



Proclamation

Louis Riel Day

November 16, 2020

WHEREAS the Métis People are recognized under section 35 of the Constitution Act of 1982 as one of Canada's distinct Aboriginal peoples; and

WHEREAS the Metis culture, rich in spiritual beliefs and colourful traditions, is an integral part of British Columbia's multicultural character

WHEREAS 42% of Aboriginal people in Surrey identify themselves as Métis; and

WHEREAS Louis Riel was a humanitarian and great leader of justice for the Métis people; he was the Métis leader of the Red River Resistance of 1869-1870; and

WHEREAS "Louis Riel Day" is a celebration of the life and achievements of Louis Riel, a great Canadian politician; and serves to remind all Canadians that Louis Riel was a persistent advocate for the rights of the Métis People and whose life was ultimately sacrificed on November 16, 1885;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Doug McCallum, do hereby declare November 16, 2020 as "Louis Riel Day" in the City of Surrey, to honour the culture and history of the Métis people and Louis Riel's place in Canadian history.

Mayor Doug McCallum
City of Surrey