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NEWSLETTER

Métis Nation Local '8'

Medicine Hat, AB

Fall 2011



METIS WEEK
FEATURED Performer

Alex Lamoureux
Alex Lamoureux

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Miywasin Society: (403) 526-0756

Métis Urban Housing: (403) 504-4062

Miywasin Centre - 517 3rd Street SE, Medicine Hat, T1A 0H2

METIS WEEK CELEBRATIONS

IN

MEDICINE HAT

2011



- **METIS FLAG RAISING CEREMONY** – everyone welcome to come out and support the start of Métis Week Celebrations; join us as we show our Métis pride and raise the flag at City Hall.

WHEN: Monday, November 14, 2011
TIME: 12:00 noon (lunch to follow at Miywasin Centre)
WHERE: Medicine Hat City Hall

- **ELDERS APPRECIATION POT LUCK** - This potluck is open to all members of the Métis Nation and invited guests, and is held in honour of our Respected Métis Elders in the community. Please register to attend and let us know what you will be bringing to the potluck by calling Sheila at 403-504-4060 or Lorna at 403-526-0756.

WHEN: Monday, November 14, 2011
TIME: 5:00 pm
WHERE: 5th Avenue United Church – Community Room
476 4th St. SE, Medicine Hat

- **METIS CULTURAL NIGHT** – *Bannock Tasting contest, Sash Finger Weaving Demonstration, 'Unveiling Ceremony' of the Saratoga Park Sign, Featured performer – Alex Lamoureux will be leading the 'Métis Kitchen Party' music and dance performance, Excerpt from the “Trial of Louis Riel” performance by Wally Garrioch, and dance demonstrations by the Miywasin Métis Prairie Kickers.

WHEN: Tuesday, November 15, 2011
TIME: 6:30 pm
WHERE: Esplanade

***Register with Lorna at 403-526-0756 to enter the Bannock Making Contest, prizes for Best Baked and Best Fried.**





**MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA ASSOCIATION
LOCAL COUNCIL #8 (MEDICINE HAT)**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday, November 28, 2011 at 6:30 pm
Miywasin Centre – Community Room
523 3rd Street SE**

**Must be a Lifetime card carrying member of the Métis Nation of Alberta
and member of Métis Nation Local 8 (Medicine Hat) to vote.**



ALEX LAMOUREUX

Alex is the 2008 & 2009 BC Fiddle Champ and placed first in the Championship class at contests in Kamloops, Saskatoon, Abbotsford, and Prince George, just to name a few. He most recently was ranked in the top 10 fiddlers overall at the Canadian Grand Masters National Fiddling Championship held in Ottawa, ON in August 2008 & 2009.

Alex has become a mentor and ambassador to other Métis youth across Canada and recently received a special Aboriginal recognition award from his school for his academic and musical talents.

In the summer of 2005, Alex released his first CD entitled, "Want to Have a Few Tunes?" This live recording captures Alex's strong playfulness and sense of humour with its "house party" atmosphere. The project is truly a testament to Alex's strong "feel" and "drive" in his fiddle playing. It's impossible to keep your feet still while listening to Alex play! A brand new solo album entitled "Groove" was released in 2009, to huge acclaim.

Join Alex as he leads the "Métis Kitchen Party" on November 15, 2011 at the Esplanade in celebration of Métis Week in Medicine Hat! Activities begin at 6:30 pm.



Métis Nation Local '8' Board Meetings are the last Monday of every month starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Miywasin Centre.

October 31, 2011

November 28, 2011 & AGM

January 30, 2012

February 27, 2012

March 26, 2012

April 30, 2012



Lest We Forget

Friday, November 11, 2011

Métis Nation Local '8' veterans will again be laying a wreath at this year's memorial services. We will meet at the Miywasin Centre at 8:30 am for muffins and refreshments, and then proceed to services at the Esplanade. Following the wreath laying services at the cenotaph, we will be serving lunch at Miywasin Centre Community Room - 523 3rd St. SE. Everyone is welcome to come out and honour our veterans.

METIS NATION OF ALBERTA ELECTION RESULTS



**Audrey Poitras – Provincial President
Toby Racette – Provincial Vice-President**



**Marlene Lanz – Region 3 President
Joe Pimlot – Region 3 Vice-President**

For more information on the election results throughout the province, please go to: www.metis.org

Farewell to Kara



Farewell to Kara Bodvarson, as she moves to Maple Creek and starts a new chapter in her life. She will continue to pursue Métis interests and hopes to start a Métis Local in Maple Creek. Good Luck to Kara, we wish her all the best.



Youth Programs

AT MIYWASIN CENTRE

All programs sponsored by the Métis Nation of Alberta – Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth (CCAY).

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|---|---|----------|
| | Scheduled Programming 5:00 – 7:00 | Gym Time 6:30 – 8:00 | Jigging 4:30 – 5:30 Scheduled Programming 5:00 – 7:00 | Board Game Nights / Movie Nights 5:00 – 7:00 Chick Chat (once a month) 6:30 - 8:30 | Teen kitchen 4:00 – 7:00 Youth Council Meetings | |

Contact Amanda Beierbach, for more information on activities and field trips at 403-526-0756.

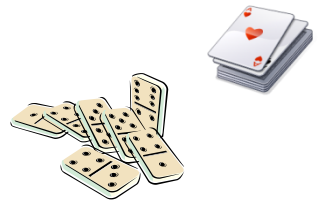


Welcome Amanda

Miywasin Youth Coordinator





Elders Lounge

All Elders are welcome to come out every Friday to the Miywasin Centre at 12 noon for a delicious home cooked meal and stay for music, games and good company.



Children's Christmas Party



-  **When:** Saturday, November 26, 2011
-  **Time:** 12:00 pm
-  **Where:** Miywasin Community Room
523 3rd Street SE, Medicine Hat
-  **To register your children (ages 0 - 12) please call Lorna at 403-526-0756 or Sheila at 403-504-4060. Deadline to register is Friday, November 18, 2011 by 4:00 pm.**

Monthly Potlucks

WHERE: Miywasin Community Room - 523 3rd Street SE (downtown)

WHEN: Saturday, October 29, 2011
Saturday, January 28, 2012
Saturday, February 25, 2012
Saturday, March 31, 2012
Saturday, April 28, 2012
Saturday, May 26, 2012

TIME: 5:30 pm

*Bring your favorite dish, games, come out and play some music.
Everyone Welcome.*

FALL CULTURAL CALENDAR

Tuesdays: Cultural Crafts

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Learn a new craft at the Miywasin Center



Wednesdays: Métis Jigging (Prairie Kickers)

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Youth Jigging

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Adult Jigging

Learn to jig Métis style

Fridays: Elders Lounge

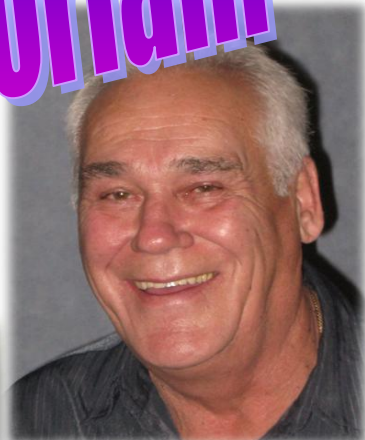
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

All Elders and invited guests are welcome.



Other activities to be scheduled including activities for seniors and field trips sponsored by New Horizons for Seniors; for more information contact Natalie Desjarlais at 403-526-0756.

In Memoriam



Gone but not forgotten our dear Métis Elders and leaders that have passed in 2011. (left to right: Marge Friedel, Ephram Bouvier, Joan Heppner and George Inkster)



Medicine Hat Métis Urban Housing Branch – 517 3rd Street SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 0H2 Ph. (403) 504-4062 Fx. (403) 504-4106

Métis Urban Housing Corporation (MUHC) is a Métis Nation of Alberta owned company that was incorporated in 1982 to provide affordable, adequate and appropriate rental housing for low and moderate income Métis (and other Aboriginal) families within the urban centre's of Alberta. In Medicine Hat, we have the Urban Aboriginal Housing units available. **Applications for Housing may be picked up Miywasin Centre, contact Marlene Cadotte, Branch Manager at (403) 504-4062 or online at <http://www.muhcab.ca>.**

Programs Available in the Province (not all programs available in Medicine Hat and subject to funding availability):

Urban Aboriginal Housing Program: This program provides rent base on income (RGI) at 25% of total household income. Includes a fixed utility charge. CNIT levels apply to this program.

Affordable Market Housing Program: This program provides accommodations base on a fixed rental rate that is determined to be **20% less** than market rates. Includes a fixed utility charge.

Nihgi Métis Seniors Lodge – in Edmonton: This is a fully serviced assisted living facility. Meals, laundry and cleaning are provided.

Emergency / Transition Program: This program provides accommodations based on a fixed rental rate that is determined to be **20% less** than market rates. Includes a fixed utility charge.

Homeownership Program: This program provides down payment assistance to qualified buyers.

Home Repair Program: This program provides repair assistance to homeowners for capitol items that are considered health or safety related and in need of replacement / repair. CNIT levels apply to this program.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- ∞ The Applicant or Co-Applicant must be Aboriginal.
- ∞ Total household income cannot exceed the program guidelines (core needs income threshold).
- ∞ You **DO NOT** qualify if you presently reside in a subsidized housing program or own your own home.
- ∞ You must have full legal custody of children. Joint custody will not be considered. If children are under the care of Children's Services, please indicate that as well.

PROCEDURE:

If you feel you qualify for Métis Urban Housing, please fill out your application completely. Both the Applicant and Co-Applicant must sign and date the document.

Submit with your application:

- ∞ Proof of native ancestry – Métis Card (contact Métis Nation of Alberta) or Status Card (contact Indian and Northern Affairs Canada) or Inuit Status.
- ∞ Alberta Health Care and or SIN for Application & Co-Applicant & AHC for all dependents.
- ∞ Two letters of reference from your current and previous Landlords. If you're unable to provide 2 landlord reference letters, you may also submit a personal or character reference.
- ∞ Criminal Record Check (Security Clearance) for all applicants over 18 years. CRC cost is reimbursed in second month of tenancy.
- ∞ Medical letters are required if you or someone in your family are handicapped or disabled.
- ∞ CCTB Tax Benefit Notice of Assessment for the most recent tax year.
- ∞ Income Tax Notice of Assessment for the most recent year.
- ∞ Further documentation may be required.

PLEASE NOTE: all applications are processed at the Head Office in Edmonton. We select tenants according to the date of application and the unit size required (please inquire if more information is needed). We are not an Emergency Housing Program. Once accepted, you will be notified. If there are no units available, your name will be put on a wait list. You must contact our office each time contact information changes (phone number and/or mailing address). If after 3 attempts to reach you, we are unsuccessful; your name will be removed from the wait list.

PUBLIC MEETING



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The Gabriel Dumont Institute, in partnership with Parks Canada, will be holding a public meeting for **Métis** and **non-Métis people** who live in or near **Medicine Hat** who are willing to share Métis history, information, and stories about **Fort Walsh**, the **Cypress Hills**, and **Grasslands National Park**.

The partners are looking to identify and interview community members who have knowledge about Métis history and culture as it relates to Fort Walsh, the Cypress Hills, and Grasslands National Park.

Where: Miywasin Society of Aboriginal Services, Community Room – 523 3rd Street SE, Medicine Hat

When: October 12, 2011, 7:00-9:00 PM

Refreshments will be provided. All those interested are welcome to attend the open house.

If you have any questions, please call:

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Marsii/Thank you for your time and consideration!

Grasslands National Park Cultural Resource Values Statement

What is a Cultural Resource Values Statement?

- It is a forward looking document, that describes the cultural resources and values associated with Grasslands National Park, and establishes objectives to protect cultural resources and present their values
- It provides opportunities to encourage involvement by Aboriginal people, stakeholders, local communities, and interest groups in identifying values and cultural resources that are important to them;
- It is based on the integrated delivery of the Parks Canada Mandate that includes the protection of cultural resources and providing visitor experience and education opportunities related to cultural resources (including associated stories and values).

Why is a cultural resource statement important?

- It identifies the cultural resources and their values;
- It provides opportunities to engage communities, Aboriginal people and stakeholders in defining and protecting the values of the cultural resources;
- It provides opportunities to enhance visitor experience.

The following themes have been identified of interest:

- Trading Post
- Relationship with Bison
- Ranching
- Farming
- Great Depression
- Governance and Administration
- Creation of The National Park
- Paleontological and Geological Features
- Early Exploration and Surveys
- Historic Use of the Area

If you are interested in participating in this project please contact:

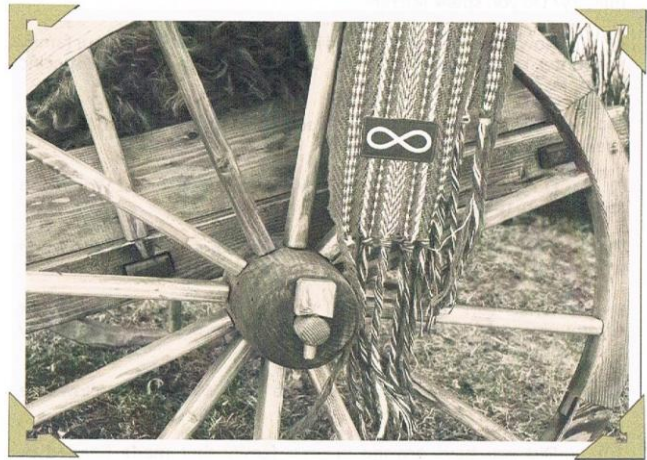
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Fort Walsh, Grassland National Park, and Fort Battleford Questions

- 1) Could you please tell me your name and your home community?
- 2) How were/are your parents and grandparents? Where were they from?
- 3) Did/does anyone in your family speak Michif or serve in the military? Do you speak Michif?
- 4) How were the Métis treated in your community? Did your family encounter racism from the larger community? Do you have specific examples?
- 5) What other Métis families lived in the vicinity? Were they Michif speakers?
- 6) Do you know any traditional Métis stories or songs? Would you care to share them?
- 7) What sort of resources did your family harvest? Where and when were these collected?
- 8) What sort of traditional medicines were used in your community and family? Who were the medicine people in your family and community?
- 9) Did anyone in your family live in a Métis road allowance community?
- 10) Did you have anyone in your family that made beaded or embroidered moccasins or other items? Do you know what happened to these artefacts?
- 11) How did your family celebrate special occasions and holidays such as Christmas, Easter or New Year's?
- 12) Was anybody in your family involved with the Métis society?
- 13) How are the local Métis connected to FB, FW and/or GLNP?
- 14) Who were/are your family involved with FB, FW and/or GLNP?

Questions also found online in the news section of www.gdins.org

Building Relationships with the Métis communities around Grasslands National Park and Fort Battleford and Fort Walsh National Historic Sites



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- 15) Are there any historically and culturally significant landscapes or historical sites within FB and FW and area which you as a Métis person consider to be important?
- 16) Was your family involved in the 1885 Resistance at or near FB, FW and/or GLNP? If not, where they involved elsewhere?
- 17) If so, what happened to your family after the 1885 Resistance?
- 18) Has your family been in the area for a long time? How did they make a living? Do you know how your ancestors made a living in the region?
- 19) What sort of relationship did the Métis have with the Mounted Police at (FB, FW and/or GLNP)?
- 20) Did any of your ancestors work for the Mounted Police at the Mounted Police posts at FB, FW and/or Wood Mountain? If so, can you tell us anything about them?
- 21) Do you know if your ancestors took Métis scrip at FB, FW and/or Wood Mountain? Did they take it elsewhere?
- 22) How can Parks Canada make FB, FW and/or GLNP more Métis-friendly? Should any improvements be made?
- 23) Are there specific people or community groups that Parks Canada should be working with to improve their interpretation of Métis history and culture at FB, FW and/or GLNP?
- 24) Did you or any of your ancestors spend time in the proposed Grasslands National Park or surrounding lands? If so, what type of cultural activities did you or they participate in? Are there any particular landscapes or historical sites within the park that you as a Métis person consider culturally and historically significant?
- 25) A Cultural Resource Values statement is being developed for Grasslands National Park. The Park has identified a number of potential cultural values which may be important to the history of the Park. Would any of these identified potential value themes be important to you as a Métis person? If so, which one(s) and what connections do you see? Are there any other cultural themes, which may have connections to Métis people that should be considered?

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