

Locals -- Zone 1: Fort McKoy

M4755 FILE # 470

Fart Mc Kay Alta  
July 27 1973

Dear Stan,

I'm writing about housing. Our Local had meeting last nite, and I was asked to write, first?

1. How soon is the housing going start here in McKay?
2. We would like to know if we are going to get those houses or not?
3. If were getting those houses would you speed it up and let us know just where we stand,

Didn't Alberta housing start  
at Fort Chip already?  
I would like to get reply  
back soon as possible,  
as I really need a house  
badly myself. If I don't  
get house, I have to  
build a shack for the  
winter. And build it  
at the lease. Also I'll  
take a picture of it and  
send it to premier. Laughed  
I'll be waiting for your  
answer

Yours truly  
Edward Jowongear  
president

RECEIVED AUG 27 1973

To President Metis Association Alberta

Aug 23/73

Dear Stan Daniels.

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We will put all these promises and minutes of the meeting in all the papers journals etc. If you can not build right away. How about some trailers or something. We also need a field worker in our area. who speaks Cree.

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Ed Lawrence

president local #122.

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LOUIS RIEL

*A great Metis Leader  
He fought and died for a  
Just Society*



*Red River Cart*

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April 18, 1973

Mr. Zachary Powder  
FORT MCKAY, Alberta

Dear Mr. Powder;

The Hon. A. Adair, Minister without Portfolio, Responsible for Northern Development and Native Affairs is presently preparing Policy regarding the Housing Program. As yet, we have no information regarding this matter.

I trust that you will remain patient. Information will be released from our office as soon as we receive anything substantial.

Sincerely,

Stan Daniels, President  
Metis Association of Alberta

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April 6 73

Fort McKay Alta  
April 2, 1973.

Dear Stan,

The peopl of Fort McKay  
want to find out about  
house's are they going  
build or not by the  
way if they going build  
house's its best time  
now to make them not  
in fall time also I  
want the anseure right  
away. I guess them logs  
are not taking to be  
lay down there for  
three years.

I thank you  
Joseph Powder

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Fort McKay Alta  
April 2 1973

Dear Stan

we the metis of Fort McKay like to know if we are getting houses this summer for sure the reason I like to know the people would like to start buying furniture for the houses if we are going to get so if they are going to build how many ~~they are~~ would they make so please try to let us know nobody here the metis try to do any thing I mean the leaders and we dont know whos the field worker so please let us know soon the things I am asking you

from Clara Shatt



FORT McKAY

Telephone call received at 2:40 p.m. from Mrs. Helen Roy of Fort McMurray who had received prior instructions from the Metis Association to investigate certain complaints received from Fort McKay, regarding the bussing of employees to the G.C.O.S. plant.

REPORT: (conversation taped) The following is the transcription of the information taken from the taped telephone conversation with Mrs. Helen Roy of Fort McMurray, who at the time of phoneing, had just arrived from Fort McKay.

- Both Treaty men and Metis men are being charged \$10.00 per week for using the bus as a means of transportation to G.C.O.S. plant.
- There are Five Treaty men and Two Metis men who take the bus from fort McKay.
- The bus belongs to Indian Affairs, however G.C.O.S. supplies all the gas.
- The employees who take a bus from Fort McMurray which is a distance of twenty miles pay only \$3.50 per week. The distance from Fort McKay to the plant is not any greater than that from Fort McMurray.
- In the event that the bus from Fort McKay breaks down, the Treaty men take a taxi, and Indian Affairs pays the cost of this taxi. The Metis men are not allowed to ride on the same taxi as the Treaty men. Mrs. Roy in conversation with the treaty member of the five that take the taxi, Mr. Wilfred Grantkam, stated that Mr. Grantkam was not certain who gave the instructions for the Metis men not to take the same taxi as the treaty men, only the the Taxi driver would not take them. These instructions could have perhaps come from Indian Affairs, who pay the Taxi fare for the Treaties.
- The taxi used for these trips is Slim's Taxi of Fort McMurray. The payment of the taxi when the bus breaks down appears to be the only agreement that Indian Affairs have with G.C .O.S.
- In regards to the \$10.00 per week deducted from the men's paycheques for the transporation to the plant by bus, it is not certain where this money goes, however, Mr. Grantkan, felt it must be going to Indian Affairs, as the band fund has plenty of money to cover expenses.

TREATY SPOKESMAN - Mr. Wilfred Grantkam  
METIS MEN         - Mr. Henry Shot  
                    - Mr. Percy LaCorde

Cab Drivers.....Wilfred Mason  
  Johnny Barney

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FILE # 110

November 2, 1972

Mr. Sandy Nelson, President  
Local #150, Metis Association  
St. Paul, Alberta

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Please be advised that I am in receipt of your recent letter inquiring about the Up-Grading Programme. As you are aware, the Association was not able to begin work on this project until Government had released monies to begin operations.

We are now in receipt of enough money for labour to begin operations for approximately one month, at which time the 1972-73 project will begin. Presently, Mr. Ernest Howse is in the field and will I'm sure be in your areas very shortly.

The Association realizes that the people are very anxious to begin work on their homes but until this time, we were unable to go ahead because of the monies not being released from Government.

I hope that I have answered your questions regarding this program and I'm sure that you will be contacted shortly by Mr. Ernest Howse.

Yours truly,

Mr. Stan Daniels, President  
Metis Association of Alberta

SD/jmf  
cc Mr. Ernie Primeau  
Human Resource Officer