



# Sunset Country Métis

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Sunset Country Métis Community Council would like to request that Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be declared Louis Riel Day in our community.

Louis Riel was the great Métis leader executed by the Canadian government on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1885 for leading the Northwest Resistance in defense of Métis rights and the Métis way-of-life. Our community celebrates Louis Riel Day every year to recognize the many contributions of the Métis to Canada and to highlight the continuing struggles that Métis continue to face.

We hope to raise the Métis flag on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am with the presence of local citizens, Sunset Country Métis Council Members, Mayor Avis and/or members of Fort Frances Town Council – followed by a light meal and refreshments at our Sunset Country Métis Hall.

Please feel free to contact me to make the necessary arrangements. Sunset Country Métis Council can provide a flag for the ceremony.

I will be in touch with local media once details have been confirmed.

Thank you so much for your time and continued support.

Sincerely,

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