

I hope this AGM is a time for reconnection with friends, community members, and with your Red River Métis government. I encourage you all to celebrate and honour one another, and to reflect on our shared experiences that have brought us here. I look forward to spending time with many of you throughout this AGM.

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TYLER BLASHKO

Member of the Legislative Assembly for Lagimodière

Hello!

It's an honour to recognize the important work that takes place during your Annual General Assembly. Over the course of these few days, relationships are built, histories are learned, and priorities are set. Thank you to all the delegates, volunteers, staff, and the cabinet and leadership team that commit their time and energy to ensuring a productive AGA.

My work is deeply connected to my Métis family. The constituency I represent includes the land my Nana grew up on. My office has the exact same address on St. Anne's Road as our Lavalée family's home once had. We bring our histories, experiences, and communities with us into this work. I'm proud to be a part of our Métis caucus within a provincial government working to bring Manitobans together. We're proud partners with the MMF and see our collective success deeply intertwined.

I wish you a joyful and productive AGA.

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SCOTT GILLINGHAM

Mayor
City of Winnipeg

On behalf of the City of Winnipeg, I'd like to welcome everyone to the Manitoba Métis Federation 2024 Annual General Assembly.

As Mayor of Winnipeg, I appreciate the opportunity to extend greetings to everyone attending the AGM of the Manitoba Métis Federation, the National Government of the Red River Métis. Congratulations to all those who have contributed to this important event, and I look forward to witnessing the continued growth and success of the Red River Métis Nation in the years to come.

This year, Winnipeg celebrates 150 years as a city. Winnipeg 150 is an opportunity for us to reflect on our past, and look ahead to our future. And an important part of our city's future is the organizations and individuals who are working hard to build a better Winnipeg.

I want to take this opportunity to once again commend President Chartrand and his Cabinet for their commitment to Winnipeg's downtown and shaping our city's future. I appreciate the strong government to government relationship we have built and our shared commitment to working together.

My best wishes for a productive and meaningful AGM. Thank you for your contributions to our shared community.

Sincerely,

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COMMANDING OFFICER, SCOTT MCMURPHY

Assistant Commissioner, Manitoba RCMP

On behalf of the Manitoba RCMP, I would like welcome everyone to the 2024 Annual General Assembly of the Manitoba Métis Federation.

This is a time for all of us to come together and celebrate the successes of the past year as well as plan for the future.

Thank you to all for your continued support of our officers who work tirelessly to enhance the safety and security of communities throughout the Homeland of the Red River Métis.

While our relationship with the MMF continues to grow, I also know that more work is required to strengthen our partnership. Be assured, that I, and all our officers remain committed to reconciliation and to keeping the lines of communication open.

I wish you all a very productive Annual General Assembly and another very successful year.



ALLAN DANROTH

President & CEO
Manitoba Hydro

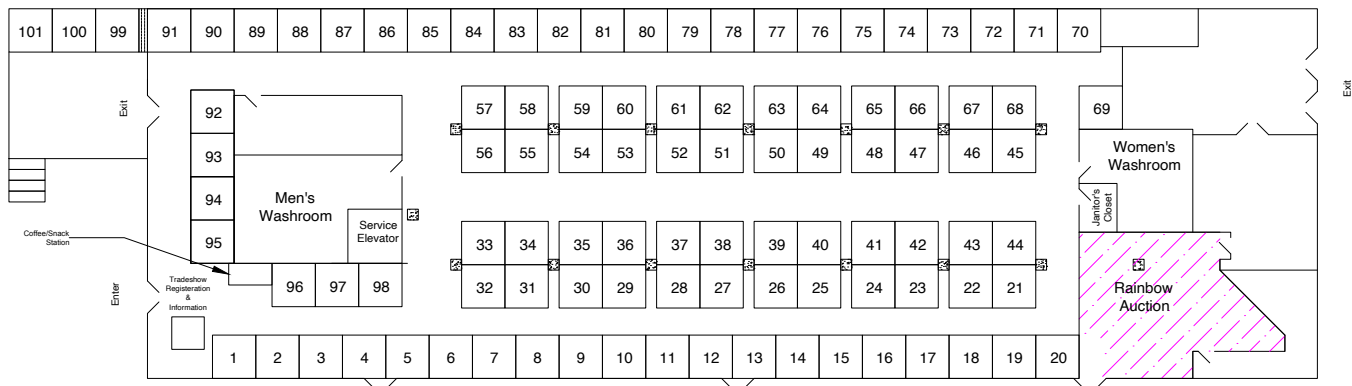
It is my pleasure to extend greetings to all those attending the Manitoba Métis Federation's 2024 Annual General Assembly.

Manitoba Hydro and the MMF are building a strong working relationship following the signing of the Revitalization Agreement last August. This agreement addresses the adverse effects of our 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 working together with the MMF on opportunities to collaborate and build our energy future.

On behalf of Manitoba Hydro, I would like to extend best wishes to all the delegates in attendance, and to thank the volunteers, organizers and contributors that make events like this possible. I wish you all a productive and inspiring assembly.



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In collaboration with Indigenous communities, CN's priority is to strengthen ties, cultivate and develop mutually beneficial relationships, and create economic opportunities to work toward reconciliation.

CN's guiding principles

Everyday, in all aspects of our business, we seek to implement our commitments to the following areas:

- Cultural Awareness and Employee Engagement
- People and Employment
- Economic Reconciliation
- Community Engagement and Relationships
- Environmental Stewardship and Safety

We invite you to communicate with the CN representative in your region to find out more about collaboration opportunities in these areas:

- Rail safety presentations
- Procurement and Supply Management
- Sponsorships and donations
- Career opportunities
- Internship opportunities



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