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An Important Note

Rod Borghese Architect, Artist, Metis



Rod Borghese a member of the OMFRC is an Architect and Artist living in Ottawa, Ontario. Born and raised in Sault Ste Marie, Rod studied Architecture at Carleton University from 1986-1991. His interests include Archaeology, Ancient Civilizations & languages, Genealogy and Oil Painting.



Landmark Decision January 8, 2013

The Phelan Decision

It is important to understand that the Phelan decision is not the definitive decision. The findings have yet to be tested and upheld by the Supreme Court of Canada. Until such a time, there are no general or special "rights" for Métis peoples and membership status provided by any organization must not be confused with the privileges that have been granted to official First Nations peoples.

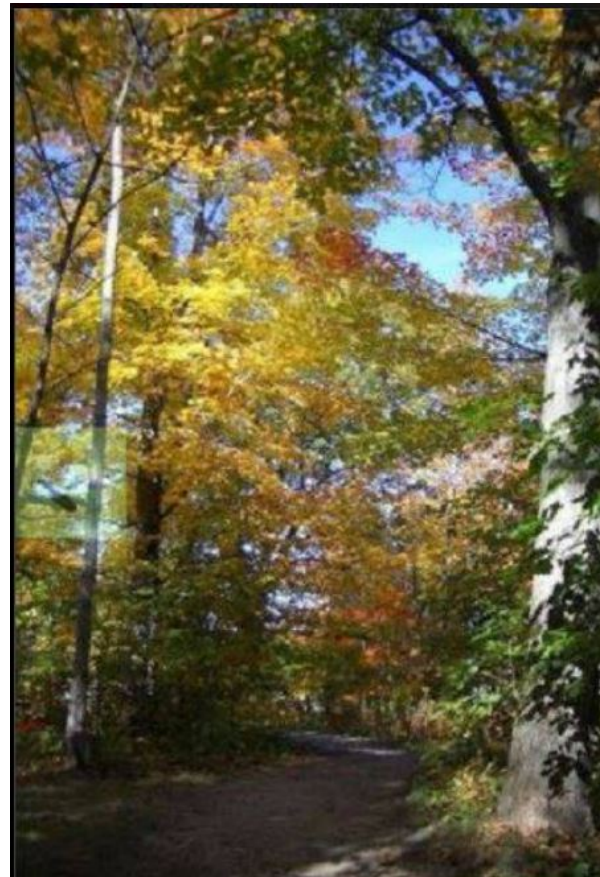
A Member Writes



Rod was the Project Architect on the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington DC.

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A Drive in The Country



One of the Joys of Living with a History Buff

If any of you are dreaming about long leisurely summer or fall drives through the countryside right about now we can empathize with you. Coming from a long line of history buffs we know it is almost impossible to pass a cemetery and not stop with pen and pad in hand. This site is for all of you who enjoy family ancestry:

The Federal Court decision that was given just over one year ago, to include non-status Indians and Metis in the official definition of Indian will have a wide ranging impact on all Metis organizations in the future.

I would like to thank you and your dedicated staff for the outstanding work you have been doing on an ongoing basis on behalf of the OMFC Community. It will make a big difference in the lives of myself and my son should this decision be upheld by a higher court upon appeal.

This was sent to us by one of our members - T. Berube



A Member Writes

Hello Lynn:

I am very grateful for all the work the OMFRC does and how you

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/bkinnon/cemeteries.htm#on>

One of the OMFRC Researchers came upon this link many years ago and since then we have all found it to be an invaluable tool - hope you enjoy using it as much as we do.

The Bering Land Bridge



Could our ancestors have had a 10,000 year stop-over in a land that no longer exists?

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24,000 year-old Skeletal Remains

personally helped me out with my application process. If it wasn't for you I would still be lost trying to get straight answers on how to procure my Metis heritage. When my sister discovered our Metis ancestry, we were very excited and honored to have this in our family history. Talking with you yesterday and having you explain the process to me step by step was more than I could have wished for. I can't imagine the hours and work that went into researching and gathering the information needed to document the Metis and First Nations history in your private, historical data base that you use in order to confirm my metis heritage. With people like yourself and the entire team at the OMFRC it is indeed an honor to become a member of the OMFRC community.

This was sent to us from Charlie of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

Drum Social



DNA Testing from a 24,000 year old skeleton found in Mal'ta Siberia in the 1920s could have shocking results

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Educational Funding 2014



There are many members of the OMFRC community who have been successful in obtaining support through several of these programs. Please Note: Each organization has its own guidelines for qualification.

<https://indspire.ca/programs/building-brighter-futures/apply-for-a-bursary-or-scholarship/>

Aboriginal Gathering

Durham Region

Big Drum Society

Nibi naadimaagoyan wii-mino-b

Water for a healthy life

Saturday, April 12, 2014

12:00 to 4:00 pm

Oshawa Community Health Centre

Conant Complex, 115 Grassmere Ave

Join the Big Drums

Charging Horse

Red Spirit Singers

Also featuring

Tribal Vision Dance

All Our Relations

SOADI Foot Care Clinic

University of Trent—T.R.A.C.K.S.

Craft activities for children and youth

Aboriginal community support information

Variety of Foods, Vendors, Draw prizes

Free admission

Please contact Bill Littlefair for more information.

Visit [aboriginal.ca](http://www.aboriginal.ca)

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See You There!!!

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Records Center**

http://www.metisnation.org/media/164044/bursary_guide-web.pdf

<http://carleton.ca/awards/wp-content/uploads/Metis-Nation-of-Ontario-Bursary-2013-2014.pdf>

http://ccrw.org/main.php?category=programs_services&id=366

http://www.rbc.com/careers/aboriginal_student_awards.html

<http://www.mohawkcollege.ca/financial-assistance/awards-scholarships-bursaries/external-awards.html?PageMode=Print>

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1351185180120/1351685455328>

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<http://www.canlearn.ca/eng/common/cmsf/index.shtml>

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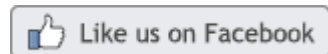
**We're on the web!
See us at:**

www.aboriginalstatus.org
www.omfrc.org

The OMFRC would like to thank everyone that is standing with us to support the Ontario Metis Family Records Center Community Facebook Page.....your response is nothing short of incredible!

Stay connected and celebrate your heritage! Share that you're a member of the OMFRC Community with your family members on Facebook. It has never been more important to stand up and be counted!

Have you visited our Facebook page? We welcome you to join our OMFRC Community - we want to hear from you.



**Is Your Membership
Coming Up for
Renewal?**



***If it is, call 1-613-332-4789 and you can do
phone in just a couple of minutes.***

New Submissions!

We are always looking for interesting original submissions to add to upcoming issues of the OMFRC Newsletter.

If you have something you would like to add to the newsletter we would be happy to consider it, please call or email us!

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