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6th Annual General Meeting Brings Family Together in Burnaby

Burnaby, BC - BC Métis Federation leadership is once again celebrating the success of their sixth (6th) Annual General Meeting (AGM) held this past weekend in Burnaby, BC.

Approximately 100 individuals attend Sunday, October 1st to participate in the governance for the BC Métis Federation. Métis people attended from Vancouver, Kelly Lake, Surrey, Prince George, Terrace, Fort St. John, and many other locations. The meeting featured Métis cultural talent with Métis fiddler and Vice President Rene Therrien. Various partners attended including Kinder Morgan Canada, ACCESS, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and the Michif Historical and Preservation Society.

BC Métis Federation President Keith Henry stated, "Our team did another great job this year. The meeting seemed to bring a new feeling of family back. We honored our friend Joyce Fisher and discussed a number of key topics. This is self-governance in action."

BC Métis Federation President Henry added, "The AGM also included our 2016-2017 audited financial statements, investments and progress with our economic development company, advancement in consultation activities, etc. The organization should continue to be proud of all that we have done and accomplished."

BC Métis Federation President Henry concluded, "there was a renewed spirit to advance the BC Métis Federation. We witnessed new movement with the Provincial Government and their recognition of the BC Métis Federation in writing and for the first time INAC had a representative attend. These are new steps of progress. Most importantly is that our leadership showed that we cared about our Métis families. Through the significant resolution regarding Métis child "SS" and celebrating the life of Joyce Fisher, it was the strong sense of family and culture that really made our 6th AGM a major success. Thank you everyone."

BC Métis Federation has posted a number of pictures and videos from the weekend meetings on the BC Métis Federation Facebook page so be sure to view <https://www.facebook.com/BCMétis>.

For more information about the BC Métis Federation go to www.bcmétis.com.

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