

**The
MICHEL BAND
A story of family, injustice and perseverance.**

The Onoway Museum is pleased to be the host of an exhibit curated by members of the Michel Band Council on loan from The Musée Héritage Museum.

The history of this First Nation is deeply connected to the region. The Michel Band tells a story of strength, family, injustice, challenge and perseverance. Family photos, digital documents, and music by band members add to their narrative.

Michel Callihoo, the namesake of the Band, was the son of Louis Kwarakwante, a Mohawk man from Kahnawake, near Montreal. For many years the family was settled in the Jasper area but as Louis's children grew they moved throughout Western Canada. Michel worked for the Hudson's Bay Company for 26 years, living in Lesser Slave Lake and Fort Edmonton before joining the little mission community at Lac Ste. Anne.

In 1878, Chief Michel and two headmen signed an adhesion to Treaty 6. In 1880, the Michel Callihoo Reserve was created approximately 29 km northwest of Edmonton. After many years of great pressure and lack of support from government agents, the reserve was broken up, through surrenders and enfranchisement. The Band still seeks to regain formal recognition of their status.

This exhibit will be on display at the Onoway Museum – 4708 Lac Ste Anne Trail North, May 15, 2019 to August 30, 2019. Museum Hours – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10:00am to 3:00pm, Tuesday from 10:00am – 7:30pm and the following Saturday's – June 8th - 12pm – 5pm, July 13th & August 17th – 10am – 3pm.

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