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# Certificate of Incorporation

*The Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995*

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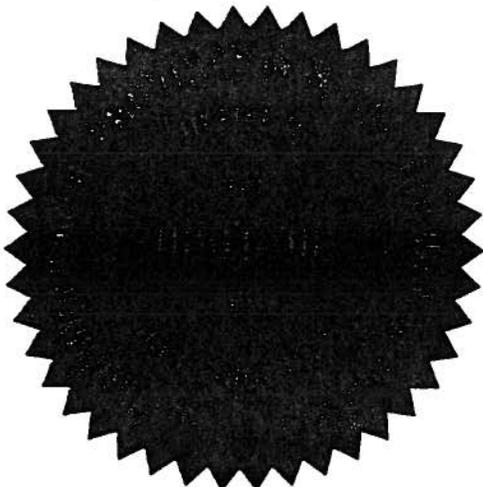
SASKATOON METIS CULTURAL SOCIETY INC.

is this day incorporated and registered under *The Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995*.

Given under my hand and seal

this 14th day

of December, 1998

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip J. Flory".  
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Philip J. Flory, Director

# Saskatoon Metis Cultural Society Inc.

315 Avenue F South, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7M 1T3

February 23, 1999

Senator John Baucher  
Western Region II



Dear Mr. Baucher:

This is to introduce our organization and to inform you of our plans for the year 1999.

We are a group of Metis people concerned that Metis culture is not evident to the residents of Saskatoon or visitors to the city. We believe that understanding between people begins with people learning about each other. We are proud of our Metis culture. We want to share our cultural achievements not only with our neighbors but also with our children.

We are planning the First Annual Metis Spring Festival, which will be a celebration of Metis singing, dancing, fiddling and traditional arts, crafts and skills. We intend to fill the city of Saskatoon with the sounds, sights and tastes of our culture.

We would like to invite you and your organization to be part of our celebration. We are looking for corporate sponsors or donations of any kind to help us make this event a success. You can help by looking through the enclosed budget list for your consideration, any item on the list you can contribute to would be very much appreciated.

We will keep you informed about the development of the Metis Spring Fest. We look forward to hearing from you on this very important event. Any further questions contact Flo at (306) 975-9159.

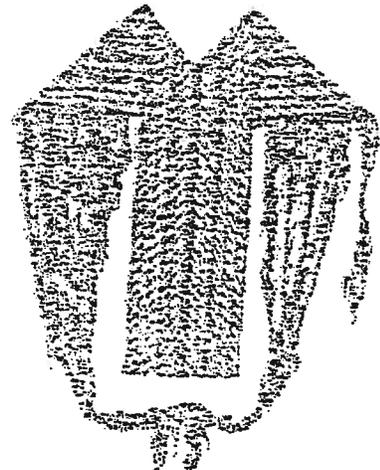
**\*\*\* Our Metis Veterans will also be participating in this event!**

Thank you,

Mel Vandale  
President of Saskatoon Metis Cultural Society Inc.

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**R.S.V.P. By March 26, 1999**



# METIS SPRING FESTIVAL

## OUR MISSION:

We are a group of people that have gotten together to promote our culture and what better way to do it than by setting up and organizing a Metis Spring Festival.

## OBJECTIVES:

1. Bridging the gap between the Metis people of Saskatoon and other residents in the city.

The Metis Spring Festival was the idea of a group of Metis citizens who wanted to bridge the gap between the Metis people and the non-Aboriginal people of Saskatoon. The Festival will be a celebration of Metis culture, and will showcase fiddling, jigging, square dancing and singing. It will give people a "taste" of Metis foods and provide a chance to learn about Metis culture and traditions from the Metis people themselves.

2. Offering an opportunity to learn about Metis culture.

Other cultures have made great strides in promoting their cultures in the city of Saskatoon. We, as long time citizens of the city of Saskatoon and as the original settlers of this province, want to raise the awareness of Metis culture among our fellow citizens. We want to advertise who we are and what our culture is all about.

3. Keeping the old songs, traditional dances and Metis events alive in our Community.

Celebrating our culture is a way to support the keepers of our culture, traditional songs, dances, sporting events, foods, and to pass them on to our children.

## METIS SPRING FESTIVAL:

The Metis Spring Festival will take place in Friendship Park, on the Victoria Day week-end, with opening ceremonies at 4:30 P. M. Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 1999. In between, the riverbank will reverberate with the sounds of the fiddle, the stamping of feet, the clapping of hands and the songs of the singers.

The events presently planned include: fiddling, square dancing, a talent

show for professional and semi-professional performers, King Trapper events, strong man events, canoeing, a traditional fashion show, traditional foods, bannock baking, and children's events.

### COMMUNITY BENEFITS:

A Metis-specific celebration was one of the recommendations made in a study done for the Western Region Metis Women's Association Inc. This research undertook to identify the opportunities for the Metis people within the tourism industry in Saskatoon and involved interviews with key players in the tourism industry in the city. When asked how the Metis could raise their profile in Saskatoon, many recommended putting on a Metis Spring Festival.

There are several other benefits to putting on such an event, both to the Metis Community and the community at large:

- Establishing pride in the community, promoting cultural traditions and customs;
- Instilling a sense of involvement, sharing, and caring for the citizens of Saskatoon;
- Job creation, revenue sharing, community development and promoting economic opportunity for Metis and Saskatoon businesses;
- Providing recognition in the community for positive contributions;
- Providing education, training opportunities, and allows a window of opportunity to develop what could be one of Saskatoon's leading tourist attractions.

We realize that these are ambitious expectations for our first endeavour, but we have a long term vision to see the positive side to staging such an event. The benefit to the people of Saskatoon, is that they will have a tremendous week-end of entertainment on a week-end when there are few other events taking place. They will also be able to see the Metis people having fun together and offering their hospitality to their neighbours. It will afford those people that have never been to "Back to Batoche Days" to enjoy the cultural experience right here in Saskatoon.

Invitations have been sent to other Metis organizations in Canada to gather in Saskatoon for this week-end. It is expected to attract many Metis artists, singers, dancers, and entertainers.

### OUR ORGANIZATION:

The Saskatoon Metis Cultural Society was incorporated in October, 1998. It consists of an executive of four and a Board of five people. They are:

Mel Vandale

President

Saskatoon

May Henderson	Vice-President	Saskatoon
Flo McKay	Treasurer	Saskatoon
Donna Boyer	Secretary	Saskatoon
Gabe Lafond	Board Member	Saskatoon
Luke Jeddry	Board Member	Saskatoon
Shirley Isbister	Board Member	Saskatoon
Maria Campbell	Board Member	Saskatoon
Rose Boyer	Board Member	Saskatoon

The executive and board are all Metis, and bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to supporting this event. Each of the members have contributed to the appreciation of Metis traditions and culture in their own way. They come from varied backgrounds including musicians, artists, dancers, singers, poets, authors, activists, and hard working Metis families. Their vision is to see that the Metis culture is fully appreciated and shared with the non-Metis world.

### RESOURCES NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT:

To put this event on we will require financial assistance from many sources. Our executive and board are volunteering their time and efforts to plan and prepare the activities for the week-end. More assistance is required to ensure that this Festival becomes a reality. Some of the costs associated with this Festival include: licenses from the city, materials to build stages, stage supplies, promotional material, advertising, insurance, master of ceremonies, security, judges for events, sound equipment, microphones, chair rentals, administration costs, sanitation services, barbeques, propane, cooking supplies, and food supplies. We plan to raise funds from our own fund raising sources, Nevada's, bingo, and raffles, as well as silver collections. We anticipate that to hold this event we will need approximately \$70,000.00. So far we have financial commitments from:

- CUMTI local #725
- Western Region Metis Women
- Western Region Metis Heritage and Cultural Association Inc.
- Metis Nation of Saskatchewan
- SaskEnergy
- Concerned Metis individuals in the city of Saskatoon

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOME AND CAN BE FORWARDED TO:

Saskatoon Metis Cultural Society Inc.  
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**Saskatoon Metis Cultural Society Inc.**  
1999 Proposed Budget

**Revenue:**

Cumfi Local #165	\$	2,000.00	
Western Region Metis Women	\$	2,000.00	
Western Region Metis Heritage & Cultural Assoc. Inc.	\$	2,000.00	
<b>Total Revenue</b>			<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>

**Expenses:**

Supplies	\$	3,000.00	
Co-ordinators:			
a) One youth			
b) One other	\$	10,000.00	
Licenses	\$	300.00	
Volunteers Expenses	\$	3,000.00	
Audit	\$	1,500.00	
Accounting	\$	500.00	
Postage	\$	800.00	
Facility Rental:			
a) Tent (40 x 100)	\$	1,750.00	
b) Three tents (20 x 40)	\$	2,250.00	
Stage	\$	4,000.00	
Dismantling Commentary Stage	\$	225.00	
Promotions	\$	350.00	
Sanitation	\$	2,000.00	
Insurance	\$	2,500.00	
Medical Staff	\$	2,000.00	
Administration Fees	\$	400.00	
Nevada's	\$	2,000.00	
Square Dancers:			
a) Youth	\$	700.00	
b) Seniors	\$	8,000.00	
Youth Cance Race	\$	7,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Talent Show:			\$ 6,000.00
a) Children (8 - 11)	\$	900.00	
b) Youth (12 - 18)	\$	1,500.00	
c) Seniors (19 - Up)	\$	1,900.00	
M.C.'s (2 x \$1000)	\$	4,300.00	
Chairs (1000 x \$.75)	\$	2,000.00	
6" Propane Barbeque (2 x \$135)	\$	750.00	
Barbeque Griddle Tops (3 x \$25)	\$	270.00	
Propane Grill (30 x 36)	\$	75.00	
Taxes			\$ 135.00
Pancake Breakfast	\$	?	
Jigging Contest	\$	800.00	
Main Band	\$	3,200.00	
Security Patrol	\$	3,500.00	
Wage Payable (Judges)	\$	1,000.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>Estimate \$ 71,305.00</b>