



## MESSAGE FROM 'CHIEF' MARY LOU PARKER

Greetings!

Dear EWMNNS elders, founding and current members, supporters, friends and readers of the newsletters

First we would like to welcome our new circle to our growing family. They are Eastern Woodland Métis Nation "Cape Breton Division". The Chief is Anna Samson and asst. Chief is Joseph Samson. They are dedicated to the cause of The Métis community and will work hard to bring unity to all members in their area and to grow in membership.

In 1999 the Federal court of Canada was asked to declare that Métis are "Indians". After 12 year of legal wrangling, and over 800 exhibits, filed mostly from experts, extracted from over 15,000 documents and at a cost of 5-6 million dollars. Mr. Justice Michael J. Phelan focused the principal issue in this action. Whether the Federal Government has jurisdiction to make laws in respect to Métis and non-status Indians (MNSI) under s91(24) of the Constitution Act because they are Indian.

We are the heirs of Treaty Rights and beneficiaries of Aboriginal Rights. We are Métis by birth and remain same. The Crown in right of Canada has the duty and Constitutional obligations to protect us from disadvantage and to uphold the honor of the crown in dealing with us.

We feel that the decision that was made was a very good one for the Métis Peoples in Atlantic Canada and indeed in all of Canada.

We are a non-profit organization and this decision proves their organizing a voice to the Councils was a very good decision and the cause to go forward with our "Hands up Not Hands Out" motto was and continues to be the shining goal of the Métis/Indian Peoples of Eastern Woodland Métis Nation NS.

Now that we have a new legal breath behind our winds, and where both levels of Government should no longer be allowed to play shuffle game and wrangle dance at our expense, we will take on a more aggressive posture. This posture may ruffle the status quo feathers and single sided put in place to favour Indian-Act Indians on reserve, however the truth is out. We are no less deserving than the other. Our worth, merit, capacity and dignity as "Métis/Indian should be no less than that of an Indian on reserve".

I have been informed that just outside of Welton Landing, which was formally known as Dorey's Landing (Dorey's Landing is the old homestead of Henry Dorey's parents and grandparents) that this is an archaeological site on the north shore of the Gaspereau Lake, and that the NS Power was asked not to construct a road through that area because of its Artifacts.

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The disadvantage, the collateral damage, the prejudice and the underdevelopment of the Métis/Indian stopped on December 8, 2012.

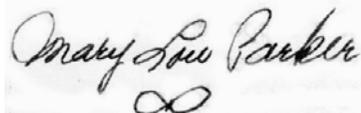
Grand Council members held a meeting in West Arichat on September 8, 2013, where we dissolved the Spirit of the Hawk circle, released the Chief Denny David and formed a new group. The new group is "EWMNNS Cape Breton Division". We also appointed a new Chief and Asst. Chief.

Once again the Government has put us on hold until May of 2014, but we will keep you all informed on the goings on.

Remember that UNITY is the one thing that will keep us together and make us strong when we negotiate with the Government. We must keep this land that we borrowed from our Children a free place for them and their children's future.

We need no "Splinter Groups" we must all join together as one. We are now Certified, Registered, Established Métis organization and are named as the Umbrella Group for Atlantic Canada's Métis/Indians".

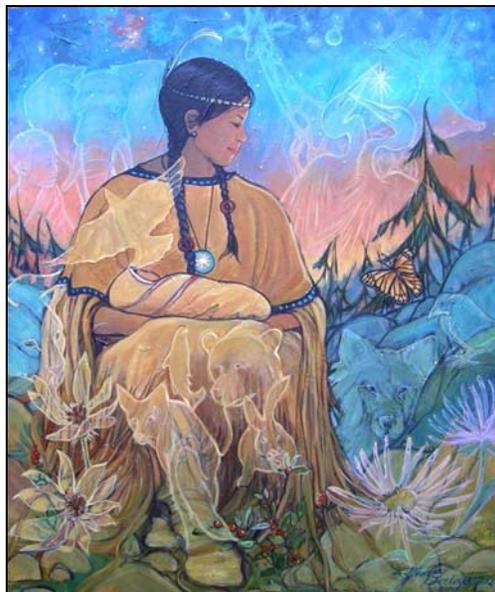
Fly straight and true and may the Creator ride by your side.



## FURTHER READING...

Interested in what the Constitution of Canada says about Aboriginal Rights in Canada? Take some time to read the 1982 Constitutional Act, Part 2 "Rights of Aboriginal Peoples" by visiting the following web address:

<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/Const/page-16.html#h-52>



"All Part of Each Other" by Georgia Lesley

## MEMBERSHIP FEES...

Please remember, annual membership fees are \$20.00 for existing members of EWMNNS. We have attached the "Renewal" form to this newsletter and ask all Nation members to keep the membership up-to-date.

If you have any questions call the office at 1-902-742-3304.





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EASTERN WOODLAND MÉTIS NATION NOVA SCOTIA**

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Renewal of Membership

Please remember that we are a dues related organization. By keeping your membership dues paid up to date, you are helping your Nation to keep you informed of happenings in and around your area.

Annual membership dues are \$20.00 per year and due by December 31 of each year.

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Thank you for bring your membership up to date!