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“Where the Trappers Mix in 2026”

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The Board of Directors of the Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival are excited to announce that planning is well underway for the 79th Annual Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival! The upcoming Festival will be held February 18 - 22, 2026 and is expected to be another fantastic five days of exciting competition and entertainment. “We are really excited for the upcoming Festival,” Board Chair Lorie Stevenson commented.

Stevenson explained, “This year we have a full board of directors who are all working to bring the community an amazing line-up of competition and events that they are used to. We are also looking to bring back some events of the past including the Stage & Talent Show as well as the Bannock Slap Hockey Tournament.” Trappers' Festival is run by a completely volunteer board of 25. “Our board of directors work tirelessly all year long preparing for Trappers' Festival. We are very excited to have new faces working with veteran board members. It's a win-win combination for the organization that will ensure our community gets the level of Festival excellence they are used to” Stevenson said.

The 2026 Festival Board of Directors is as follows: Lorie Stevenson (Chair), Jenn Cook (Vice-Chair), Jodie Kuhl (Finance Chair), Beth Whyte (Finance Vice-Chair), Mehgan Ducharme (Secretary); Directors-at-large: Linsi Sibakov, Krista Tooley, Brea Anderson, Jennifer Flett, Lorraine Packo, Linda McFarland, Shirley Rivalin, Lyla Huculak, Marie Noel, Chris Langlois, Kerri Mayuk, Becki Elias, Sonny Lavalle, Conrad Watts, Sandra Gates, Amy Hopper, Neilly Coulter, Jennifer Reynolds, Chelsey Niewiadomy and Evan Hrabowich (Dog Race Chair).

“We look forward to celebrating our rich and vibrant Trapper history. As we move closer to the Festival we will be sharing updates about our events as well as how the community can become involved - whether volunteering, competing or spectating,” Stevenson commented, adding “we really can't wait to celebrate Where the Trappers Mix in 2026”.

The Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival will be celebrating its 79th Festival this year, February 18-22nd. Trappers' Festival is the longest running winter festival in Manitoba and the second longest winter festival in Canada. Trappers' Festival is proud to host the World Championship Dog Races, King and Queen competition as well as more than 20 events for people of all ages.