

# BC METIS FEDERATION

Monthly Newsletter

## Métis COFFEE TALK



Hosted by Keith Henry

Metis Coffee Talk - 7PM Tonight

### **METIS COFFEE TALK IS LIVE!**

Metis Coffee Talk is going LIVE on our Facebook Page tonight!

Join BCMF President Keith Henry, Vice President Rene Therrien, and JJ Lavallee for a great discussion, fiddle tunes, and an update from the Federation.

Tune in LIVE at 7 pm PST on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/bcmetis](https://www.facebook.com/bcmetis)

If you have questions or topics you would like to see on the show, please email [k.henry@bcmetis.com](mailto:k.henry@bcmetis.com).

### **STAFF MEMBER MINUTE**

*Joe Desjarlais*

Joe Desjarlais is from a large Métis family in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia. He is proud of his mixed Ukrainian and Métis ancestry, with kinship in the Red River of Manitoba and across Western Canada. He currently lives in North Vancouver with his wife Danielle and family. Joe is the Director of Research for BCMF and is leading the current Metis Terrestrial Investigations Project. These research projects are at the cutting edge of repatriation efforts in Canada.



# The BC Métis Federation has signed a new Partnership Agreement with The Laborers' International Union of North America (LiUNA!).



The Agreement commits partners to shared goals for training and employment opportunities for Métis in British Columbia and increasing the number of Métis in trades across the province. The latest data from the Industry Training Authority reveals that the LiUNA Training PLUS (Professional Labourers' Union School) is the fourth largest sponsor of Indigenous apprentices in B.C. in its category. Training PLUS has 47% Indigenous apprentices, which is the highest proportion in the BC Building Trades.

BCMF Director of Industry Engagement Greg Mazur states, "This partnership is so important for Métis members and partner communities to have access to all sectors of the construction industry and trades. I believe this partnership will be mutually beneficial for years to come and am looking forward to working closely with LiUNA to secure great jobs and futures for our members." The agreement includes commitments from both parties, including for BCMF to maintain a list of eligible and ready-to-work Métis people for current and future construction work. BCMF members are encouraged to submit their resume to BCMF's Employment Coordinator for inclusion in this new labour initiative. Resumes can be sent via email to: [employment@bcmetis.com](mailto:employment@bcmetis.com).

## About the BC Métis Federation

The BC Métis Federation (BCMF) is a non-profit association that works to ensure the well-being of its growing membership across British Columbia (BC). Through capacity building, advocacy, and cultural revitalization efforts, BCMF works to advance Métis knowledge and self-determination and to encourage the use of the Michif language.

[Learn More](#) »

The BCMF office is located in Vancouver, British Columbia, on the unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples, including the territories of the ɣ̓m̓əθkw̓əy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxw̓7mesh (Squamish) and Səl̓ilw̓ətaʔ/Səl̓ilw̓itulh (Tsleil-waututh) Nations.

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# NOTICE OF ELECTION

BC METIS FEDERATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS



## To the Members:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual general meeting (the “Meeting”) of the BC Métis Federation (“BCMF”) will be held on Saturday, October 15th, 2022, at 9 AM PDT.

The meeting will be held in person at Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel located at 15269 104th Ave. Surrey BC. We have a wonderful day planned, with refreshments and entertainment. The event will end at 4:00 PM, and members are responsible for their transportation and accommodations.

Please note that there will be a Board of Directors election this year. If you are interested in seeking a nomination, please download the Nominee Info Sheet [here](#).

All BCMF Members eligible to vote will be able to cast their votes live and in person for the first time in years. We look forward to welcoming you to Surrey and providing you with an update on our plans and goals for the rest of the year.

It is very important that you verify that your membership status is active and that your contact details are up to date; to do so, kindly contact [Membership@BCMétis.com](mailto:Membership@BCMétis.com) to confirm your information.

For a copy of the agenda, please click [here](#).

**This Notice is given under my hand on August 25th, 2022.**

**Cohen Hocking**

**Clark Wilson, LLP, Chief Electoral Officer**

THANK YOU FOR VOTING



# Nomination Process

In accordance with section 6.4 of BCMF's bylaws, in order to be eligible for election to the board of directors, interested candidates must provide the following documentation to the Office Manager at least 30 days prior to the annual general meeting date:

1. a current criminal record check, provided by the RCMP and/or Municipal Police;
2. confirmation the candidate is a current Full Member, in good standing with BCMF, and has been for at least twelve (12) consecutive months; and
3. proof that the candidate has been a resident of British Columbia for at least twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the date of the election.
4. completed application form
5. a nominee statement

Documentation must be returned to Attn: Cohen Hocking, Chief Electoral Officer via email at [s.daniels@bcmetis.com](mailto:s.daniels@bcmetis.com) or via mail to Unit 390 - 3665 Kingsway Vancouver, BC V5R 5W2 no later than September 9, 2022.

Eligible Nominees will be announced via the BC Metis Federation Website on September 15, 2022, and voting will take place in person on October 15, 2022, at the BC Metis Federation Annual General Meeting.

# NOMINATION FORM

— BCMF BOARD OF DIRECTORS



## GENERAL NOMINEE INFORMATION

Is this your first term? Yes/No/How long have you served?

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Role Type:

Member at Large

Secretary

Treasurer

President

Vice President

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name

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Phone Number

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Date Of Birth

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Full Address

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City / Town

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Postal code

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E-Mail

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Criminal Record

Check

Provided?

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Yes

No

Biography/Nomination  
Statement Provided

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Yes

No

BCMF Membership #:

Please submit your nomination by September 9, 2022 to:

Attn: Cohen Hocking, Chief Electoral Officer

s.daniels@bcmetis.com

390-3665 Kingsway

Vancouver, British Columbia

Signature Of Nominee

THANK YOU FOR YOUR NOMINATION



# BEACH CLEAN UP

## BC MÉTIS FEDERATION'S COASTAL WATER PROTECTORS HOST SUMMER BEACH CLEAN-UPS

The BC Métis Federation's Coastal Water Protectors are hosting beach clean-ups this summer. The Coastal Water Protectors are a group of BCMF Members and Metis individuals living along the BC coast and are undergoing emergency response and incident management training.

Two more clean-ups are scheduled for Vancouver Island! These beach clean-ups are a great way to spend time with other community members, give back and learn more about how you can support the Canadian Coast Guard and the Coastal Water Protectors in their efforts to manage the safety and protection of our waters. Attendees will receive a \$25 gift card and a Coastal Water Protectors canvas tote! If you want to learn more or register for an upcoming clean-up, please contact Angel Fisher at [a.fisher@bcmetis.com](mailto:a.fisher@bcmetis.com).

## METIS TERRESTRIAL INVESTIGATIONS PROJECT

Here at BCMF, we have a great group of Community Researchers that are currently engaged in a very special, and important project. These Community Researchers are learning how to gather and compile research, digest and interpret different types of evidence and reference materials, and build a research archive that tells the story of Metis history in BC.

As they visit archives, and search through libraries they will be documenting their experience, building a bibliography of references, and translating that information onto a GIS (Geographical Information System).

Next up, this fall we will be conducting Oral History Interviews with our members. If you are interested in sharing your family's history, we will be sharing more information shortly. Stay tuned for updates next month!

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LI TAAN KI VYAYN.  
FROM OUR PAST. FOR OUR FUTURE.**