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Métis Cultural Celebration at Fusion Festival in Surrey

(Surrey, BC) BC Métis Federation continued supporting Métis culture this past weekend at one of British Columbia’s largest multicultural festivals in Canada. The BC Métis Federation and partner community Nova Métis Heritage Association (Nova) partnered again to host the Métis pavilion as part of the Fusion Festival with over 100,000 people attending the weekend event.

The Michif Historical and Cultural Preservation Society was another key partner and set up their historic Métis trading post/museum supporting the Nova exhibit that provided information about our Métis culture and the Métis organization in Surrey. BC Métis Federation supported Métis music and dance with a performance from one of Canada’s premier Métis fiddlers JJ Lavallee on the fiddle supported by Rowan and Quinn Pickering jigging.

BC Métis Federation President Henry stated, “This weekend provided Métis culture and entertainment for thousands at our Métis pavilion. There continues to be strong interest in Métis culture and the entertainment we arranged was once again well received over the two days. It was especially great to see Nova President Ken Fisher lead the Fusion Festival with the Métis sign. In this day of changing legal and programming rights for the Métis, these public events become more important for British Columbians and Canadians.”

BC Métis Federation President Henry concluded, “Thank you to our team; Sherry Daniels, JJ Lavallee, Derrick Whiteskycloud, Rowan Pickering, Quinn Pickering, Ken Fisher, and several of the Nova and BC Métis Federation board members. This coming month of August is going to be very powerful with three major Métis music festivals; Terrace, McLeese Lake, and Prince George. We are proud to continue our strong support and sponsorship for Métis culture and thanks to our volunteers who make it successful!”

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