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RECOGNIZING OUR PLACE IN HISTORY



Culture, Heritage, and Michif Language
Minister Barbara Fleury
Associate Minister Marielle Gauthier

Mandate

- 1) Lead the development of a Red River Métis cultural strategy.*
- 2) Develop programs, host workshops, and work with existing language speakers to increase the number of Michif Speakers.*
- 3) Chair the Michif Language Funding Application Review Committee to ensure that Citizens, Locals, Regions, MMF departments and community partners are able to access funding and lead grass-roots programming.*
- 4) Participate in the upcoming 5-year review of the Indigenous Languages Act and conduct a review of our own program's terms of reference to ensure it is maximizing the impact on Michif speakers.*
- 5) Work with the Minister of Pemmican Publications to increase the number of Michif publications every year.*
- 6) Collaborate with the Minister of Education to develop ways to incentivize students to take Michif Language courses offered in post-secondary institutions or private institutions.*

Culture and Heritage Events



November 16th: Louis Riel
Commemoration Ceremony



Louis Riel Day at The Forks



June 19th: Victory at Frog Plain



June 21st: MMF National Indigenous Peoples Day



August 21st-23rd: Ste. Madeleine Métis Days

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Video: Elder Jimmy Durocher storytelling workshop

Culture and Heritage Initiatives



Supporting Red River Métis artists and artisans
Video: *Dave Lavallee, Michif Christmas Carols*



Métis Music Van



Cultural Programming

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Michif Language Funding Program

During the 2025–2026 fiscal year:

- 1) 10 community projects funded.*
- 2) \$1,337,515 invested in Michif language revitalization.*
- 3) Supported community-led initiatives focused on preserving, teaching, and encouraging the everyday use of Michif.*
- 4) Funded innovative projects that expand language learning opportunities throughout the Red River Métis Homeland.*

Community Engagement and Needs Assessment

- 1) Engaged with Citizens through surveys at MMF events and Regional meetings.
- 2) Gathered feedback on language proficiency, learning interests, and barriers to participation.
- 3) Used community feedback to better understand the needs of Citizens and improve access to Michif language programming.



WAVES 2025

During the 2025–2026 fiscal year:

- 1) Represented the MMF at the Global Indigenous Languages Summit in Ottawa in August 2025.*
- 2) Supported the participation of 50 Red River Métis Youth and nine Elders from across the National Homeland.*
- 3) Showcased Michif language and Red River Métis culture through workshops, exhibits, and cultural programming.*
- 4) Elder Dave Lavallee led a Michif language workshop, sharing language knowledge with attendees.*



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Mentor Apprenticeship Program (MAP)

A two-year language revitalization initiative connecting Michif learners with fluent speakers through mentorship and regular language practice.

- 1) 21 learners and eight mentors selected to participate.*
- 2) Six learning groups established across three Michif dialects:*
 - Three Heritage/Southern Michif groups*
 - Two Michif French groups*
 - One Northern Michif group*
- 3) Participants commit to regular language learning sessions over two years.*



Mentor Apprenticeship Program in Action

Supporting the next generation of Michif speakers by creating opportunities to learn directly from fluent speakers and Language Keepers.



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Michif Language Learning Resources

- 1) Supported the creation of 37 Michif language learning resources through funded community projects.
- 2) Resources included books, audiobooks, flashcards, archival recordings, and mobile applications.
- 3) Expanded opportunities for Citizens of all ages to engage with and learn Michif.
- 4) Encouraged innovative and accessible ways to preserve and share the language.



Looking Forward

The Michif Language Department remains committed to strengthening language revitalization efforts across the Red River Métis Homeland.

- 1) Continue supporting community-led Michif language initiatives.*
- 2) Build on the Mentor Apprenticeship Program to develop future Michif speakers.*
- 3) Expand access to language learning resources and opportunities for Citizens of all ages.*
- 4) Strengthen partnerships that support the long-term preservation and revitalization of Michif.*

