

# Métis Economic Development Conference 1999

## Les Métis Mamawatoushkay



## The Métis Working Together

March 3rd & 4th, 1999, Sands Hotel, Saskatoon, SK

**CONFERENCE NOTES**

**Métis Economic Development Conference 1999**

March 3 & 4, 1999 at the Sands Hotel in Saskatoon, SK 343-8285



March 2, 1999

Dear Conference Delegates:

It is with great pleasure that the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan hosts our first annual economic development conference and trade show, "Les Métis Māmwatoushkay - The Métis Working Together", March 3 & 4, 1999 at the Sands Hotel in Saskatoon.

On behalf of the Executive Council and the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan we would like to thank our partners in hosting this conference:

Clarence Campeau Development Fund  
Western Economic Diversification  
Aboriginal Business Canada  
Saskatchewan Economic and Cooperative Development  
SaskPower  
Turtle Island Music  
Saskatchewan Native Economic Development Corporation  
SaskEnergy

We hope that all delegates, panelists, moderators, exhibitors and keynote speakers take the opportunity provided by this gathering to develop new business contacts and continue to work with us as we implement our economic development plans for the new millennium.

Yours truly,

*Clem Chartier*

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Clem Chartier  
President

*Guy Bouvier*

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Guy Bouvier  
Minister of Economic Development

***A Message From Mr. Allan Morin, MNS Treasurer  
Les Métis Māwawatoushka: The Métis Working Together  
Métis Economic Development Conference 1999***



Welcome and greetings to all participants attending the conference. The Métis Nation of Saskatchewan is very proud to host this important event. Throughout the history of our people, there has always been a recognition that a strong economic base binds our people together, and creates a dynamic, vibrant culture.

In Saskatchewan, Métis people have called upon their leaders to ensure that language, culture and the Métis way of life are protected and allowed to flourish in today's society. As a Nation, we are proud of our history, of the tenacity of our people, and of the vision that we all hold for the future. The MNS has been proactive in seeking Métis self-governance in order to answer the call of its people. One of the keys to self-governance, is having a strong economic base within Métis communities.

Métis people have been working hard to develop initiatives that will empower them to be heard with a loud voice in political decision-making and policy-setting in the province. MNS Affiliates SNEDCO and CCDF have operated successfully in assisting Métis entrepreneurs to develop their businesses. Powerful partnerships have also been established within the MNS through our Intergovernmental Affairs Ministry. The Tripartite Process has a well developed Subcommittee comprised of representatives from the MNS, the Northern Project, Métis Women of Saskatchewan, Aboriginal Business Canada, Western Economic Diversification and Sask Economic and Cooperative Development. Since the establishment of this Subcommittee, other partners such as Saskatchewan's Northern Affairs, Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food, and Canada's PFRA have requested to come on board. Our partners have seen the Métis drive to become self-sufficient and have expressed a willingness to assist in this growth.

A two year work plan has been developed under the Tripartite and Bilateral Processes that outline specific ventures identified as being critical to our Nation's development. Economic development initiatives in tourism and forestry are at the forefront of these ventures. Under WEPA, Canada and Saskatchewan have contributed 40 million dollars to assist in economic development in Western Canada. Both levels of government expect the MNS to be a leader in acquiring a portion of this resource through MNS proposals that are currently being developed.

In January 1999, The Government of Canada commented on the progress of *Gathering Strength - Canada's Aboriginal Action Plan*. Minister Jane Stewart is quoted as saying, "We will work to ensure that Aboriginal people have the skills and expertise to shape their own solutions. The vision we see is sustainable and accountable Aboriginal governments, leading healthy, self-sufficient and economically-viable communities."

With current Aboriginal population trends, The Métis Nation of Saskatchewan has worked diligently to develop strategies that address the protection of land and resource use, the needs of rural and urban Métis people, and build a strong economic base for the generations of the future. The Métis Economic Development Conference provides a forum for you to show your interest and belief in the importance of new initiatives for Métis people in this province. The MNS encourages you develop entrepreneurial businesses, partnerships, and your own vision for the successful development of your communities. See the possibilities, believe in yourself, and work toward a proud strong self-sufficient Métis Nation.

**MNS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 1999**

**Workshop Notes:**

**1. How to Identify Opportunities for Economic and Community Development -**

March 3, 1999 at 10:15 am to 11:15 am, Diefenbaker Room, Sands Hotel, Saskatoon

Moderator: Mike Mercredi

Panelists: Leonard Gauthier, Edmonton Métis Business Association

Marlin Stangland, Western Economic Diversification

Patty Conkin, Beaver River Community Futures

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**2. Financing and Funding Opportunities**

March 3, 1999 at 11:15 am to 12:30 am, Diefenbaker Room, Sands Hotel, Saskatoon

Moderator: Mike Mercredi

Panelists: Greg Fofonoff, Saskatchewan Native Economic Development Corporation  
Roland Duplessis, Clarence Campeau Development Fund  
Duane Auramenko, Aboriginal Business Canada  
Marlin Stangland, Western Economic Diversification  
Gordon Shaw, Northern Enterprise Fund

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**3. Forestry**

March 3, 1999 at 2:45 pm to 4:00 pm, Diefenbaker Room, Sands Hotel, Saskatoon

Moderator: Greg Fofonoff

Panelists: Philip Chartier, Area Director of Clearwater Clear Lake Region (Northern Region II), also owner of Chartier Wood Products

Darcy Morin, Three Rivers CREDO

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**4. Women and Entrepreneurship**

March 3, 1999 at 2:45 pm to 4:00 pm, Alberta Room, Sands Hotel, Saskatoon

Moderator: Yvonne Vizina

Panelists: Terry Parent, Women Entrepreneurs  
Debbie Parker - Fiddler, Diverse Visions  
Linda Prafke, BMG Consulting

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**5. Agriculture**

March 4, 1999 at 9:00 am to 10:15 am, Diefenbaker Room, Sands Hotel, Saskatoon

Moderator: James Froh

Panelists: Ernie Spencer, Assistant Deputy Minister, Sask Agriculture and Food  
Rodney Parenteau, Parenteau Gourmet Foods  
Garrett Cormin, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration, a branch of  
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

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**6. Youth and Entrepreneurship**

March 4, 1999 at 9:00 am to 10:15 am, Alberta Room, Sands Hotel, Saskatoon

Moderator: Gillian Ward

Panelists: Pat Redl, Northwest Community Futures Development Corporation  
Sharon Francis, Human Resource Development Canada  
Darren Arnault, student of Economic Development Officer training, GDI

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**7. Tourism**

March 4, 1999 at 10:45 am to 12:00 pm, Diefenbaker Room, Sands Hotel, Saskatoon

Moderator: Gillian Ward

Panelists: Raymond Laliberte, Mayor of Buffalo Narrows  
Renee Carriere, Big Eddy Camp, Cumberland House  
Ian McGilp, SaskTourism

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**8. Contracting from Corporations**

March 4, 1999 at 10:45 am to 12:00 pm, Alberta Room, Sands Hotel, Saskatoon

Panelists:     Alain Clermont, Manager of Aboriginal Affairs  
                  Darlene Chuka, Government of Canada, Public Works

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**9. National Perspectives on Métis Economic Development**

March 4, 1999 at 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm, Diefenbaker Room, Sands Hotel, Saskatoon

**Moderator:** Mike Mercredi

**Panelists:** Guy Bouvier, MNS Minister of Economic Development  
Oliver Monkman, National Métis Economic Development Steering Committee  
Gerald Morin, President, Métis National Council  
Leonard Gauthier, President of Edmonton Métis Business Association

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**Regional Meetings**

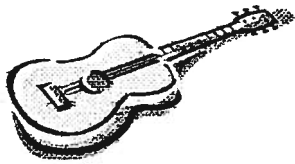
Conference Feedback and Recommendations:

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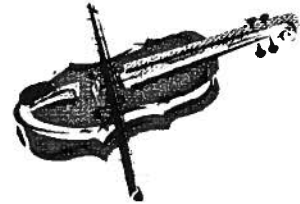
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Saskatoon Metis Cultural Society**

**Singer & Fiddler  
- MEL VANDALE**



**Guitar & Fiddler  
- Len Dumont**

**Singers  
- Allan Morin  
- Flo McKay  
- Philip Boyer**



**Red River Jig  
- Patricia McKay  
- Cheyenne McKay  
- Chantell Bouvier**



# **DANCE**

**50/50**

**\$100.00**

**Raffle**

**Wednesday, March 3, 1999**

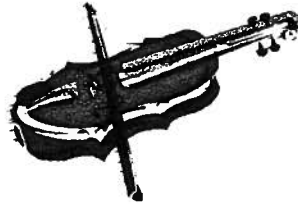
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**LIVE BAND!**

**League of Nations  
(Old Time & Country)**

**\$6.00 Single**

**\$10.00 Couple**



**COME ONE COME ALL**

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Metis Business Association of Edmonton \* Suite 301, 11816-83 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5B 2Z3

February 24, 1999

## Metis Economic Development Conference planned for March

SASKATOON - The Metis Nation of Saskatchewan will be hosting a Metis Economic Development Conference on March 3-4, 1999.

Other sponsors include;

- \* Clarence Campeau Development Fund
- \* Industry Canada
- \* Aboriginal Business Canada
- \* Western Economic

Diversification Canada

along with many other volunteers.

The theme of the conference is "Les Metis Mamawatoushkay - The Metis

Working Together". The conference is aimed at equipping all Saskatchewan Metis Area Directors and Local Presidents with basic economic development knowledge and contacts.

The conference agenda includes two types of workshops, those addressed to the entire delegation and break-out workshops aimed at specific industries and interests. Topics for the workshops include; *Identifying Opportunities for economic and community development, Financing and funding opportunities, For-*

*estry Industry, Women and entrepreneurship, Agriculture, youth and entrepreneurship, Traditional harvesting, Tourism, How to become a supplier to Saskatchewan Crown Corporations.*

The conference is expected to bring many Metis people interested in economic development issues and Metis entrepreneurs together at the Sands Hotel, on Idylwyld Drive in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

For more information contact: Gillian Ward at (306) 242-8398

## National elections called

EDMONTON- The Metis National Council has announced on February 18, 1999 an election for the position of President, while meeting in Edmonton at the Coast Edmonton Plaza. The election will be held, during a General Assembly of the Metis National Council, March 26, 1999, in conjunction with a National

Metis Rights Conference, March 27 - 28, 1999 in Toronto. Gerald Morin will be seeking re-election and is currently the longest serving national Aboriginal leader in Canada. Mr. Morin was first elected as President of the MNC in March 1993. For more information contact: M.N.C. at (613) 724-6928

## Metis rights to be discussed at National conference

TORONTO-Metis from across the Homeland will gather to discuss the many challenges facing the over half a million citizens of the Metis Nation. There will be a "National Metis Rights Conference" held on March 27 - 28, 1999, in Toronto. A number of fundamental issues will be raised and they include; Hunting and Fishing rights, Health, Housing crisis, Present Land Claims Cases, The right-

ful place of Louis Riel in the history of Canada and the Federal Liberal Party Private Members Bill currently before Parliament, Section 91/24 and Constitutional issues, and the United Nations Draft Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

For more information contact Peter Ives, Executive Assistant, MNC at (613) 724-6928.

## Metis MLA passes on

MANITOBA- Neil Gaudry, MLA for St. Boniface in Manitoba, succumbed to a heart attack while attending the Festival du Voyageur, one of his favorite past times. He supported and attended the Festival du Voyageur for many years. He was a Metis and was elected to the Liberal Party in Manitoba numerous times. His funeral was held on February 23, 1999 in Manitoba. The Metis Moccasin gives him a farewell salute.



**Angie says:**

It's easier to throw sticks on the campfire than to try to restart it when it goes out.

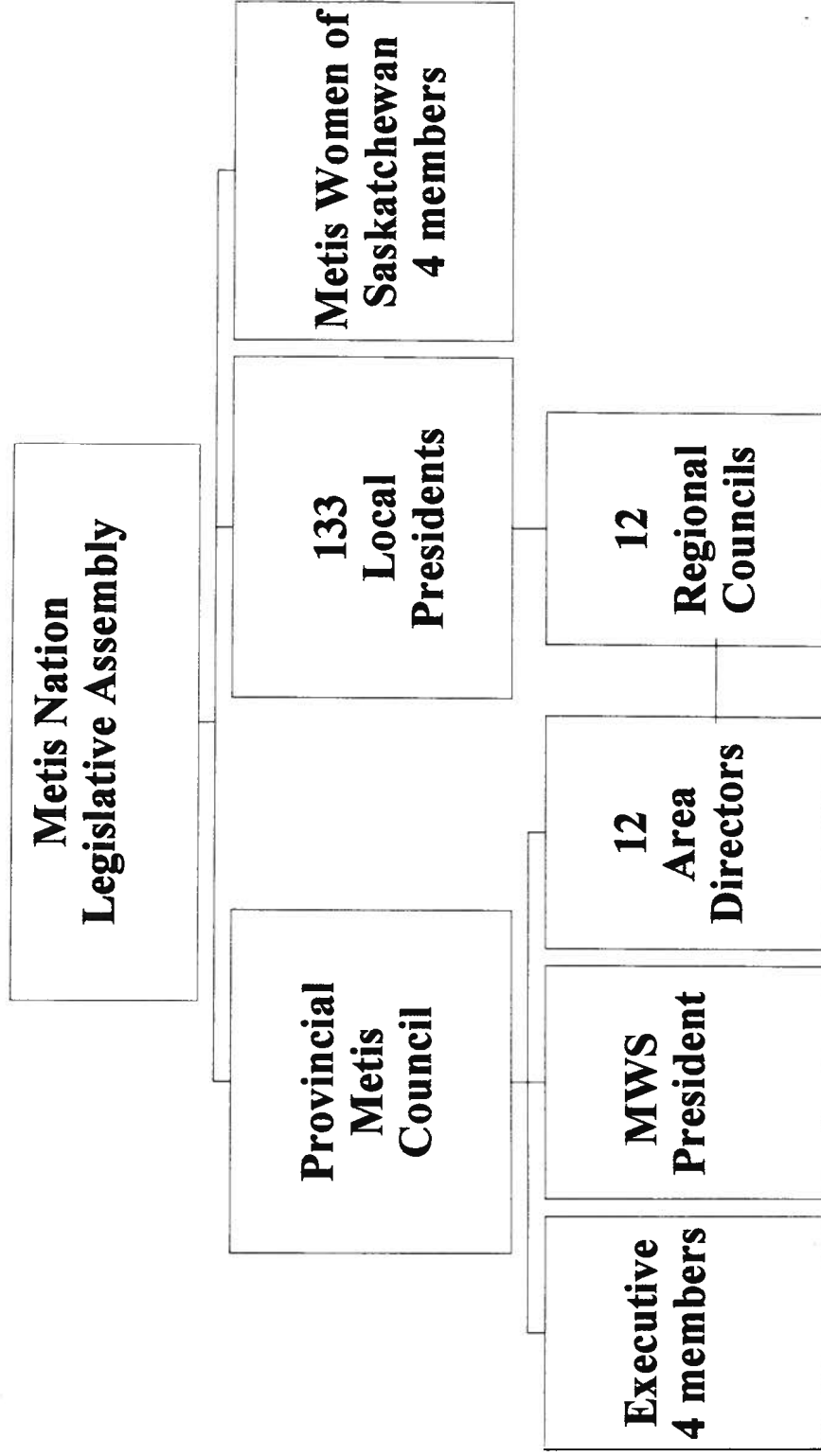
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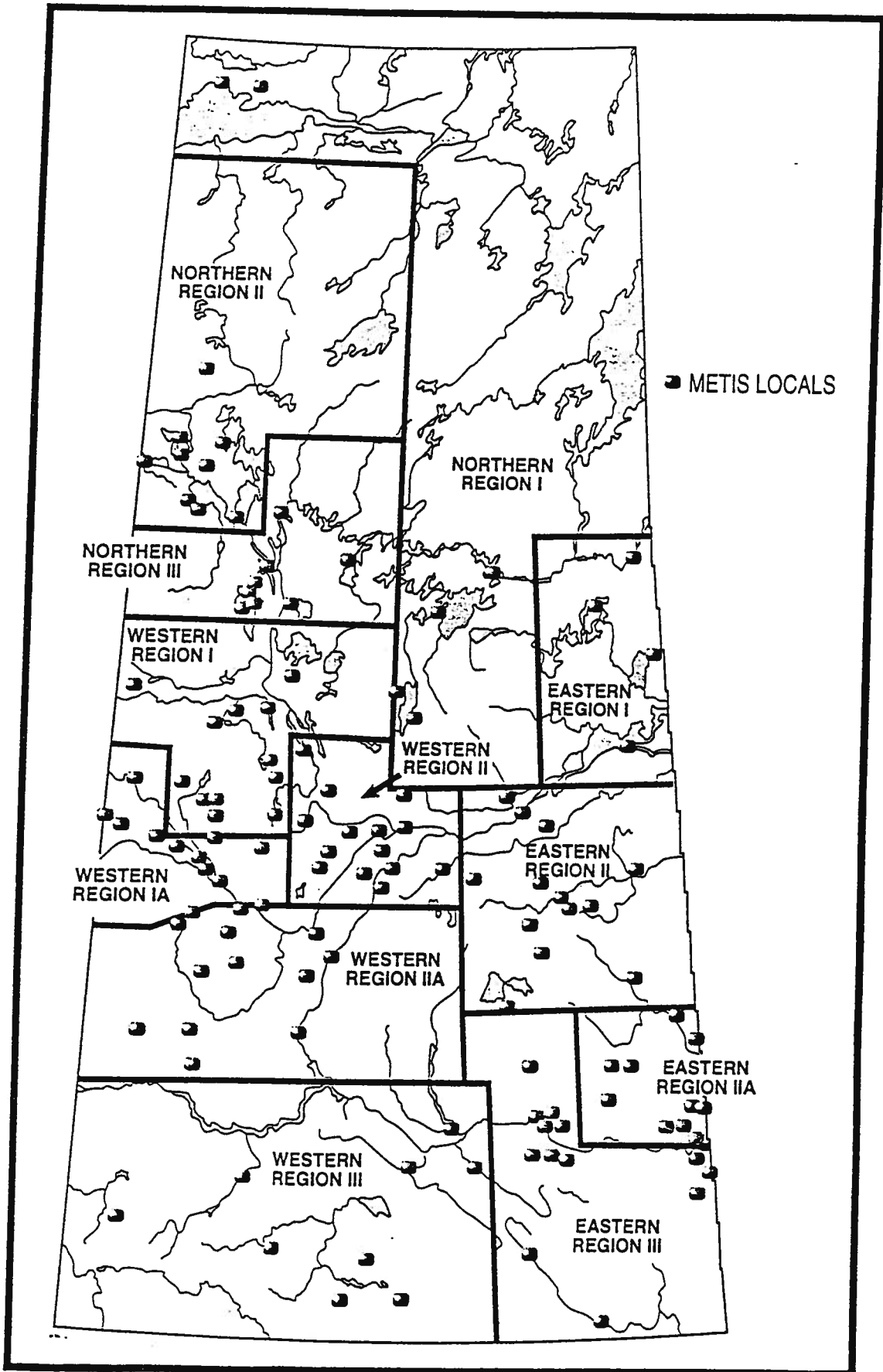
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# **MNS Governance Structure**

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**Metis Citizens 16 years of age or older.  
MNS Provincial Elections held every three years.**



Map 1. Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Regions and Locals.