

Louis Riel Day

Every year in Ontario on Nov.16, we remember Louis Riel.

Niagara Region joins with the Métis community to acknowledge his legacy and importance in history. Riel was the leader of the Red River resistance at the Red River settlement, now known as Winnipeg, Manitoba. He also led the Batoche resistance, which ultimately led to his unjust execution on Nov. 16, 1885.

Riel advocated for Métis and Indigenous land rights when the settlers tried to take the land. He was a key part of the confederation of Manitoba. He stood against the Government of Canada who were interfering with Métis Nation's rights and ways of life. It is because of him that Métis will never be forgotten.

We will continue to celebrate the progress that Métis are making to fulfill Riel's vision of taking their rightful place within the land known today as Canada. We honour his sacrifice by celebrating Métis culture.

Niagara Region will be raising the Métis flag on Friday, Nov. 15 until the following Monday.

On Saturday, Nov. 16, the Niagara Region Métis Council will gather at their office at 3250 Schmon Pkwy., Unit 1A, in Thorold at 10:30 a.m. for a flag raising at 11 a.m.