

## City pledges further collaboration with Métis Nation of Alberta

The City of Edmonton and the Métis Nation of Alberta have entered into a formal agreement to strengthen collaboration in engaging and empowering Métis peoples in Edmonton.

In a ceremony at City Hall, Mayor Stephen Mandel signed a Memorandum of Shared Recognition and Cooperation with Audrey Poiras, President of the Métis Nation of Alberta, both parties pledging to work closer together to create opportunities for positive social and economic outcomes, and honour the roles each group plays in building a great city.



"Today's signing ceremony acknowledges that the successes and well-being of the Métis people in Edmonton is directly linked to all other citizens of Edmonton," said Mayor Mandel. "Both The Métis Nation of Alberta and the City of Edmonton must work together with a shared vision of building a great city."

In recognition of the relationship forged by this Memorandum, the City of Edmonton will fly the Métis Flag in honour of the Métis leader Louis Riel during Métis Week in November; and the Métis Nation of Alberta will fly the City of Edmonton Flag.

"The Métis people played a crucial role in developing the rich, vibrant history of Edmonton; establishing a place of harmony, balance and commerce on the banks of the North Saskatchewan River," said Audrey Poiras. "This partnership will be guided by the same principles of working in unity, fairness and with respect for all people. In the spirit of honesty and integrity we look towards the future."

Edmonton has the second-largest urban population of Aboriginal peoples in Canada.

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