George Lépine.

George Lépine is a grandson of Ambroise Lépine, Riel's Adjutant-General for the Provisional Government in the late 1800s. George is a former member of the Provisional Council of the Metis Nation of Ontario, and has served as President of the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto. He was also on the Executive of the Ontario Aboriginal Sports Circle and vice President of the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) International Council. In addition he is a National Delegate for Transport Canada's Diversity Council and is Master 5th Degree Black Belt (WTF) for the International Haikido Federation and the NAIG Ontario Taekwondo team's coach. He also holds a 6th Degree Black Belt in Taekeukdo-Hapkido (CTA). September 30, to Ocober 6, 2003 he was one of many



martial artists invited to the 6th Annual Wold Martial Arts Festival held at Chungju, Korea. He still finds time to volunteer for many other things within the Aboriginal community.

George has travelled internationally training, demonstrating and competing in the martial arts. He has taught martial arts at the Native Canadian Centre in Toronto. He served on the Metis Nation of Ontario's Cultural Commission and is President of the Toronto Metis Council. Master Lepine is currently the Director and Chief Instructor of Okichitaw Indigenous Martial Arts.



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