

Grantown 200th

**September 21st & 22nd
St. François Xavier**



Grantown Days

**Cuthbert Grant founded the Red River
Métis Settlement Grantown in 1824.
Grantown later became St. François
Xavier. Join us in honouring 200 years of
history & celebrate the past, present, &
future of our village.**

CUTHBERT GRANT JR.

The First Leader of the Red River Métis



- Cuthbert Grant Jr. was born in 1793 in Fort de la Rivière Tremblante, SK. to Cuthbert Grant Sr., a prominent fur trader & partner in the North West Company, & Marguerite, a Cree woman. His career began as a clerk for the North West Company. Grant was a fur trader, Métis leader, farmer, medical practitioner, justice of the peace, & politician. He was known as a skillful negotiator & a peace maker. Grant had 3 wives & 13 children.
- In 1816, Grant led a force of 60 Métis in the Victory of Frog Plain (Battle of Seven Oaks) where they were fighting for their rights. Their victory set the stage for the birth of the Métis Nation.
- Grant was elected the leader of the Whitehorse Plain buffalo hunting brigades for many years, helping to establish the hunt's governance & rules.
- HBC's Governor Simpson gave Grant a tract of land on the White Horse Plain (23,000 acres), along the Assiniboine River, about 30 kilometers west of the Forks.
- In 1824, Grant's friends & family, as well as Métis buffalo hunters & their families from Pembina, North Dakota, joined him in creating the new settlement. There were about 100 families living in Grantown (named by settlers in honour of the founder). By 1849, over 900 people lived there. Grant gave each family head a river lot, 12 chains wide (792 feet) & 2 miles deep, running back from the river.
- Governor Simpson felt that Grantown was in an ideal location to warn the Red River Settlement of any advances being made from the west by Sioux warriors.
- Religious services were first held from 1824-28 in the home of Grant. In 1828 a log cabin was built, & in 1833 a new chapel called the St. François Xavier Roman Catholic Parish was built, lasting until the current structure was built in 1900. The parish is the 2nd oldest parish in Manitoba.
- In July 1828, the HBC appointed him as Warden of the Plains of Red River to prevent "the illicit trade in furs within that District."
- In 1829, Grant built a water-powered grist mill on Sturgeon Creek. Three years later, he abandoned the mill due to insufficient water flow & built a wind-powered mill in Grantown that operated for many years.
- In 1835 Grant was appointed as a councilor to the Council of Assiniboia, to represent the Métis.
- Grant died July 15, 1854, in St. François Xavier, after a fall from his horse. After his death, Grantown began to be called St. François Xavier to reflect the parish name. St. François Xavier was incorporated as a municipality in 1880.
- In 1972, the Government of Canada recognized him as a National Historic Person.
- The MMF named 2016 as the "Year of Cuthbert Grant Jr."

This information has been sourced by The St. François Xavier Historical Society. To learn more about this fascinating history please be sure to check out the St. François Xavier Historical Society programming.

SATURDAY SEPT 21

Opening Ceremony - 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM - Main Stage in SFX
Community Club Rink

Speakers:

- English Elder Prayer by Roger Poitras
- French Michif Elder Prayer by Linda St. Cyr-Saric
- St. François Xavier Reeve Delmer Nott
- Trevor King, MLA Lakeside
- Will Goodon, Manitoba Métis Federation South West Minister
- Executive Planning Committee
- Introduction of Grantown Day's Youth Ambassador Taryn Burke
- ASL Interpretation Sponsored by Reliability Mobility

Information Booth, Prize Raffle & 50/50 - 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM - SFX
Community Club

- Photo contest information
- Grantown Days souvenirs pick up
- 50/50 Drawn 8:30 PM
- Raffle Drawn 8:30 PM
- Info booth Sponsored by Caisse Financial Group

Bison Run & Lil Bison Run (Poker Derby & Kids Stamp Hunt) - 11:00
AM - 3:00 PM

- Cards Available 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM in SFX Community Club
- Cards in by 4:00 PM @ SFX Community Club
- Poker derby winner announcement at 4:15 PM @ SFX Community Club
- Kids prizes drawn at 4:15 PM @ SFX Community Club
- Sponsored by Daniel Tully Enterprises Inc.

Golf Cart Shuttles - 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

- Sponsored by Direct Auto Parts

First Aid Tent - 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM - Fire Hall

- Brought to you by Event Medical Services of Manitoba
- Sponsored by the Royal Bank of Canada

SATURDAY SEPT 21

Outdoor Market - 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Cuthbert Grant Park (MB 26 & McCaughan Rd)

- Featuring The Indigenous Kitchen Food Truck
- Music from the Métis Music Van
- See Market Vendor page for the list of vendors

Tours of Community Spaces & Their History - 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

- Country Kids Learning Centre 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
- St. François Xavier Catholic Parish 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- Prairie Land Doors 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 - Our community through the years display
- Rural Municipality of St. François Xavier 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- St. François Xavier Fire Department 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Arts, Artifacts & Information - 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

St. François Xavier Community School Gym

- St. François Xavier Historical Society
- School's Grantown 200th poster contest display
- Grant's Old Mill
- V & L Red River Carts
- Louis Riel Institute
 - Sponsored by the St. Eustache Métis Local

Discover the History - 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Medicine Rock Heritage Park

- 8 Interactive Discovery Sites
- Sponsored by the St. François Xavier Historical Society

Smudge with Teaching, & Drum Ceremony - 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Main Stage in SFX Community Club Rink

- Led by Rev. Michael Thibert

SATURDAY SEPT 21

Food Trucks - 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM - Outside SFX Community Club

- Big Dawgs
- Little Red Mini Donuts
- Mole Guacamole
- The Indigenous Food Truck (11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Cuthbert Grant Park & 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Community Club)

Kids Zone - 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM - Outside SFX Community Club

- Rock Painting Take Home Kits
- Big Games
 - Connect Four - Sponsored by Heavenly Home Care Agency
 - Axe Throwing - Sponsored by BSharpe Excavating Inc.
 - Corn Hole
 - Ladder Ball
- Glitter Tattoos - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- Candy Scramble - 4:00 PM - Sponsored by RMS Heating & Air Conditioning

Bouncers - 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Outside SFX Community Club

- 3 Sizes to provide fun for all ages
- Wacky Slide Bouncer Sponsored by Playworld Fun Rentals
- Obstacle Slide Bouncer Sponsored by Interlake Cremation & Memorial Services
- Fun Express Train Station Sponsored by Cassonade Body Sugaring

Beer Gardens & Canteen - 3:00 PM - 1:00 AM - SFX Community Club Rink

Entertainment Performances & Karaoke - 1:00 PM - 1:00 AM

Main Stage in SFX Community Club Rink

- 4:30 pm - 9:30 pm deadly emcee appearance's from NCI Radio's Davey Gott & Jordan Knight
- Sponsored by The McCaughan Group
- see Entertainment Line Up page for details

SUNDAY SEPT 22

St. François Xavier Catholic Parish - 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

- Everyone is welcome to attend!
- Mass 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
- Refreshments and tours after mass 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Smudge with Teaching & Drum Ceremony - 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM - SFX Community Club

- Lead by Rev. Michael Thibert

Arts, Artifacts & Information - 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM - St. François Community School Gym

- St. François Xavier Historical Society
- School's Grantown 200th poster contest display
- V & L Red River Carts
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Discover the History - 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Medicine Rock Heritage Park

- 8 Interactive Discovery Sites
- Sponsored by the St. François Xavier Historical Society

Mé-Tea - 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Community Club - Tickets are \$2.50

- Mé-Tea Sponsored by Roblin West Law
- **Closing Ceremony**
 - Elder Prayer by Roger Poitras
 - Elder Prayer by Linda St. Cyr-Saric
 - ASL Interpretation Sponsored by Reliability Mobility
- Tea & Bannock
- Community Time Capsule - Sponsored by Blue Lagoon Organics
- Musical Entertainment
 - Dean & Marilyn Davis
 - Tom Racine
- Big Games

ENTERTAINMENT LINE UP

SATURDAY

1 PM - 2 PM MARK MORISSEAU

3 PM - 4 PM LIL BITTY STEPPERS

5 PM - 6 PM JOHNNY DIETRICH

& KICKIN' UP DUST

7 PM - 8 PM KK & CHRISTELLE

9 PM - 10 PM BRANDI VEZINA

10 PM - 1 AM KARAOKE & TUNES

SUNDAY

12 PM - 3 PM DEAN &

MARILYN DAVIS

12 PM - 3 PM TOM RACINE

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MAP & PARKING



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- 9. Former Grey Nuns Convent
(Historical building on private property. No trespassing)
- 10. Cuthbert Grant Memorial
- 11. St. François Xavier Church
- 12. Fire Hall
- 13. Rural Municipality of St. François Xavier
- 14. Caisse Financial Group (ATM NOT available)
- 15. Prairie Land Doors
- 16. Cuthbert Grant Park
- 17. Picnic Shelter



Golf Cart Shuttle Stops
Runs Sat 10 AM - 4 PM

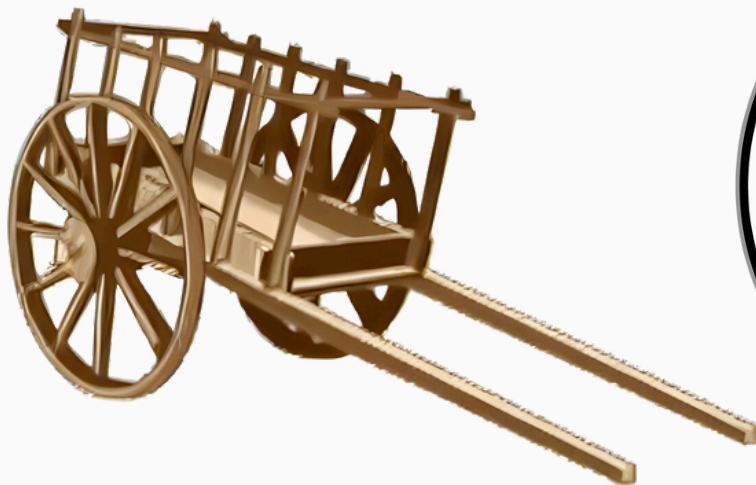
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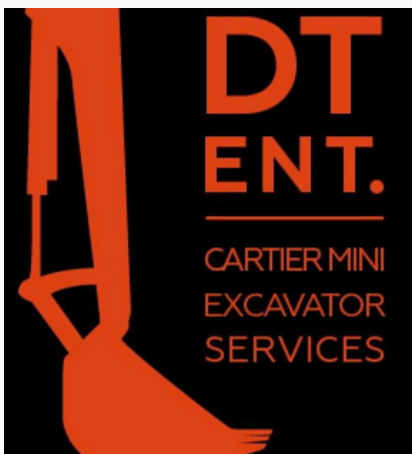
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St. François Xavier
Community Club



Rural Municipality of
St. François Xavier



Candy Burke, Executive Co-Chair
Kelsey Gillespie, Executive Co-Chair
Ida-Marie Poitras, Executive Secretary
Rita Tully CPA, Executive Treasurer
Garth Nott, Entertainment Coordinator & SFX Métis Chair
Amber Nott, SFX Métis Vice Chair
Charlotte Poitras, Market Coordinator & SFX Métis Executive
Sarah Riddell, Children's Activities Coordinator & SFX Métis Executive
Roger Poitras, Historical Society & SFX Métis Elder
Linda St. Cyr Saric, Michif French Elder
Rev. Michael Thibert, Smudge Facilitator
Ross Bond, Historical Society President
Sheila Champagne, Historical Society
Mike Stainton, Historical Society
Dee Dee McCaughan, Historical Society
St. François Xavier Community Club
Belcourt Community Club

Rural Municipality of St. François Xavier Council & Staff

Tanner Burke, Accessibility Volunteer
Taryn Burke, Grantown Days Ambassador
St. François Xavier Community School
St. François Xavier Catholic Parish
St. François Xavier Fire Department
Country Kids Learning Centre
Darren Lust, Stage Manager
Dan Mott, Assistant Stage Manager
Ron Chapellaz, Promotional Awards
Philip Hofer, Praire Land Doors

Thank You to the Many Amazing Community Volunteers
For Making This Event Possible.



St. François Xavier
Historical Society

