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### **Michif Language Revitalization Initiative Project**

**(Vancouver, BC)** BC Métis Federation is proud to be in partnership with Heritage Canada in a new Michif language initiative entitled, ***Revitalization of Our Michif Language Project*** in BC.

Métis people in British Columbia are in desperate need to maintain the Michif language and this program has been created to commit to revitalizing the Michif language. The Michif language has heavily influenced our Métis culture. BC Métis Federation recognizes the integral importance of the Michif language, which is at risk of being lost forever.

The Michif Language Revitalization Initiative Project is a committed effort that will contribute and commit to the revitalization of the Michif language. The project will include a new approach to teaching future Michif language based on local Métis communities' needs assessed by the upcoming Michif Language Revitalization Survey.

This survey along with the *Métis Elders Michif Language Revitalization Project Committee* will help determine the situation of Our Michif Language status in British Columbia and will provide valuable direction and planning to reach, engage and enhance the outcomes for Métis people in the application of the Revitalization of the Michif Language in BC.

BC Métis Federation Vice President Rene Therrien stated, "It is time to refocus our Michif language work. The language is almost completely lost and we need a new approach to how we teach Michif language retention. Our work will undertake this important task and I am proud to lead this initiative."

To be involved in the **Michif Language Revitalization Initiative Project** please email BC Métis Federation: Vice President, Rene Therrien at [r.therrien@bcmetis.com](mailto:r.therrien@bcmetis.com). The Michif Language Revitalization Project will be updated at the upcoming BC Métis Federation Annual General Meeting in October.

For more information, about the BC Métis Federation, go to [www.bcmetis.com](http://www.bcmetis.com)

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