



# CHESTERMERE

From the Office of the Mayor

## Proclamation

### **Metis Awareness Week Nov 15<sup>th</sup> - Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019** **Louis Riel Day Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Every November, Canadians are invited to celebrate the contributions of Metis peoples in Canada. November 16<sup>th</sup> Marks an important day in Canada's History as it is the commemoration of Louis Riel.

The City of Chestermere is located on Treaty 7 Blackfoot land which includes the People of (Siksika, Kainai, Pikuni and Stoney Nakoda First Nations) and **Metis Nations** of Region III. Residents on this territory are encouraged to learn Canada's true history and participate in reconciliation through the Truth and reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action

**WHEREAS:** National Métis Week is held annually in November in the week surrounding Louis Riel Day. Louis Riel Day is observed to remember and honour Riel's leadership and bravery in leading the Métis people of western Canada during the Red River and North-West Resistance. And;

**WHEREAS:** The Métis are one of three constitutionally recognized groups of Indigenous people in Canada whose ancestral roots are a combination of European and Indigenous. The Métis have a distinct culture and language as well as a shared history and many kin relations. And;

**WHEREAS:** Lifting this knowledge asks us to honour the strength, diversity, and rigor of Métis knowledge systems (ways of knowing) that live in this place. In addition to acknowledging this significant week, we must also be thoughtful to continuously include rich learning opportunities about, and in partnership with, the Métis that live and are related through the disciplines. And,

**WHEREAS:** The City of Chestermere is committed to reconciliation, honoring its first peoples, and celebrating diversity as a strength in our community.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Marshall Chalmers, Mayor of the City of Chestermere, do hereby proclaim the week of **November 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019** as Metis Awareness Week in Chestermere, and to Celebrate **November 16<sup>th</sup> 2019** as Louis Riel Day

Dated this 15 day of November, 2019

Mayor Marshall Chalmers

