

Métis Week proclaimed in Edmonton

November 14, 2016

Councillor Tony Caterina and Métis Nation of Alberta President Audrey Poitras recognized the contributions, achievements and history of the Métis people today as they proclaimed November 13 - 19, 2016 Métis Week in Edmonton.

"Métis Week provides citizens with the opportunity to immerse themselves in a culture that has helped establish Edmonton as a vibrant cultural and economic gathering place," said Mayor Don Iveson. "The City of Edmonton is proud to celebrate Métis Week and the many contributions the Métis people have afforded our city."

The Métis flag was also raised during the proceedings and will fly outside City Hall during Métis Week as a symbol of recognition of the important role that Métis people have played in founding and developing Edmonton, and the contributions they continue to make to our great city.

"Métis people played a leading role in the development of the City of Edmonton," stated Métis Nation of Alberta President Audrey Poitras. "Our historic role as fur traders, voyageurs, merchants, craftsmen, and adept intermediaries led to increased commerce and affluence in the area. Many Edmontonians will recognize Métis family names such as Carneau whose name adorns buildings, signage and monuments in Edmonton Strathcona. Today, Métis Nation of Alberta Region 4 is home to the largest population of Métis people in Alberta and we will continue to stand proud beside our partners at the City of Edmonton moving into the future."

The Métis Week proclamation and flag raising ceremony is a symbol of commitment to the Memorandum of Shared Recognition and Cooperation in 2013. Both the City of Edmonton and the Métis Nation of Alberta pledged to work together to increase positive social and economic opportunities for Indigenous people in Edmonton.

On Wednesday, November 16, the High Level Bridge will be lit blue and white in honour of Edmonton's Métis population.

The Métis Nation of Alberta was created in 1928 to serve as an advocate on behalf of Métis people in Alberta and is proud to continue its advocacy role for Métis citizens in 2016.

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