

Métis heritage and culture celebrated in Edmonton

City of Edmonton declares Métis Week in the region

The City of Edmonton and the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) joined together today to declare November 15 - 21, 2015 as Métis Week. The week is devoted to commemorating the sacrifices of the Métis people and to celebrating their achievements and contributions in the development of the region.

"The City of Edmonton is proud to be a partner in celebrating Métis Week," said Mayor Don Iveson. "The vibrant Métis spirit continues to be an integral part of our city's history and culture."

A flag raising ceremony for the Métis Nation of Alberta infinity flag was also held. The flag will fly outside City Hall during Métis Week. Sarah Wolfe sang both the Canadian and Métis National anthems and the Prince Charles School Fiddlers performed at the ceremony.

"The annual flag raising and proclamation ceremony is symbolic of the MNA's commitment to working together with the City of Edmonton to promote Métis rights and wellbeing. Enjoy Métis Week, learn about our unique culture and heritage," said Audrey Poitras, President, Métis Nation of Alberta.

The Métis Week Flag Proclamation and Flag Raising Ceremony is a symbol of commitment to the Memorandum of Shared Recognition and Cooperation from 2013. Both the City of Edmonton and the Métis Nation of Alberta pledged to work together to increase positive social and economic opportunities for Aboriginal people in Edmonton.

"Métis Nation of Alberta Region 4 is enthusiastic about hosting another flag raising and proclamation ceremony at Edmonton City Hall. It is through these commemorative events that the significant contributions of Region 4 Métis Albertans are recognized," says Cecil Bellrose, Region 4 President, Métis Nation of Alberta.

The Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) was created in 1928 to serve as an advocate on behalf of and meet the needs and aspirations of Métis people in Alberta.

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