

# Metis Settlements Land Registry Newsletter

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## Fishing Lake Opening Ceremony

June 19th, 2018

Darlene Drayton, MSLR Registrar and Lori Gabara, Land Examiner had the honor and privilege to attend the Fishing Lake Settlement New Administration Building Opening Ceremony on June 19, 2018.

The event was attended by many Fishing Lake members as well as representatives from each of the other Settlement Councils, the MLA for the Fishing Lake area and GoA staff. The occasion was celebrated with a lunch and speeches from each of the Settlement representatives, the MLA and GoA staff representing the Minister of Indigenous Relations.

An elder provided a historical account of the Metis Settlements. The afternoon of speeches was followed by a prayer song and a procession of the guests to the new administrative building. One could not have asked for a more beautiful day or a more inspirational view. The new administrative building truly is an inspiration to us all; demonstrating what dedication, vision, leadership and self-governance can create.



Fishing Lake Administration Building



Guests gathering for the celebration

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## Paddle Prairie Estate Instruction Workshop

Land Registry staff (Darlene Drayton, Terry Wywal, and Lori Gabara) travelled to Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement to present an Estate Instruction Workshop to the members.

Estate Instructions Workshops are an opportunity for the members to come out and meet the staff from the Metis Settlement Land Registry and ask any questions they may have regarding structuring their estate for Metis Title, PMT or Allotments. If you have Metis Title, a PMT or Allotment then this workshop is for you!

The Registrar does a presentation on what Estate Instructions are for and how to write them so that your wishes are clear and your loved ones will inherit your land. Contact your Land Clerk to find out when the next Estate Instruction Workshop will be offered in your Settlement.



**Paddle Prairie Communi-plex**



**Barn in Paddle Prairie**



**Paddle Prairie Administration Building**

### Fast Facts

A Provisional Metis Title is created by the General Council Land Policy. The interest is effective for 5 years and may be renewed once for a further 5 years.

The interest is generally granted to members who wish to acquire the Metis Title interest in a parcel but must make improvements to the land before the title may be granted.

An allotment is an interest created by the General Council Land Policy. Allotments may be granted for a farm, ranch, or business. An Allotment can be granted for a period of 10 years and may be renewed for a further 5 years.

*Submitted by Colleen Telischuk, Senior Land Examiner*

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## **CALL BEFORE YOU CONSTRUCT**

Well, I can safely say its summertime! Gone are the long cold wintery days with a cold wind that chills to the bone. With the nice summer days come the trips to our favorite camping location, barbecuing our favorite cuts of meat and enjoying a frosty mug of beer on the deck.

Also it's the time of year when some of us are doing jobs around the yard such as building garages, sheds and fences. We should also keep in mind that with all these tasks that we construct them within our property and not encroaching onto the neighboring land. This is especially true about constructing fences.

When constructing a fence be sure that it lies on your property line, or better yet, within your property line. Nothing is more annoying than finding that your neighbor has built within your property.

If you are unsure of the location for your property boundary and don't want to cause ill feelings between you and your neighbor you may want to have an Alberta Land Surveyor come out and locate your property boundaries and place markers along those line to help you build on the proper location. This in the long run will help avoid angry conversations with your neighbor or worse still, end up in a litigation situation.

Another thing that should always be remembered, before construction begins, to locate any buried facilities such as

underground utilities or pipelines and mark them off before any ground disturbance is performed.

If you are not sure if there is anything below the surface where you are going to build, for your safety have someone with the expertise come to your working area and locate these facilities.

Contact the **Alberta One-Call Corporation** at either [www.albertaonecall.com](http://www.albertaonecall.com) or via phone at 1-800-242-3447.

Enjoy the summer and stay safe!

*Written by Terry Wywal, Geomatics Technologist*



**Welcome to Paddle Prairie sign**

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