

# Program to help Métis entrepreneurs

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The Louis Riel Capital Corporation wants to spread the word that the Métis Build a Business Program, launched last fall is continuing.

And with nine graduates going through the program already the LRCC hopes to seem many more this year.

The program is targeted to Métis people with a limited income who are interested in developing their own business and becoming self-employed.

With small businesses continuing to drive new economic and employment growth throughout the province the corporation is eager to encourage Métis men, women and adult youth with entrepreneurial vision and a plan to create either full-time, part-time, sole proprietor, partnerships or coops business ventures.

MMF President David Chartrand says the program could also appeal to those interested in turning a hobby into a business.

“Our Métis people have always been hard workers and very creative people, whether its working with their hands or their heads and it will be exciting to

see people who are currently living on income assistance or even our working poor have a chance to propose their own way of becoming more self-sufficient and applying their Métis creativity.”

And the MMF president says it's part of an overall strategy to implement a “Métis business first” policy of having the MMF contract with Métis entrepreneurs, businesses and communities for the organizations products, services and supplies.

“This is how we are building economic and personal capacity in our communities by training our people, supporting their economic and personal aspirations and contributing to job growth, education and training,” he said.

The program will consist of business plan development training, one to one consulting services, peer support, access to financing, aftercare service and Employment and Income Assistance (EIA) Enhanced Program, delivered in cooperation with MCFS.

The first nine graduates through the program have successfully started businesses in massage therapy, improvement classes, and furnace repair, just to name three.



First graduates show off program certificates.



## NCI FM National Aboriginal Top 30 Countdown

Saturday February 3, 2007

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST	ALBUM
1	2	Ilangani	Beatrice Deer	Just Bea... 2:31
2	1	Lonely With You	Tracy Bone	Single 2:59
3	4	Spirit Of Our People	Kimberly Dawn	Single 4:00
4	7	New Nation	M'Girl	Fusion Of Two Worlds 4:30
5	3	Mambo Cumbia	Pima Express	Time Waits For No One 3:21
6	8	Keep On Trying	J.C. Campbell	Lazy James 2:59
7	5	Indian Summer	Eagle & Hawk	Life Is... 3:59
8	9	Who Am I	Charlie Adams	Inuit And Indians 2:48
9	10	She Knows Better	Tamara	Tamara 2:52
10	11	Sweet Protector	Shelley Morningsong	Out Of The Ashes 4:00
11	6	Please Hold My Hand	Kinnie Starr	Anything 3:13
12	12	She Went Away	Hank Horton	Honkey Tonk Heartache Blues 3:00
13	14	Anywhere	Leanne Goose	Single 3:30
14	17	Angels Unaware	Mike Gouchie	Bad Boys & Angels 3:23
15	16	Runaway	Indigenous	Chasing The Sun 4:25
16	13	Sacred Ground	Bill Miller	Sacred Ground - A Tribute... 4:00
17	18	Stick Wit Me	Martha Redbone	Skintalk 4:35
18	20	Strong & Beautiful	Percy Trapper	Songs From The Stone 4:00
19	22	Bingo	Lawrence Martin	Best Of Lawrence Martin 3:31
20	21	One Drum	Leela Gilday	Sedze 4:01
21	24	Sisters In Spirit	Little Hawk	Oh Canada 3:30
22	23	ShaSha	Cheri Maracle	Closer To Home 4:42
23	15	Northern Woman	Stephen Kakfwi	In The Walls Of His Mind 4:51
24	27	Someone More Lonesome	Donny Parenteau	What It Takes 3:09
25	26	No Time For You	Slidin' Clyde Roulette Band	Let's Take A Ride 3:22
26	19	Good Red Road	Art Napoleon	Miyoskamin 4:22
27	30	My Lady	Gerry McIvor	Old Friend 4:20
28	29	Stormy Eyes	Derek Miller	The Dirty Looks 3:00
29	25	100 Years	Andrea Menard	Simple Steps 4:13
30	NEW	Cool Me Down	Gabby Taylor	Single 3:46

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