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**Michif Elder Project Committee Application Notification
BC Métis Federation Métis Elders Michif Language Revitalization Project Committee**

(Vancouver, BC) Today the BC Métis Federation is excited to announce the call for Elder applications (minimally Métis and 55 years of age resident in BC) to volunteer on the inaugural ***BC Métis Federation Métis Elders Michif Language Revitalization Project Committee***.

BC Métis Federation Vice President Rene Therrien stated, *“Our Métis Elders Michif Language Revitalization Project Committee has a limited maximum of 5 seats available. For those expressing interest in being on the Committee, please submit a short background bio of your experience and history or awareness of the Michif Language.”*

BC Métis Federation has identified the following short list details Elder applicants will be participating in as a volunteer:

- 9 Group Meetings (either in person/teleconference/online go-to-meetings video conference)
 - Meeting minutes summary and topic agenda will be provided before next meeting to give advance time to read and prepare your input for the forthcoming meeting.
- Topic focused sessions around Michif Language revitalization:
 - The current status of Michif language
 - How Michif language shapes Métis identity and culture
 - Contributing Strategies and Recommendations for Revitalization of the Michif Language
 - Networking through partnerships and knowledge sharing
 - Story telling around our history, language and kinship ties
 - How the loss and absence of the Michif language impacts you, our community, children and nation.

This is an exciting and important initiative to support Métis language revitalization in British Columbia and we encourage your application today. Simply send your bio, resume or email of interest to BC Métis Federation Vice President Rene Therrien via email only r.therrien@bcmetis.com.

The deadline for applications is Tuesday, September 24th at 5:00 PM.

Successful Elders will be provided an honorarium for each session attended for contributions to the Michif Language Revitalization Project.

For more information about the BC Métis Federation Métis Elders Michif Language Revitalization Project Committee application process please contact Vice President Rene Therrien by email at r.therrien@bcmetis.com.

For more information about this project or other BC Métis Federation initiatives go to www.bcmetis.com.

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