



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**November 14, 2018**

**Slave Lake, Alberta**

### **Métis Week Celebrated at Northern Lakes College**

Northern Lakes College is celebrating Métis Week with a variety of events and presentations across the NLC service region during the week of November 11 – 17.

The Métis Nation of Alberta has declared the week surrounding November 16, which is the date of The Right Honourable Louis Riel's death, as Métis Week. Métis people pay tribute to Riel and his visions. These visions include recognition of Métis people as a distinct group and nation, along with fairness and equality for all.

The signature events of the week are occurring at the Peace River Campus on November 14 and 15 and are open to staff, students, and the community. To kick off the events on Wednesday, there is a flag-raising ceremony at 9:00 a.m. at the Peace River traffic circle. Following this, starting at 11:30 a.m. at the campus, there is a stew and bannock lunch with jigging performances and presentations by Rupertsland Institute and the Métis Nation of Alberta Region IV. On Thursday at noon, there is a presentation by Dennis Whitford of 2Thunder Consulting entitled, *The Significance of Métis Week*. Both of the signature events will be live-streamed via Facebook Live. In the communities of Fort Vermilion, Gift Lake, Paddle Prairie (CAP site), and Peavine, community members are invited to a stew and bannock lunch at the campus at 11:30 a.m. to watch the live-streamed signature events with staff and students.

NLC is sponsoring public swim times on November 14 at the High Prairie Aquatic Centre from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. and the Peace Regional Pool from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and on November 15 at the Northern Lights Aquatic Centre from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and the R.E. Walter Memorial Aquatic Centre from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Community lunches sponsored by NLC are occurring at the Native Friendship Centres in High Prairie (noon to 1:00), High Level (11:00 to 1:00), and Slave Lake (11:30 to 1:00) on Friday, November 16.

Students, staff, and community members are encouraged to check the NLC Facebook page for announcements regarding other scheduled Métis Week events and for further details on the events above.

Northern Lakes College (NLC), located in northern Alberta, provides quality programs through distributed learning to over 6,000 students annually. NLC offers certificate and diploma programs in Business, Health Sciences and Allied Health, Human Services, Technology, Trades, University Studies, and Academic Upgrading. The College collaborates with partners to offer degree completion opportunities, including a Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Social Work. NLC provides professional accreditation and certificate programs through its Continuing Education and Corporate Training Department.

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