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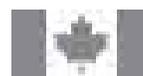
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Gabriel Dumont Institute's 25th Anniversary Celebrations

Article by Darren R. Préfontaine

The Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) held its 25th anniversary celebrations on December 2 and 3, 2005, in Saskatoon. The theme of this event was *The Gabriel Dumont Institute: Celebrating 25 Years of Excellence and Achievement*.

GDI's anniversary celebrations provided the Institute with the opportunity to thank the Métis community and our funding agents and institutional partners for their dedication, leadership and support over the past twenty-five years.

It was also an opportunity for GDI to restore *The Order of Gabriel Dumont*, which was awarded this year to six individuals, who in their own way, have contributed immensely to the social, cultural and political life of the Métis Nation.

During these anniversary celebrations, the Institute hosted a variety of events for the province's Métis community, including:

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) that provided the Métis community with the opportunity to redefine the Institute's governance structure. The AGM also included the awarding of *The Order of Gabriel Dumont* to Ron Rivard and Alex Maurice.

A Conference on the Steve Powley Ruling, which provided several hundred participants with the opportunity to learn more about this important court ruling from a distinguished panel of legal and constitutional experts who specialize in Métis case law and rights

implementation. The conference concluded with the launch of Don Freed's CD *The Valley of Green and Blue*.

A Métis Cultural Conference that focused on Métis culture, history and education. John Arcand, Norman Fleury, Bruce Flamont, Penny Condon, Margaret Harrison, Yvonne Chartrand, Cathy Littlejohn, Michael Relland, Joanne Pelletier, Murray Hamilton, Karon Shmon, Sheila Pocha, Brett Vandale, David Morin, Joseph Fauchon, Sheldon Mauvieux, and Darren Préfontaine conducted cultural workshops. The conference also launched *The Métis Alphabet Book*, and *HOWARD ADAMS: OTAPAWY!* A "sneak peek" of *The Back to Batoche* interactive website was also featured.

A 25th Anniversary Gala, which included the awarding of *The Order of Gabriel Dumont* to Mary St. Pierre, Louis Morin, Rod Bishop, and Harry Daniels, and the talents of John and Vicki Arcand, the comedy of "Ernestine and Alphonse" (Maureen Belanger and Duane Favel), the band "Just the Boyz" and Andrea Menard, who launched her new folk music CD *Simple Steps*.

Hundreds attended the celebrations and provided the Métis community with an opportunity to visit, commemorate, celebrate and plan for the future. This anniversary issue of *New Breed Magazine* is dedicated to Saskatchewan's Métis who have led, guided and supported the Institute over the past quarter century.

Marsi dii Michif!



GABRIEL DUMONT INSTITUTE
of Native Studies and Applied Research

Since 1980 the Gabriel Dumont Institute of Native Studies and Applied Research (GDI) has been serving the educational and cultural needs of Saskatchewan's Métis and non-Aboriginal communities. GDI offers a variety of accredited educational, vocational and skills training opportunities for the province's Métis in partnership with the University of Regina, the University of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology, the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies, the province's various regional colleges and the Métis Employment and Training of Saskatchewan Inc. GDI's varied and multifaceted programming includes:

Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program: Since 1984, over 800 educators have received a four-year Bachelor of Education degree from the program, which is offered in Prince Albert, Saskatoon and Regina.

Gabriel Dumont College: Delivers the first two years of a Bachelor of Arts and Science degree to both Métis and non-Métis and is offered in Saskatoon and in Prince Albert.

Dumont Technical Institute: Is GDI's largest program and is responsible for the design, development and delivery of Adult Basic Education, skills training, vocational and cultural programs which are offered province-wide.

Library Services: GDI has its own Métis-specific library system – the largest owned by any Métis educational, cultural or political institution – with branches in Prince Albert, Saskatoon and Regina.

Publishing Department: Since 1985, GDI has developed more than 80 Métis-specific literary, cultural and educational resources. Several publications have been nominated for or have won *Saskatchewan Book Awards* and several more are on *Saskatchewan Learning's Recommended Resource List*. The Publishing Department is based in Saskatoon.

Napoleon LaFontaine / Gabriel Dumont Institute Scholarship Foundation / SaskEnergy Scholarships: GDI provides scholarships to Métis applicants, living in Saskatchewan, enrolled or planning to enroll in accredited post-secondary institutions in Saskatchewan.

The Virtual Museum of Métis History and Culture (www.metismuseum.ca): Is the most comprehensive website relating to Métis

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history and culture on the World Wide Web.

Back to Batoche Website: In partnership with *The Virtual Museum of Canada*, GDI has developed the *Back to Batoche Website* – highlighting the annual celebration.

Every year, GDI publishes four issues of *New Breed Magazine*, the longest-running magazine relating to the Métis' educational, cultural, political and social concerns.

Métis Cultural Development Fund: In partnership with SaskCulture Inc., GDI administers the *Métis Cultural Development Fund*, which provides funding to the province's Métis community for activities that preserve, strengthen and transmit Métis culture and traditions.

Michif Languages Initiative: In partnership with the Department of Canadian Heritage, GDI provides funding to the Métis community for activities that promote and preserve Michif languages.

Museum and Archives: In its Saskatoon centre, the Institute has a museum and archives, which includes traditional arts and crafts, oral histories, and a print, video and audio archival collection.

GDI is a leader in the promotion of Métis culture and learning. For twenty-five years, the Institute has been a strong Métis voice as an educator, cultural resource producer, book publisher and social justice advocate. In fact, GDI is unique since it fuses the educational and cultural development of the province's Métis into a coherent whole. No other Aboriginal educational and cultural institution in Canada provides a similar array of services to its constituent community.

GDI builds communities and strengthens individuals. The Institute meets the educational and cultural needs of the Métis through a province-wide network. In each centre, GDI has committed immensely to the community's social, educational and cultural life. Our graduates give their skills to these communities and to the province as a whole.

The Gabriel Dumont Institute promotes the renewal and development of Métis culture through research, materials development, collection and the distribution of those materials and the development and delivery of Métis-specific educational programs and services.

Message from the Gabriel Dumont Institute's Executive Director

Taanshi!

It is indeed a great honour and privilege to be part of the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) during its celebration of a quarter century of achievement. As a graduate of the Institute, I am grateful to have had the opportunity to receive my education and training from GDI and stand proudly among thousands of other graduates as this milestone is achieved. Our sincere thanks goes to all of the Elders and forward-thinking Métis who envisioned the Institute over 25 years ago. To those visionaries and advocates we are profoundly grateful. Through the years, GDI has grown beyond its renowned SUNTEP Program to include Dumont Technical Institute and Gabriel Dumont College. This has helped the Institute broaden how it assists the Métis in meeting their education and training needs. GDI publications are known across Canada for their range and quality and for preserving and promoting Métis history and culture for future generations.

It is fitting to acknowledge both those who came before us and those who are now sustaining and building the Institute. We have a supportive Métis community who value and support the Institute. The Institute's Board of Governors works tirelessly to ensure GDI's growth and longevity. We have a very dedicated staff comprised of individuals who are highly committed to their work. Our educational partners have been able to witness and support our vision for GDI. Our students make GDI their institute of choice. GDI acknowledges all of these supporters and is very pleased to have them come together and join us in celebrating our 25th anniversary.

Marsi,



Geordy McCaffrey
Executive Director



Executive Director, Geordy McCaffrey, addressing Gala attendees

Peter Beszterda

GDI Board of Governors Celebrates GDI's 25th Anniversary

The GDI Board of Governors extends congratulations to all former and current students, Board members, and Institute staff and to the Métis people of Saskatchewan.

The Board would also like to thank the various funding agents that contributed to the anniversary and to GDI's staff for working tirelessly to organize and deliver the celebrations.



*Philip Chartier,
Minister of
Education, MN-S*

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Peter Bishop giving a prayer during opening ceremony

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Gabriel Dumont Institute Launches New Resources

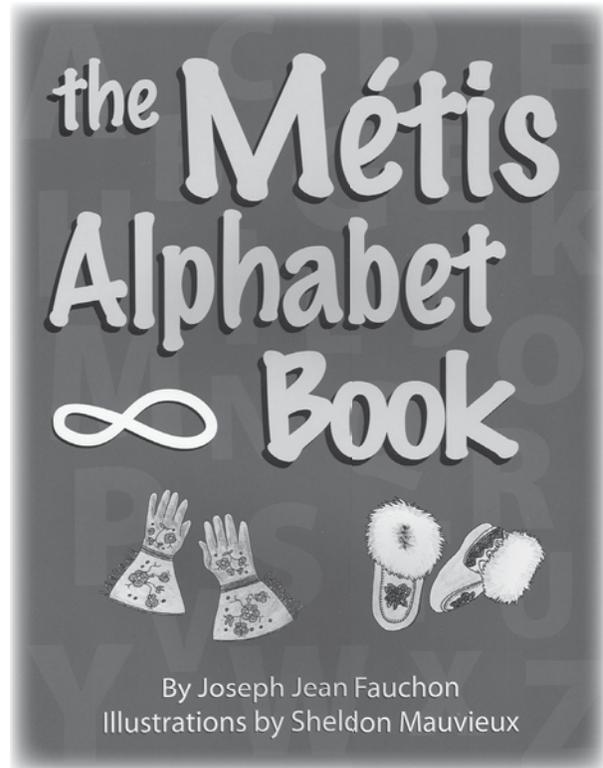
Article by Darren R. Préfontaine

During its 25th anniversary celebrations, on December 2-3, 2005, the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) launched several new innovative and culturally-affirming Métis resources including:

- ❖ Joseph Fauchon's *The Métis Alphabet Book*
- ❖ HOWARD ADAMS: OTAPAWY! (Book and CD-ROM)
- ❖ Andrea Menard's *Simple Steps* (CD)
- ❖ Don Freed's *The Valley of Green and Blue* (CD)
- ❖ Back to Batoche (Website)

The Métis Alphabet Book

The Métis Alphabet Book is a unique addition to the creative genre of children's alphabet books. In his first book, emerging Métis author and educator Joseph Jean Fauchon highlights historical figures, significant events, places of interest and other aspects of Métis identity for young readers. Sheldon Mauvieux's softly-coloured images, inspired by illustrations and photos, provide a nice complement to Joseph's prose. *The Métis Alphabet Book* strengthens Métis pride and identity while providing young readers with an informative reference book about the essence of being Métis. In the future, GDI will publish a "Big Book" version of this resource, as well as a series of informative study prints, which will provide teachers and young learners with further contextual information about Métis history and culture.



On December 3, 2005, Joseph and Sheldon launched *The Métis Alphabet Book* during the Institute's Métis Cultural Conference.



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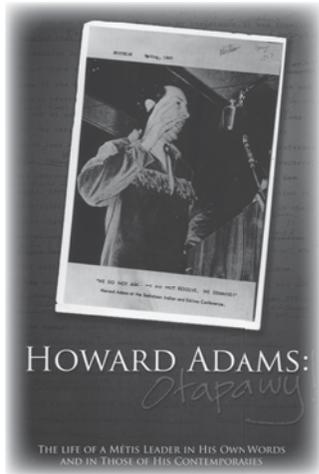


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HOWARD ADAMS: OTAPAWY!

The Life of a Métis Leader in His Own Words and in Those of His Contemporaries



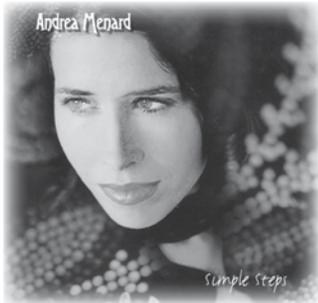
Although this resource was formally launched in November 2005, many at the Cultural Conference were unaware of its previous release. GDI therefore held a launch for this book/CD-Rom package during our anniversary celebrations. This book was well received and is selling well.



Darren Préfontaine describing HOWARD ADAMS: OTAPAWY!

Joseph Fauchon

Simple Steps



One of the highlights of GDI's 25th Anniversary Gala was the release of Andrea Menard's new CD *Simple Steps*. During the release, Andrea, a former GDI student, sang all the songs from *Simple Steps* before an audience

of several hundred. The Institute was honoured that Andrea chose our anniversary celebrations to launch her new CD. She has been a tireless ambassador of Métis culture and is a strong role model for Métis youth. Andrea also amply demonstrates that Métis culture is not limited to jigging and fiddle music, it contains a range of artistic endeavour ranging from prose and poetry writing, to the visual arts, acting, dance and theatre. She is part of a new wave of talented young Métis artists including Warren Cariou, Gregory Scofield, Christi Belcourt and David Garneau who are redefining Métis culture, while contributing immensely to Canada's artistic and cultural fabric.

Simple Steps is a fitting tribute to the Métis' place in Canada. It is a passionate retrospective

that honours ancestors, but looks to the present, and it successfully blends traditional and contemporary themes relating to Métis history and culture. For instance, Andrea fuses traditional Métis songs and tunes such as the "Red River Jig" and Louis Riel's "Sur le champ de bataille" with



Andrea Menard launching *Simple Steps*

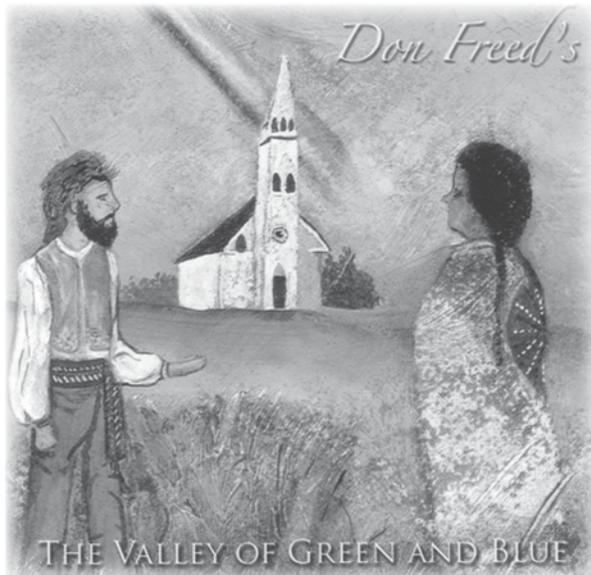
new compositions such as "Children of the Rainbow" and "Boy for One More Day". Some of the other songs on this eclectic CD include "A Hundred Years" which is Andrea's response to a quote attributed to Louis Riel – "My people will sleep a hundred years and the artists shall lead the way"; and "Métis Hands" which uses the strands of a sash to symbolize various aspects of Métis history and culture.

Peter Beszterda

The Valley of Green and Blue

Don Freed also released his new folk music CD *The Valley of Green and Blue* during the Institute's anniversary celebrations. On the evening of December 1, 2005, before a captive audience, Don and his band played all the songs on his new CD *The Valley of Green and Blue*. This masterful CD is the culmination of years of work and is arguably, Don's strongest work. On the CD, Don deftly addresses the Métis' colonization and marginalization, while showing that their spirit is defiant and resilient and has not been broken by one hundred and thirty-five years of colonization.

The CD celebrates the Métis' independence and courage. It also pays tribute to the Métis' ancestors in such songs as "Mijakamijikok", "Allons Pontbriard (sic)" and "The Raisin O' The Kilt". Métis women are also honoured in the highly popular and catchy "Daughters of The Country". Most of the tracks on the CD address issues of resistance and colonization in such songs as "Losing Freedom", "Jews, Gypsies and the Half-Caste Man", "Ride, Gabriel, Ride!", "Johnny Sansregret", and "One Year Gone". The CD concludes with the poignant "When This Valley", which laments the Métis' defeat in 1885, but offers the hope that by recognizing their ancestors' spirit, the Métis will heal and will find their true place in Canadian society.



Don Freed's *The Valley of Green and Blue*



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Don Freed performs at his CD Release

GDI is working with Don to produce an accompanying teachers' guide for this resource.

When This Valley

Lyrics by Don Freed

When this valley's no longer a wound that won't heal
When its story is well understood
May infinity fly where the blue of the sky
Meets the green of the river and gold of the straw
In the valley of old St. Laurent
When this valley was young it was peaceful and free
And its citizens were friends to all
If a stranger was cold, or hungry or old
They were taken well care of
By an un-written law
In the valley of old St. Laurent.

When the names of its people are held to the heart
Of a land that was built with their blood
Shamrock, Thistle, Oak Tree, Sweetgrass,
Fleur-de-lys
All entwined in a braid a hanged poet foresaw
In the valley of old St. Laurent.

Back to Batoche Interactive Website

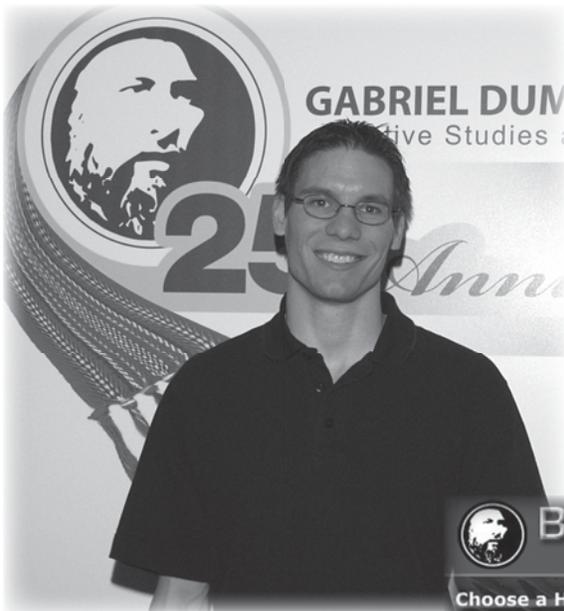
Developed by GDI, in partnership with *The Virtual Museum of Canada*, this website explores the importance of Batoche to Métis identity over time and place. GDI Curriculum Development Officer David Morin has worked diligently over the past year and a half to ensure that this resource is as comprehensive as possible. Designed primarily for grade nine students, this website allows youth the opportunity to learn about the central role of Batoche in formulating Métis identity. This fully bilingual

website includes Elder's interviews, video clips, photographs, and text pages relating to the 1885 Resistance, as well as games that illustrate key aspects of Métis history and culture.

This website will be formally released to the public during the spring of 2006. Its web address will be located at *The Virtual Museum of Canada*: www.virtualmuseum.ca

These resources can be obtained from GDI Saskatoon. All ordering inquiries should be directed to:

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Screenshot of the
Back to Batoche Website

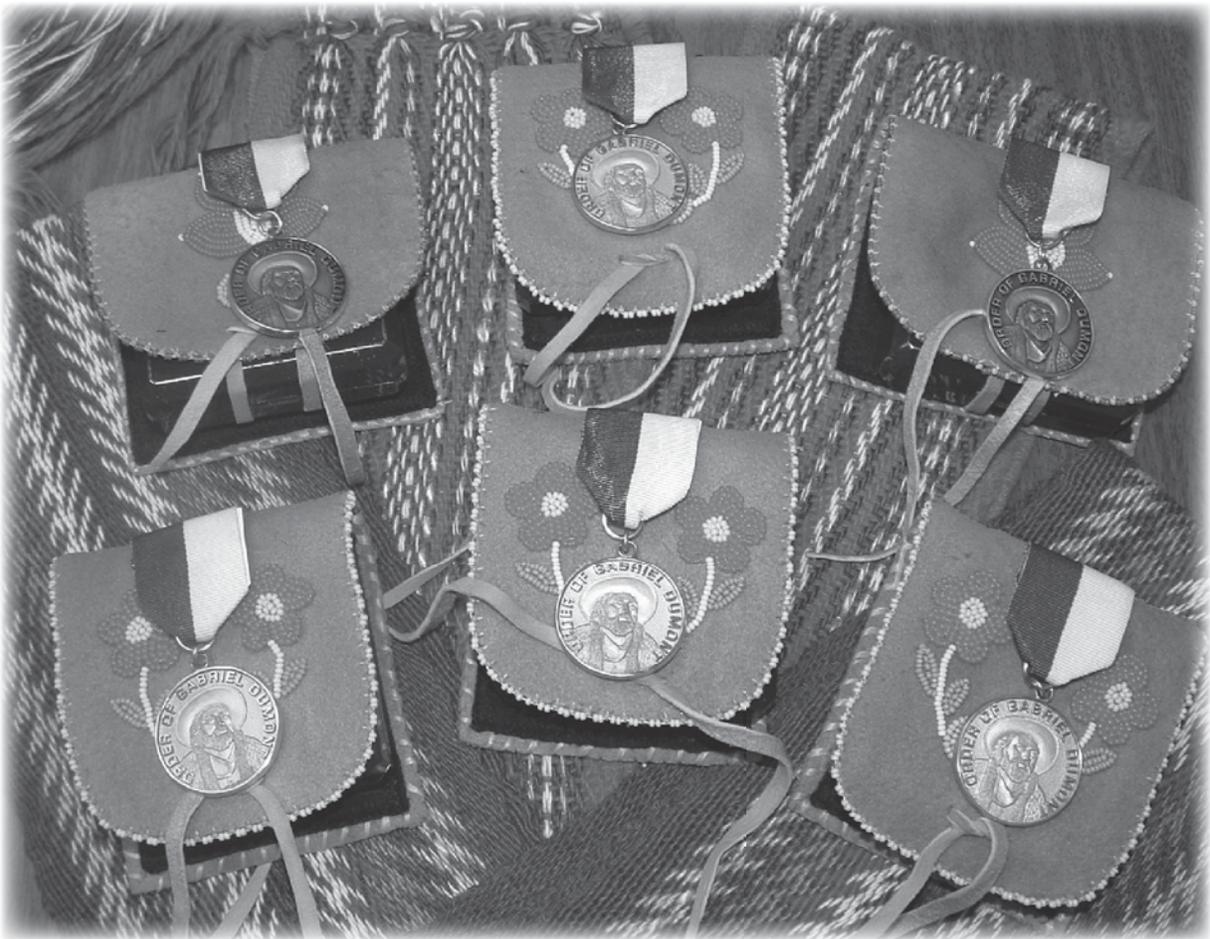
Métis Honoured with the Order of Gabriel Dumont

The Gabriel Dumont Institute is pleased to restore the awarding of the *Order of Gabriel Dumont*, an honour bestowed on a small number of persons who have served the Métis of Canada with distinction. This award is eligible to deserving candidates regardless of their ethnicity.

In the past, the Order has been presented at the time of the Institute's Annual Meeting. Previous recipients were: Maria Campbell of Saskatoon, Author and Educator; R. James Larocque of Lebret, Local Historian and Farmer; Vital Morin of Ile-à-la-Croix, War Veteran and Community

Worker; Clovis Regnier of St. Louis, an early Métis political organizer; Dr. Roger Carter, former Emeritus Dean of the University of Saskatchewan Law School; and the Honorable Ethel Blondin, Member of Parliament for the Western Arctic.

In preparation for the awards, a new medal was cast and, last fall, a call for nominations was issued to all Métis locals. An independent committee selected the recipients from the nominations submitted resulting in the following six people being recognized with the honour.



David Morin

The Order of Gabriel Dumont medals were presented on beaded hide pouches crafted by P. Janvier

Mary St. Pierre

– Order of Gabriel Dumont Gold

Article by David Morin and Darren R. Préfontaine

Mary St. Pierre is a respected and much-beloved Elder of the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S)'s Eastern Region II. Mary Vitaline St. Pierre was born on April 17, 1910 to Alexandre and Adele (née Allary), Flamond at Crooked Lake, Saskatchewan. In 1930, she married Alec St. Pierre in Yorkton. Together, they had eight children. Four girls and four boys: Laura, Lucy, Stella, Florence, Edwin, Lawrence, Frank, Martin and Gerald. From Crooked Lake, Mary moved with her family to Crescent Lake after that Métis settlement was established. While she was not able to attend school as a child at Crooked Lake, her children were able to attend the school built at Crescent Lake. She has extensive family ties to the Métis community of Belcourt, North Dakota and visits relatives there every year.

Mary St. Pierre is proud of her Métis heritage, particularly her Michif language. She is very passionate about sharing her language and culture with her large family and the Métis community. In 1999, in an interview with Norman Fleury for the Gabriel Dumont Institute, she shared her thoughts about this topic:

The Métis people are wise. They're intelligent...and that's why I am interested because I would like to help also. I'd like to help the Métis people to get what they're trying for and what they are trying to get... I'm very happy and proud having these kinds of meetings...because this is one of the only ways that we can regain our language, and we must help one another. I also honestly feel that we should be having conferences or holding conferences for our youth. And they should be interacting with the Elders, so they can learn how we used to live, and how it was years ago, so the kids would have an opportunity and the chance to learn who they are.

Mary St. Pierre lived a traditional life. As a younger woman, she trapped, hunted, and dug Seneca root. She farmed with her husband and



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Myles Pelletier, accepting on behalf of Mary St. Pierre

worked long hard hours in the fields. She was also a talented seamstress who brought supplemental income to her family. Mary St. Pierre also has the distinction of having delivered over fifty babies – many of whom were her own grandchildren. Her large and loving extend-

ed family takes great pride in the fact that she was such a devoted and skilled midwife.

Recently, the MN–S honoured Mary St. Pierre's lifetime of service to the Métis people. On April 17, 2003, along with her numerous family and friends she celebrated her 93rd birthday. Her son, Edwin was the master of ceremonies. Her 93rd birthday party was reminiscent of her 90th birthday party, and showed the love and commitment shown to her by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The evening was a great success, with a great deal of Michif spoken and many happy exchanges made between her family and friends.

As part of the celebration, former MN–S and current Métis National Council President, Clément Chartier presented the *President's Recognition Award* to Mary St. Pierre for her contributions to the Métis people. She was also presented with a photo taken by President Chartier at Prince Albert in February 1988 at the constitutional conference that re-established the Métis Society of Saskatchewan. She is the last remaining Elder of the seven in the picture.

Louis Morin

– Order of Gabriel Dumont Gold

Article by Darren R. Préfontaine

Louis Morin was a Métis Elder, Senator and a community activist from Turnor Lake, Saskatchewan. He was born on November 23, 1920, to Felix Morin and Catherine Daigneault, in Ile-à-la-Crosse. He passed away on February 10, 1997 in Turnor Lake. For his life-long dedication, achievements and contributions to the Métis of northwest Saskatchewan, a cairn was placed in his honour near Buffalo Narrows.

Louis Morin spent his entire life working to improve the lives of northern Aboriginal people. He led a very traditional life and adhered to traditional Aboriginal values. He was a trapper and hunter and was a fluent Michif, Cree and Dene speaker. Senator Morin wanted northern Aboriginal people to work together and dedicated much of his life to ensuring this end. However, Louis Morin was primarily a family man: he and his wife Marie Louise had twenty-two children and many more grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Louis Morin spent his early life providing a living for his family by trapping, fishing and hunting in the Clearwater Settlement. He later relocated his family further south to Turnor Lake to improve his children's education and to have better access to the province's road network.



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Bryan Morin, accepting on behalf of his father, Louis Morin

Louis Morin was very community-minded and had a strong sense of social justice. While living in Turnor Lake, he held various public offices with the Métis Society/Nation local as well as the

local school board, the village and the northern municipal council. He also served as Turnor Lake's deputy-mayor and mayor.

Louis Morin was also passionately committed to ensuring the creation of a land base for the Métis in northwestern Saskatchewan. He was a plaintiff in the *Northwest Métis Land Claim* that was launched on March 1, 1994. Louis Morin and thirty-three other plaintiffs from nineteen northern communities from across northern Saskatchewan filed a statement of claim in Court of Queen's Bench arguing that the region's Métis were a distinct Aboriginal people and that they were the descendants of those Métis who lived on the land and harvested the region's resources prior to the region's entry into Confederation.

Some of Senator Louis Morin's many other achievements included:

- ❖ Founding *Palmbere Days* – an annual Métis celebration held near Buffalo Narrows
- ❖ Serving as a member of the Clearwater-Clear Lake Métis Regional Council and as a Senator of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
- ❖ Founding and serving as the president of the Northern Fur Conservation Trappers Association and as a president of the Saskatchewan Trappers Association

Senator Louis Morin contributed immensely to the Métis in northern Saskatchewan. As the person who nominated him for the *Order of Gabriel Dumont* wrote: "Louis Morin has made us all proud to be Métis and showed our Métis families how to maintain and sustain our Métis-specific community government, relationships and aspirations". In the March 11, 1997 Hansard of the Saskatchewan Legislature, the Honourable Buckley Belanger said this about Louis Morin:

Louis was a father, a grandfather, a great grandfather and a strong believer in northern native people...Louis enriched the lives of all those who knew him...His valuable contributions to those in the North cannot be understated.

Rod Bishop

– Order of Gabriel Dumont Gold

Article by Angela Bishop

Rod Bishop spent his whole life fighting for Métis rights. He was confident, charitable, dedicated, direct, energetic, fearless, intense, principled, radical and stubborn and had considerable integrity, an unrivaled commitment to social justice, and unflinchingly fought for Métis rights, often without financial remuneration. Roderick Joseph Bishop was born in Green Lake in 1938. Without doubt, he was greatly influenced by his father Alex. In the early 1940s, Alex Bishop frequently challenged government on the use of natural resources, employment and other issues relating to Green Lake. As a young boy, he met many prominent politicians including Tommy Douglas and John Diefenbaker. Among these visitors, he most admired Métis leader Malcolm Norris for his tireless efforts to improve the lives of Saskatchewan's Métis and First Nations.

With these influences, Rod Bishop became an activist. By the early 1960s, he was instrumental in organizing the Green Lake Métis and the Métis Society of Saskatchewan. As president of the Métis Society Local, he took a stand against the local power structure including civil servants and the Church, which he felt systematically attempted to destroy Métis culture and identity. He also established many strategic alliances, including those with the National Farmers Union, the Saskatchewan Government Employees Union, the Inter-church Uranium Committee and, the Neestow Project. His activism frequently ensured the wrath

of government. Although he was courted as a potential candidate, he refused to form alliances with any political party. Rod Bishop ran as an independent in two elections for the Athabasca constituency in northern Saskatchewan. While his bids were not successful, he garnered a significant percentage of the vote.

During the 1970s-80s, as an elected representative of the Association of Métis and Non-Status Indians of Saskatchewan, Rod Bishop cautioned against close relations with the government. It was on this platform that he ran against James Sinclair for the leadership of the Saskatchewan Métis. Although Bishop was defeated, Sinclair later stated:

He ran against me a number of times, but without people like Bishop there would never have been the Métis movement that is here today, because he spoke up, he believed in what he said, and he died a poor man with nothing. And yet we stood and accused each other of how rich we



Angela Bishop (Daughter), Peter Bishop (Brother), and Max Morin (Presenter)

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were getting off the Métis, and we had those arguments but his dedication to the rights of Métis is unquestionable. We disagreed on some of the processes, on how we should get there, and we might have disagreed a bit on philosophy here and there, but the end result was the rights of the people.

Rod Bishop was critical of government manipulation of Aboriginal leadership, particularly the close affiliation of Aboriginal politicians with mainstream politicians.

His accomplishments were many. These include establishing the Alex Bishop Child Care Centre, playing a critical advisory role to Canoe Lake in a two-year blockade against clear-cutting, linking disarmament with Aboriginal rights in his struggle with the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range and launching, as Mayor of Green Lake, a lawsuit against the provincial government for the dispossession of twelve townships that were set aside for the Métis in the 1940s.

To members of his family Rod Bishop was more than a politician. He was a husband and a father. He was married to Rose for thirty-five years, and they had five children: Gwen, Manley, Alex, Angela and Sueki. Rose was his main supporter. She worked tirelessly with Rod in advancing Métis rights, and establishing alliances with others, she supported him through his illness and was a constant companion and no stranger to Métis politics.

I feel blessed to have had such a dedicated activist as a father. I didn't see my father's political involvement as a sacrifice to our family. Our family as a whole was not excluded from his political life. In fact, at an early age we were encouraged to participate. This participation enhanced our sense of Métis identity. We

Rod Bishop

were fortunate enough to be introduced to prominent and proud Métis leaders like Harry Daniels, Jim Sinclair, Jim Durocher, Howard Adams, Maria Campbell, Clem Chartier, Jim Favel, Jonas Favel, Murray Hamilton, Louis Morin, Vital Morin, Bill Wilson, Peter Bishop, and T.J. Roy just to name a few. As a family, we were always traveling around from meeting to meeting, singing, eating or sleeping in the car... it seemed as though we were always involved in some kind of political activity on any given day... Our parents involved us in all aspects of their lives whether it be establishing a potato market garden, milking cows, picking berries, traveling the rodeo circuit or attending political meetings. My parents weren't traditional, in the sense that we didn't congregate around a dinner table. Our sense of family was developed from working together, building together and supporting one another. The message within our household was clear – the same message my father was delivering to the Métis people – work together, build together, and support one another.



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Harry Daniels

– Order of Gabriel Dumont Gold

Article by Darren R. Préfontaine

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Harry Daniels

Harry Daniels was a Métis activist, political leader, writer and actor. He was born in Regina Beach, Saskatchewan in 1940 and died in Regina on September 6, 2004. Charismatic, passionate and utterly dedicated to advancing the

rights of Canada's Aboriginal peoples, Harry Daniels spent over forty years working to improve the lives of Aboriginal people in national and international venues. Through a varied and accomplished career, he was one of the most prominent leaders in Aboriginal politics. Like other Métis leaders of his generation, Harry Daniels was heavily influenced by organized labour, the American Indian Movement and the African-American Civil Rights Movement.

As a result of these eclectic influences, Harry Daniels fought injustice wherever he encountered it. Recognizing that women were perhaps the most marginalized segment of Aboriginal society, he was a strong supporter of Aboriginal women in their fight to gain recognition both from their male counterparts in the Aboriginal political movement and in the larger society.

Harry Daniels also had a pan-Aboriginal approach in his fight to restore Aboriginal rights and Aboriginal peoples place in Canadian society. He founded the Native Council of Canada. The Métis

National Council and the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples were formed afterwards. From 1976 to 1981, he was the Native Council of Canada's first president. Near the end of his career, from 1997 to 2000, he served as president of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples. However, Harry Daniels' primary commitment was to his own people: the Métis. He was one of the founding members of the modern Métis Society of Saskatchewan and of the Métis Association of the Northwest Territories and he served as vice president of the Métis Society of Alberta.

His most prominent achievement occurred in the early 1980s, as the president of the Native Council of Canada, when he was the person responsible for putting the Métis in the repatriated constitution. He shares this distinction with Louis Riel, who through *The Manitoba Act*, also had the Métis' rights enshrined in the constitution. During the process to have the Métis included in the constitutional negotiations, a government official asked him: "Who are the Métis?" His defiant and much-quoted response was: "We know who we are; we know the generations of discrimination that we have endured; we don't need anybody to tell us who we are...we self-identify, just like everybody else in this country".

In addition to these achievements, Harry Daniels also had a career and among many other things:

- ❖ He served as the chair or a commissioner on several commissions including the Canadian Aboriginal Justice Council, the Métis and Non-Status Indian Crime and Justice Commission and the Métis and Non-Status Indian Constitutional Review Commission.

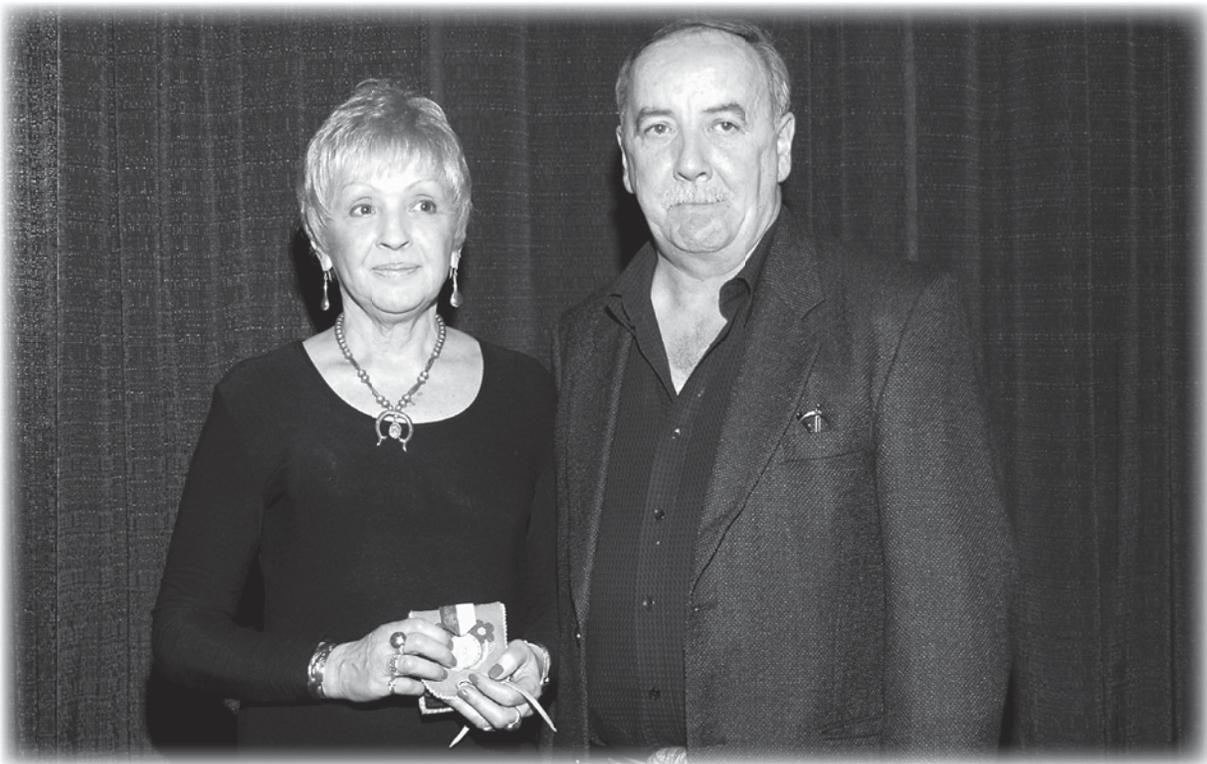
- ❖ He was also an author and scholar: he wrote extensively on Métis rights including three books, and held a Masters Degree. He taught Native Studies classes across Canada, including the Gabriel Dumont Institute.
- ❖ He was the recipient of many honorary awards including the *Order of the Métis Nation* by the Métis National Council and a honorary doctorate of law from the University of Ottawa.
- ❖ He was also a stage and film actor and appeared as "Louis Riel" and a Métis free trader from the 1840s in his film appearances.

A friend to many, his passing was met by both sadness and a fond appreciation of his personality and his many achievements. Maria Campbell said this at his memorial on September 16, 2004: "The Métis community has lost its most able statesmen and courageous warrior".

Many remember Harry Daniels for his witty, keen sense of humour. Others remember him for his kindness. When Pope John Paul II came to the Canadian North for the first time in the 1980s, Harry Daniels greeted him on behalf of Canada's Aboriginal peoples. In a touching gesture, Harry took off his coat and gave it to the Pope. After talking to Harry Daniels, the Pope then publicly chastised the government and people of Canada for not working to end the social, economic and political marginalization of Canada's Aboriginal Peoples. When Harry Daniels passed away, Paul Chartrand wrote this about his friend:

Those who knew Harry will remember his unsurpassed 'joie de vivre', his sartorial elegance, his great depth of knowledge, his fondness for a good turn of phrase. An unsurpassed raconteur, he was an actor, a teacher and a linguist.

With his passing in 2004, the Métis Nation lost a great leader and friend in Harry Daniels.



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Cheryl Daniels (Widow of Harry Daniels) and Murray Hamilton (Presenter)

Ron Rivard

– Order of Gabriel Dumont Silver

Article by Darren R. Préfontaine

Ron Rivard is a Saskatoon-based consultant with roots in the historic Métis community of Willow Bunch. He holds a B.A. Advanced and has taken training in law and in social work. His educational background is eclectic and has prepared him well for his varied and interesting career. His consultant firm, Ron Rivard & Associates, focuses on enhancing economic opportunities for Métis and First Nations communities. In this capacity, he has worked with dozens of Aboriginal communities across Canada to advance their economic, social and political development. As one of his nominators for the *Order of Gabriel Dumont* wrote: "He has been involved in the governance process, economic and social development programming, and policy development with considerable distinction". The nominator concludes by saying that Ron Rivard "...brings common sense to the table and remains committed to the improvement of Métis across the province and the country".

Ron Rivard is a passionate Métis who has fastidiously worked to build the Métis Nation for the past twenty-five years. He has done this in provincial, national and international arenas. During his varied career, he has been an award-winning author, researcher, consultant, economic development officer and a political

activist. Some of his many accomplishments include:

- ❖ Serving as the first executive director of the Métis National Council – from 1983 to 1993
- ❖ Meeting with Pope John Paul II to gain his support for Métis constitutional issues
- ❖ Being a panelist for the recent Métis Election Review Committee in Saskatchewan
- ❖ Co-authoring, with Cathy Littlejohn the award-winning book, *The History of the Métis of Willow Bunch*
- ❖ Coordinating several Aboriginal Healing Foundation Projects in Willow Bunch, and Saskatoon



Ron Rivard and Sheila Pocha (Presenter)

Peter Beszterda

- ❖ Sitting on the *Indigenous 500 Planning Committee*, which analyzed the impact of 500 years of colonization upon the Indigenous peoples of the Americas

Some of the many boards and committees that Ron Rivard presently or has sat on include:

- ❖ The Clarence Campeau Development Fund
- ❖ The Aboriginal Reference Group
- ❖ National Aboriginal Voluntary Organization
- ❖ National Aboriginal Capital Corporation Association
- ❖ The Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers
- ❖ The Aboriginal Affairs Group
- ❖ Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority

- ❖ Saskatchewan Aboriginal Employment and Business Opportunities Committee

Ron Rivard has also worked to empower Métis communities to reclaim their heritage and history. When describing the process to compile his book on the Willow Bunch Métis he wrote:

The memory of the Willow Bunch Métis before the newcomers came has been virtually erased from the memories of all in Willow Bunch, including the Métis. However, there were those who would not forget and who insisted that the history of Willow Bunch started long before those who now said they were here first. The book is the result of the stubborn insistence of the Métis of Willow Bunch that their story must be told.

Ron Rivard has therefore demonstrated a firm and unwavering commitment to the social, economic, political and cultural development of the Métis Nation.

Alex Maurice

– Order of Gabriel Dumont Silver

Article by Darren R. Préfontaine

Alex Maurice is a community activist, political leader and businessman from Beauval. He has spent his entire adult life serving others. His educational background fuses business training, in both law and administration, with social work. Being ethical and having empathy for others is a very integral component of both his business dealings and his community activism. Those who know Alex Maurice respect him for his honesty and integrity. One of his nominators for the *Order of Gabriel Dumont* wrote: "Alex Maurice provides leadership with understanding, compassion and accountability".

Alex Maurice has been successful at a variety of endeavours. Much of his achievement can be attributed to a successful business career and time spent in the military. Since 1992 he has owned and operated a successful logging and trucking company and for the past four years, a bison ranch. He served in the Canadian Forces for eight years. As a Métis veteran he was honoured in March 2005 with the *Saskatchewan Centennial Medal*. In September 2005, he successfully coordinated the building of a Métis Veterans Memorial and Commemorative Monument in Beauval.



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Judy Maurice (Alex's Wife) and Mark Calette (Presenter)

Alex Maurice is very community-minded and has given much to the Métis people. He has volunteered much of his time to numerous causes in northwestern Saskatchewan, including:

- ❖ The Beauval Resource Management Board
- ❖ Primrose Lake Weapons Range – for the past ten years
- ❖ Minor hockey coach – for the past nine years
- ❖ Pinehouse – Dipper Land Use Planning Public Advisory Committee – for the past three years

He also continues to serve the Métis community and other northerners, as a past or current Board of Director for the following:

- ❖ SNEDCO
- ❖ The Northern Development Board
- ❖ Keewatin Career Development Corporation
- ❖ Northwest Land Claim Committee

Alex Maurice has also held numerous political offices within the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S), including:

- ❖ President – MN-S Local # 37, Beauval – for six years
- ❖ Northwest Saskatchewan Métis Council – for nine years
- ❖ Métis Family and Community Justice Services Minister – for three years
- ❖ MN-S Veterans Affairs Minister
- ❖ Interim Vice-President – MN-S
- ❖ Associate Minister of Northern Affairs – MN-S

Alex Maurice has also worked to create strong economic development agreements for northwestern Saskatchewan. He has done this through strategic partnerships with government. For instance, he was also one of the negotiators who successfully brokered a 19.5 million dollar economic development agreement for those Métis displaced by the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range. His primary concern in these negotiations was to ensure that northern Métis people establish a sound economic base through building strategic partnerships and investing in communities. After the signing of this agreement, he said that “most of all, we must ensure all of our future economic opportunities are based on sound business plans”. Nevertheless, despite his tireless efforts to help broker the deal, he thanked the region’s Elders for their wise guidance during the negotiations. “Our Elders have played an important role in this process from the beginning...we want to recognize their contributions that have brought us to the point we’re at today – the economic development funding from the federal and provincial governments”.

Alex Maurice has therefore worked to build strong and viable Métis communities. As his nominator for this award stated: “We feel that Mr. Maurice is very deserving of this award for the work he has done and continues to do on behalf of the Métis. He is a proud Métis, honest, a man with integrity, and we feel deserves some recognition for the work he is doing”.

Saskatchewan Powley Conference Informative, Thought-Provoking

Article by Karon Shmon

On December 2, 2005, over three hundred representatives from Métis locals throughout the province and others interested in Métis rights assembled at the Saskatoon Inn as a precursor to the Gabriel Dumont Institute's 25th anniversary. The conference was organized to provide a forum in which Métis could become better informed about and discuss the Powley ruling, an Ontario court case dealing with Métis hunting rights, and how the case may directly or indirectly impact the future of Métis rights-related issues.

The conference opened with a prayer from Elder Peter Bishop and the playing of the Métis national anthem.

Welcoming remarks were provided by Philip Chartier, Minister of Natural Resources, Minister of Education, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan.

Michelle LeClair-Harding chaired the conference and participated as one of the distinguished panel of speakers who shed light on issues relating to the ruling.

An overview and background on the Powley ruling was presented by Gary Lipinski, Chair and Chief Negotiator for the Métis Nation of Ontario.

The second session highlighted *The Importance of Powley* and begged the question, *Why is Powley such an important decision for the Métis people, and for the section 35 jurisprudence?* The session was delivered by Brad Morse, a University of Ottawa law professor who specializes in Aboriginal issues, and Michelle LeClair-Harding, a local Métis lawyer whose work includes Métis harvesting rights.

Just before lunch, Ron Laviolette was presented with a sash to honour his contribution to Métis harvesting rights in Saskatchewan. Laviolette, a Métis from the Meadow Lake area, was charged for fishing at Green Lake without a license. In this court case, the judge ruled that there is a Métis right to harvest for food throughout northwest Saskatchewan and that Mr. Laviolette, as a member of the Métis community, has the



*Philip Chartier, Minister of Education
MN-S, congratulates Ron Laviolette*

Peter Beszterda

right to exercise his harvesting rights in that area. The Powley ruling formed the basis of the judge's decision.

The afternoon sessions included *Response to the Powley Decision*, which provided the provincial and national responses to the Powley ruling by Métis, federal and provincial governments. The session was delivered by Mark Stevenson and Al Benoit. Stevenson, a Métis lawyer from British Columbia, has extensive experience working in the field of Aboriginal land claims and constitutional issues. Al Benoit is a Senior Policy Advisor for the Manitoba Métis Federation.

The conference concluded with remarks from Manitoba Métis Federation President, David Chartrand and Métis National Council President, Clément Chartier. Both speakers lauded the Powleys and spoke about the importance of the ruling. Both felt the ruling broadened the topic to include all Métis rights and assured participants that the Powley ruling and other cases to come will provide a strong foundation for Métis rights.

In a gesture of sincere thanks, the panel members received sashes and the Métis fiddling CDs *Drops of Brandy*.

Participants left the gathering better informed about the Powley ruling and with many Métis rights issues to think about and discuss.

Support for this conference – from the Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians – is gratefully acknowledged.

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Michelle LeClair-Harding

Peter Beszterda



Gary Lipinski and Geordy McCaffrey

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The Powley Ruling

The Powley Ruling stems from a case involving Métis hunters Steve and Roddy Powley, who in 1993, killed a bull moose near Sault Ste Marie, Ontario. They were subsequently charged with hunting without a license and with the unlawful possession of a moose. In the first trial, the judge ruled that the duo had a right to hunt as protected by s. 35 of *The Constitution Act, 1982*. As a result, the charges were dismissed, but the Crown appealed the decision. A second trial in 2000 confirmed the decision and dismissed the Crown's appeal. An appeal by the Crown was unsuccessful and the earlier decisions were upheld: as Métis, the Powleys have an Aboriginal right to hunt. One more appeal by the Crown to the Supreme Court of Canada resulted in a unanimous judgment that said the Powleys, as members of the Sault Ste Marie Métis community, could exercise a Métis right to hunt as protected by s. 35 of the Constitution. This 2003 judgment has been the focus of much debate and is deemed a very important ruling for Métis rights. The case has set a precedent for future cases related to the Métis right to harvest the products of the land and waters in terms of hunting, trapping, fishing and gathering – especially when done as part of one's livelihood or to sustain their families. The Powley decision may also impact commercial ventures.

*Clément Chartier,
Gary Lipinski,
Mark Stevenson,
Philip Chartier,
Michelle LeClair-Harding*



Peter Beszterda

**Powley Conference: Saskatchewan
Friday, December 02, 2005 – Saskatoon Inn**

This one-day Powley Conference will focus on the impact that the Steve Powley case could have on the future of Métis rights-related issues.

The Conference is open to all Métis citizens and others interested in the case. The following agenda outlines the events and speakers for the day.

POWLEY CONFERENCE AGENDA

- 8:30 a.m. **Introduction of Master of Ceremonies** – Michelle LeClair-Harding
- 8:35 a.m. **Métis Anthem**
- 8:40 a.m. **Opening Prayer** – Elder Peter Bishop
- 8:45 a.m. **Acknowledgement of Special Guests**
- 8:50 a.m. **Welcome Remarks:**
- Phillip Chartier, Minister of Natural Resources, Minister of Education,
Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
- Clement Chartier, President, Métis National Council
- 9:00 a.m. **I The Powley Story**
Overview and background on the case.
- Gary Lipinski
- 10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45 a.m. **II The Importance of Powley**
Why is Powley such an important decision for the Métis people, and for the
section 35 jurisprudence?
- Brad Morse and Michelle LeClair-Harding
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. **III Response to the Powley Decision**
Provincial and National Overviews: Variation on a Theme
- Mark Stevenson and Al Benoit
- 2:30 p.m. **Break**
- 2:45 p.m. **IV After Powley**
Where to next?
What must be done now?
- Clem Chartier and David Chartrand
- 4:00 p.m. **Concluding Remarks**
- Clem Chartier

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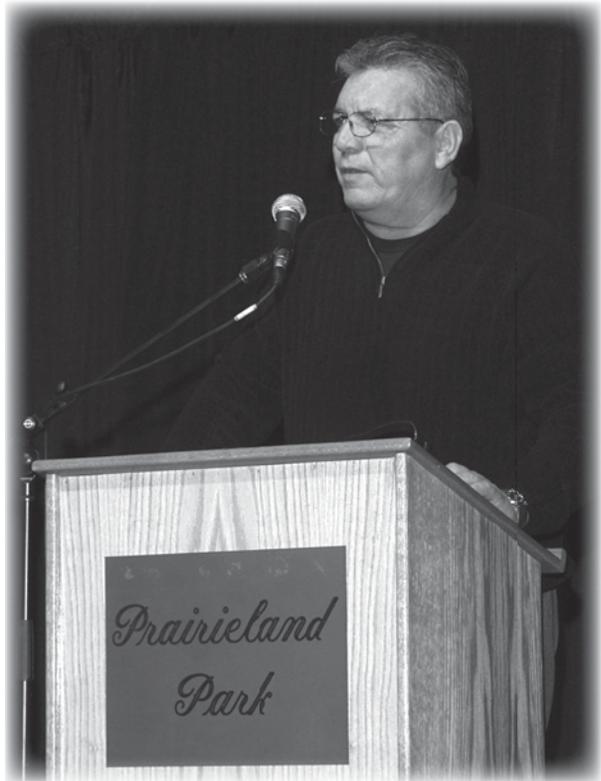
The Gala



Trent Bruner, Vicki Arcand, John Arcand



The Honourable Pat Atkinson



Philip Chartier, Minister of Education, MN-S



Andrea Menard and band, including SUNTEP faculty, Skip Kutz (on bass)

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Conference registration



Suzanne and Yvonne Richer working at the display



Catherine Littlejohn demonstrates Métis veterans resources



Norman Fleury leads the Michif workshop



Penny Condon fingerweaving



Margaret Harrison with one of her hooked rugs



Yvonne Chartrand (right) teaching jigging



Don Freed signing autographs for some new fans



Rose and Ric Richardson

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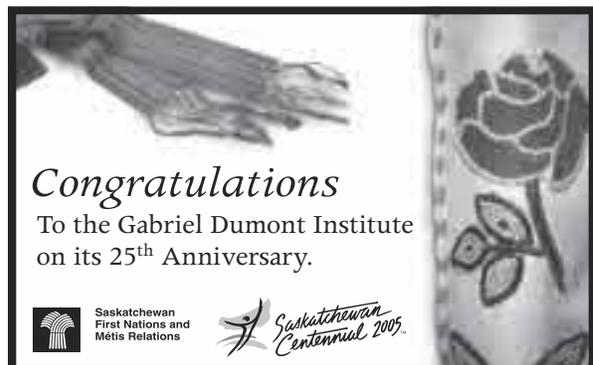
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BYLAWS

I. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Institute shall consist of the following:

(A) Voting Members

All locals of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan shall be entitled to appoint from among their membership, delegates who upon appointment by their respective locals shall become voting members of the Institute. Each local of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan shall be entitled to appoint delegates calculated upon its registered membership according to the following formula:

4 delegates to represent the first one hundred or portion thereof of its registered membership; and 3 delegates to represent each additional one hundred or portion thereof of its registered membership; 1 delegate per 50 students not to exceed 6 delegates.

Such delegates shall be entitled to vote at all general meetings and attend other meetings of the Institute during the tenure of their appointment.

(B) General Membership

All persons who are members of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan shall automatically become members of the Institute. This includes any person who is Métis and who is a resident of Saskatchewan. Such members shall be entitled to receive the regular news publication of the Institute, its annual reports upon request, use of the library facilities of the Institute and to attend membership meetings of the Institute.

(C) **Associate Members**

Any non-Native person who is 16 years of age or over may become an Associate Member of Dumont on the payment of an annual membership fee of \$5.00. This shall entitle the member to receive the regular news publication of the Institute, its annual reports, use of the library resource centre, and to attend membership meetings as observers only.

(D) **Sustaining Members**

Any person who is a citizen of Canada may, on application, and on the payment of an annual membership fee of \$25.00, become a sustaining member. Such members shall receive institute publications and annual reports and may attend membership meetings as observers only. \$20.00 of each membership shall be placed in a scholarship trust fund to be established for the purpose of awarding annually if possible, a scholarship or scholarships to a Métis student or students who have demonstrated need and who are accepted in a university course at any level.

(E) **Group Membership**

1. Any Métis organization which is incorporated in the Province of Saskatchewan and on the active register of the Provincial Secretary, may apply for membership and become a member on payment of a membership fee of \$10.00. Such organizations may appoint two delegates to attend the annual general meeting or other general membership meetings as observers only.
2. Any bonafide organization in Canada may, on application and the payment of an annual fee of \$100.00, become a Sustaining Member of the Institute. They will receive membership publications and reports and may appoint two delegates to attend annual or general membership meetings as observers only. \$95.00 of the membership fee will be placed in the scholarship trust fund.

(F) In the case of Associate, Sustaining, or organizational members, the Institute reserves the right to refuse any membership application. The Institute also reserves the right to withdraw the Membership of any Associate, Sustaining, or organizational member at any time.

II. **AFFILIATION**

The Institute shall be formally a part of the M.N.-S. Network. In addition, the Board of Governors of the Institute shall be ratified by the M.N.-S. Board as provided hereinafter. However, the Institute shall operate as a separate entity within the parent organization and shall maintain separate offices, administration, programs and services.

III. **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Institute shall be as follows:

- A. to develop unique Métis education programs and resources for use in both Métis and non-Métis education programs;
- B. to establish a Library Resource Centre where such resource materials and aids are available for use by and distribution for such programs;

- C. to carry on historical, cultural and social research;
- D. to promote the unique educational needs of Métis youth by implementing special programs such as the Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program and by encouraging and assisting Métis students to pursue a number of careers and professional opportunities;
- E. to promote and participate in the development of and the implementation of a Native Studies Program in cooperation with both the provincial universities and to be involved in the development of a Native Studies Program with the University of Saskatchewan;
- F. to promote and assist in the planning of community education programs to be delivered to local Métis communities;
- G. to provide special programs of a remedial nature to assist Métis students to upgrade their basic life and job skills;
- H. to provide special training programs for the staff of Métis organizations and for private Métis entrepreneurs;
- I. to develop and offer courses to strengthen Métis cultural awareness dealing with both the historical and current cultural situation of Métis people;
- J. to promote, develop and implement programs designed to improve cross-cultural relationships and increase cross-cultural understanding and awareness.

IV. **THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

1. Board of Governors shall have representation from the (12) Regions of the Organization, who shall be ratified by the Provincial Métis Council of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan.
2. The Provincial Métis Council Member who is assigned the Education portfolio shall automatically sit as the Chairperson of the Board of Governors.
3. All persons selected to the Board of Governors will be for a period of three years. Prior to the expiration of the terms of appointment, the Board shall solicit nominations from those entitled to nominate and the names of the persons so appointed by the Provincial Métis Council shall be announced at the annual general meeting of the membership.
4. A member who is an employee/staff person/management of an affiliated organization of the M.N.-S. shall not be permitted to sit on the Board of Governors of the Institute.
5. A member of the Board of Governors may be removed from office by the Provincial Métis Council of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan for just cause or for conduct unbecoming a Board member. Absence from three consecutive meetings by a Board Member shall be deemed to be just cause for removal from office.
6. In the event of there being a vacancy in the Board of Governors created by the death or resignation of a member, a member becoming mentally incompetent or being removed pursuant to sub-paragraph 5 herein, the Provincial Métis Council of

the Nation may fill such vacancy within or without of its own membership of the membership of the Nation subject to consultation and upon the recommendation of the Chair of the Board of Governors.

7. The Board of Governors shall oversee the Gabriel Dumont Institute and shall be responsible for its operation and governance in all matters, including but not so as to restrict the generality of the foregoing:
 - a) To adopt policies for the effective operation of GDI;
 - b) To formulate a strategic plan and to oversee its implementation;
 - c) To approve annual budgets, audits and programs;
 - d) To function as ambassadors for GDI and to encourage students and potential students in their study and career plans;
 - e) To represent GDI to all levels of government, persons of Métis ancestry and to the public generally; and
 - f) To appoint a Chief Executive Officer to be directly responsible for implementation of policy and the day-to-day management and operations of GDI.
8. Final authority on all matters of Institute policies and programs shall rest with the membership and shall be exercised through the annual general assembly or through special membership meetings called for this purpose.
9. The Métis Nation-Saskatchewan shall be responsible to monitor the activities of the Institute to ensure that policies and programs are being implemented by the Institute in accordance with the directions of the membership. Where it finds that the Institute is not carrying out its mandate in accordance with the wishes of the membership, the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan may give such directions to the Institute's Board of Governors, as it deems advisable, provided that such directions do not require the Board of Governors to take actions which would be in violation of any legal contractual obligation it has undertaken.
10. Board members may be reimbursed for expenses incurred or travel and sustenance while attending Board meetings, annual meetings, general membership meetings or Institute workshops or conferences.
11. Board members, in addition to their expenses, shall be eligible for an honorarium for attendance at meetings or other approved Dumont functions.
12. Board members may not enter into contracts with the Institute or benefit from any contracts awarded by the Institute.
13. All Board members shall be appointed to a term of office commencing April 01, 2006 (or such other date as may be determined), with one-third of the members to serve for one year; one-third of the members to serve for two years, and the remaining one-third to serve for three years. Thereafter all members shall be appointed for a term of three years.
14. All appointments to the Board must be of Métis ancestry with knowledge of the cultural, historical and social circumstances of Saskatchewan Métis.

V. **OFFICERS**

A. The Board shall select from its membership, the following executive officers:

1. **Chairperson**

To be responsible for the conduct of all membership, Board and Executive meetings, the preparation of agendas, and to carry out other appropriate duties and responsibilities.

2. **Vice-Chairperson**

To act in the absence or inability of the Chairperson or when the Chairperson fails to fulfill his/her duties as provided for in these Bylaws.

3. **Honorary Secretary**

To be responsible for the general supervision of, and the preparation and distribution of minutes, and to present minutes as required at general membership meetings or at Board and Executive meetings.

4. **Honorary Treasurer**

Shall be responsible for the general supervision of the finances of the organization. He/she shall ensure that adequate financial administrative procedures are followed, that monthly financial statements and annual financial projections are prepared, and to maintain the financial operations of the Institute. He/she shall also arrange for the annual audit of the Institute's financial operations.

B. The officers appointed pursuant to paragraph A herein shall hold office for a term of two years and shall be eligible for re-appointment following the expiration of their original term of appointment. In the event that an officer is removed from office pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph IV (5) herein or cannot continue to serve due to illness, death or mental incompetency, the Board of Governors may appoint from amongst its own membership a person to fill such vacancy. Such person so appointed to fill the vacancy shall be appointed for the unexpired term of the office so vacated.

VI. **PERSONNEL**

A. The Board shall employ a Chief Executive Officer known as the Executive Director of the Institute. He shall serve as the Chief Executive of the Board.

His responsibilities will include the preparation of Board agendas in consultation with the Chairperson, to see that an accurate record is kept of all Board decisions, and to ensure that Board decisions are implemented.

B. The Institute may employ such other staff as are necessary to conduct the programs and services of the Institute.

C. The Board shall approve a personnel policy manual which specifies working conditions, which provides job descriptions and qualifications, and which sets out salary scales. The Board will ensure that such policy manual is reviewed and updated annually.

VII. **COMMITTEES**

The Board of Governors shall establish the following permanent committees:

1. **Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee which shall be responsible for the conduct of the business between regular meetings of the Board. All executive decisions shall be subject to approval and ratification by the Board. It shall specifically be responsible to develop and recommend for Board approval appropriate administrative policies for the Institute.

2. **Ad Hoc Committees**

The Board of Governors of the Institute may establish such other committees of the Board of Governors as the Board may deem advisable from time to time.

VIII. **MEETINGS**

The meetings of membership, Board and committees of the Institute shall be held as follows:

A. **Board Meetings**

1. The Board of Governors shall meet regularly every second month for as long as necessary to conduct the business of the Institute. There shall be a minimum of six regular meetings annually. The Board, in addition, may hold such special meetings as may be required.
2. Special meetings may be at the call of the Chair, or the Chair shall call such meetings when requested by at least four members of the Board. Such request shall be in writing and shall state the purpose of the meeting.
3. The dates for the next regular meeting of the Board of Governors shall be set at the conclusion of each meeting. Special meetings of the Board shall require forty-eight (48) hours notice. Notice of such special meetings may be given in writing, by telephone, telegraph or by means of any other telecommunication method. Notice requirements may be waived upon unanimous approval of the Board.
4. Except where otherwise expressly provided for in these By-laws, all meetings of the Board shall be conducted in accordance with Métis principles of respect and wherever possible, consensus, and according to Roberts Rules of Order.

B. **Committee Meetings**

1. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called as frequently as required. Notice of such meetings shall be given at least four (4) days in advance of such meeting. Notice of such meetings may be given in writing, telephone, telegraph or by means of any other telecommunication method. The notice requirements may be waived upon unanimous approval of the Committee. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be conducted by telephone or any other means of instantaneous telecommunication.

2. Rules governing the meetings of all other committees as may be established by the Board of Governors shall be established by the Board of Governors from time to time.

C. **Membership Meetings**

1. The annual general meeting of the membership may be held in conjunction with the annual general assembly of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan or at any other time, date or place as may be determined by the Board of Governors.
2. Special meetings of the membership may be held at the call of the Chair. Such meetings shall be held if requested by a majority of the Board or if requested by at least 100 voting members. Such requests shall be in writing and shall state the purpose of the meeting. Written notice of 15 days is required for such meetings.

IX. **OPERATION OF THE INSTITUTE**

- A. The operations of the Institute shall be carried on throughout the Province of Saskatchewan.
- B. The Provincial office will be located at such address as shall be determined by the Board from time to time.

X. **VOTING**

- A. All decisions at general membership meetings, Board meetings, and committee meetings shall be made by a majority of those members present and voting, except as herein provided.
- B. A quorum for a general membership meeting shall consist of a simple majority of the registered delegates entitled to vote at such general meeting.
- C. Quorums for meetings of the Board of Governors shall be one half of the members plus one.

XI. **SIGNING AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- A. The Institute shall annually, by resolution of the Board of Governors appoint a minimum of three signing officers in accordance with the administrative policies of the Institute. Two of these must be the Treasurer and Chairperson of the Board of Governors.
- B. The Institute shall at each annual meeting appoint auditors to do an audit of the Institute's books and accounts.
- C. The Treasurer shall present a certified and audited financial statement to the membership on the past year's operation, at each annual meeting.

XII. **AMENDMENTS**

- A. The Bylaws of the Institute may be amended at any general membership meeting provided that notice of such amendments and the proposed written amendments are circulated at least 30 days in advance of the meeting. Such amendments shall require a majority approval of those members present and voting.

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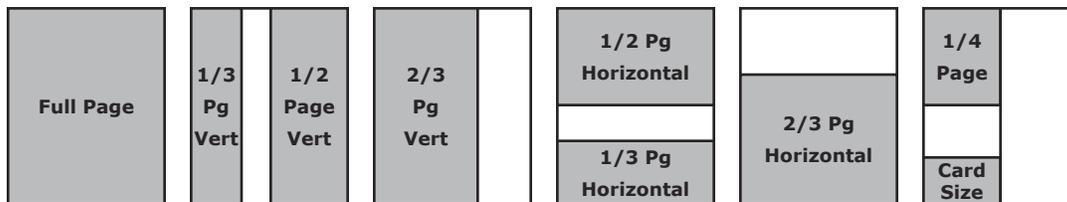
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