

Métis Week

November 12-18, 2023

Proclamation

November 14, 2023

Whereas the Constitution of Canada recognizes the existing rights of Indigenous Peoples;

Whereas the Métis people, with their distinct traditions, rights, culture, and knowledge, have been an integral part of the fabric of Sturgeon County.

Whereas the 16th of November holds special significance as Louis Riel Day, a day to honour the legacy and sacrifice of the Right Honourable Louis Riel in his unwavering fight for Métis rights.

Whereas the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) designates the week of November 14 as “Métis Week,” providing an opportunity to celebrate and recognize the contributions of the Métis people.

Whereas the Métis community continues to advocate for recognition and rights as a distinct nation, working towards a future of inclusivity and equity.

Whereas the Métis people have a long-standing history in Sturgeon County, with their presence along the Sturgeon River dating back to the 1700s, shaping the foundation and ongoing development of our region.

Whereas Sturgeon County deeply values and honours the significant role played by Métis people in the establishment, history, and continuous progress of the Sturgeon region and Alberta as a whole, acknowledging their vital contributions to our community.

Whereas Sturgeon County acknowledges the presence of Métis Settlements and the Métis Nation of Alberta, Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, within the historical Northwest Métis Homeland, and recognizes the enduring relationship with the First Nations and Métis who have cared for these lands for generations.

Whereas we express our gratitude to the Knowledge Keepers and Elders, both past and present, who have shared and continue to share their invaluable wisdom, enriching our community. We extend this acknowledgment as an act of reconciliation and deep appreciation for the territory we reside on, work on, or visit.

Whereas Sturgeon County stands in solidarity with the Métis people, promoting awareness, understanding, and respect for their culture, history, and rights, as we collectively strive for a more inclusive society.

Therefore, I, Alanna Hnatiw, Mayor of Sturgeon County, hereby proclaim **November 12th to the 18th, 2023**, as **Métis Week** in Sturgeon County.



Alanna Hnatiw
Mayor, Sturgeon County