

Ron Rivard

Ron Rivard has worked to build the Metis Nation for 25 years, through provincial, national and international arenas. He served for 10 years as the first executive director of the Metis National Council. He met with John Paul II to gain the Pope's support for constitutional issues. He sat on numerous boards to advance Aboriginal interests. Ron Rivard & Associates focuses on enhancing economic opportunities for Metis and First Nations communities. His book co-authored with Catherine Littlejohn won a *Saskatchewan Book Award*.

He received the Order of Gabriel Dumont, Silver medal in 2005. He has participated on the following boards and committees:

- The Clarence Campeau Development Fund (Co-Chair 10 years)
- The Aboriginal Reference Group
- National Aboriginal Voluntary Organization
- National Aboriginal Capital Corporation Association
- The Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers
- The Aboriginal Affairs Group
- Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority (SREDA)
- Saskatchewan Aboriginal Employment and Business Opportunities Committee
- The Native Economic Development Program (NEDP)
- Canadian Aboriginal Economic Development Strategy (CAEDS National Co-Chair)
- Trustee for Camponi Housing Corporation, Sasknative Rentals Inc., and La Maison

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