



"I am Métis, and proud to be. "

Since 2005, Gisèle Girard sits on the board of directors of the Domaine du Roy and Seigneurie de Mingan Métis Community as a volunteer. More precisely, she is in charge of the cultural component. It is under this title that she accepted her role as ambassador for "Saguenay, 2010 Canadian Cultural Capital of Canada". During 36 years of volunteering, she has held numerous positions. She has been involved in a variety of organizations and has worked in different domains. Among other things, she was President of the *Fédération Saguenay–Lac-St-Jean–Chibougamau des Cercles de Fermières du Québec* from 1990 to 1994, City Councillor from 1998 to 2002 and Mayor of the Municipality of Saint-Fulgence from 2002 to 2005.

As stated by Ms. Girard: "Our culture is something we carry within ourselves. Like our genes, it was transferred to us from our ancestors. It's up to us to make it flourish. "

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