## **REPRESENTATIVES**

Membership and representatives from each Aboriginal language group consists of Elders and representatives from:

Frontier School Division

Indigenous Inclusion Directorate/Manitoba Education and Training

Indigenous Languages of Manitoba Inc.

Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre

Manitoba Inuit Association

Manitoba Metis Federation-Louis Riel Institute

Northlands Denesuline First Nation

Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Red River College

School District of Mystery Lake

Seven Oaks School Division

University College of the North

University of Winnipeg

Winnipeg School Division

LEAD ORGANIZATIONS:





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# MANITOBA ABORIGINAL LANGUAGES STRATEGY

To revitalize, retain, and promote Aboriginal Languages in Manitoba.

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#### **PURPOSE**

The main purpose is to ensure interconnectedness of the newly established MALS working groups, and to collaborate, strategize, share and plan on Aboriginal language and cultural programming and resources.

#### **GOALS**

The goals identified include the following:

- That we have a system in place for sharing resources and expertise
- That we have a partnership protocol, with a strategy and working groups to keep our languages alive
- That there is an Indigenous Research Group focusing on language
- That we utilize a communication strategy to promote Aboriginal languages in communities, schools, families, and various audiences
- That we have more fluent speakers/teachers teaching language in classrooms and other places and places of learning



#### **ELDERS**

Photo from top left to bottom left:

Martha Peet (Inuktitut);

Nelliane Cromarty (Ojibwe-Cree/Island Lake

dialect; Anisinimowin)

Wanbdi Wakita (Dakota);

Stella Neff (Cree; Nehinowe);

Florence Paynter (Ojibwe; Anishinaabe);

George Fleury (Michif);

Catherine Moise (Dene);

Baby Angel Raine Ross;

Don Robertson (Cree).

Missing from photo:

Angele Enekwinnare (Dene);

Pat Ningewance (Ojibwe).

#### **BACKGROUND**

Province-wide Manitoba Aboriginal Language Strategy (MALS) working group meetings.

The roles of the Indigenous Inclusion Directorate (IID), Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre Inc. (MFNERC), University College of the North (UCN), and Indigenous Languages of Manitoba (ILM) are to act as co-leads for MALS working group meetings, guided by Indigenous knowledge keepers in order to revitalize, retain, and promote Aboriginal Languages for Manitoba.

## **LEAD ORGANIZATIONS**

**Indigenous Languages of Manitoba:** Melanie Kennedy

Indigenous Inclusion Directorate/Manitoba Education and Training: Helen Robinson-Settee

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Centre Inc.: Violet Okemaw

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