

ABOUT MÉTIS WEEK

Louis Riel devoted and sacrificed his life defending the rights of Métis people. Riel's legacy continues to resonate across the homeland.



Each year, on November 16th, Métis people across Canada pay tribute to the Right Honourable Louis Riel by holding a commemorative ceremony on the date of his execution. This ceremony symbolizes the commitment Métis people share in striving for and promoting the visions of Louis Riel and is one of the most important dates on the Métis calendar.

In addition to recognizing Louis Riel Day on November 16th, the MNA has declared the week surrounding November 16th "Métis Week." The week is devoted to commemorating the sacrifices of the Métis who continue to strive toward rights and recognition as a distinct nation. This year, Métis Week runs from Sunday November 15th until Saturday November 21st.

MÉTIS WEEK

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES in Edmonton

The Métis Nation of Alberta has planned an assortment of events to celebrate Métis Week 2015, which runs from Sunday, November 15th - Saturday, November 21st. Please contact April Magee at amagee@metis.org or 780-455-2200 ext. 278 for additional information about events.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15

5th Annual Louis Riel Commemorative Walk

Walk Start Time: 10:00 am
Mass Start Time: 12:00 pm
Lunch: 1:00 pm

Walk Start Location: Highway 14 and Range Road 203

In honour of Louis Riel the 6.6 KM Commemorative walk, with horse and buggy rides to St. Margaret's Church to signify the procession made by Riel's family and community to his funeral.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 16

Louis Riel Commemoration at the Legislature Building

11 am - 12 pm
Alberta Legislature Building
10800 97 Ave NW,
Edmonton, AB

Métis people across Canada pay tribute to the Right Honourable Louis Riel by holding a commemorative ceremony on the date of his execution, November 16th.

Métis Nation of Alberta Open House

12 pm - 3 pm
Métis Nation of Alberta Provincial Office
#100-11738 Kingsway Ave
Edmonton, AB

The MNA is hosting their Annual Open House, which will feature an artistic display of various Métis artists. The Open House will also showcase the talents of aspiring youth Métis artists with a lapel pin art contest Youth aged 3-7, 8-12 and 13-17 are encouraged to submit a Métis-themed drawing to communications@metis.org by November 13 to participate in the contest. The winning design will be incorporated into a new MNA lapel pin to be released during Métis Week 2016!

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17

Rupertsland Centre for Métis Research (RCMR) Métis Talks

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
University of Alberta
2-06 Pembina Hall
116 St & 85 Ave
Edmonton, AB

An academic discussion focusing on contemporary issues of importance to Métis with participation by Dr. Nathalie Kermoal, Dr. Brenda Macdougall and Dr. Nicole St-Onge.

Red River Cart Ceremony

11:30 am
University of Alberta
2-06 Pembina Hall
116 St & 85 Ave
Edmonton, AB

Presentation by the Métis Nation of Alberta to the University of Alberta of a red river cart that will be permanently housed at Pembina Hall.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18

Métis Nation of Alberta/ City of Edmonton Métis Week 2015 Proclamation and Flag Raising

12 pm - 2 pm
Edmonton City Hall
1 Sir Winston Churchill Square
Edmonton, AB

Each year, the Métis Nation of Alberta and City of Edmonton host a proclamation and flag raising ceremony in honour of Métis Week. Food and entertainment by Prince Charles School student fiddlers will follow.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19

MNA Senior's Come-And-Go Tea/ Genealogy Open House

1 pm - 3 pm
Métis Nation of Alberta Provincial Office
#100-11738 Kingsway Ave
Edmonton, AB

Tea, coffee and dainties will be served at this social event. A genealogy open house will also take place for those interested in discovering their Métis family roots.

Métis Education Foundation/MacEwan University Recognition Ceremony

12 pm
Grant MacEwan University
10700 - 104 Avenue
Edmonton, AB

This ceremony commemorates the partnership between the Métis people and MacEwan University by naming a part of the University after Rupertsland. ***This event is reservation-only. Please contact Lisa Savill to reserve your spot at lsavill@rupertsland.org or 780-801-9989.***

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20

Métis Urban Housing Corporation (MUHC)/Métis Capital Housing Corporation (MCHC) Open House

11 am - 1 pm
Metis Urban/Capital Housing Corporation
11923 - 121A Street
Edmonton, AB

Join us for soup and bannock at the MUHC/MCHC Open House!

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21

Box Social and Jam

Cocktails at 5 pm
Box Social Auction 6 pm
Jam at 8 pm
Beacon Heights Community Hall
4418 118 Avenue
Edmonton, AB

To round off Métis Week, the MNA is hosting a fun social event – a box social and jam! Guests are encouraged to bring their instruments. Guests participating in the box social dinner should drop off lunch (enough to serve two people) by 6 PM.