

The Secretary of State



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Mr. Howard Adams
1310 Louise Avenue
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Dear Mr. Adams,

I appreciate the concerns you have raised in your letters of March 6th and July 5th, 1974. I would like to point out that my department has taken steps to deal with the problems affecting the Metis Society. The Auditing Services Bureau has performed an audit on the Core Programme and the results of their findings will be presented to the Metis electorate at their annual conference. In addition, my officials have consulted at length with the Metis leaders to determine the best course of action to resolve the issues facing the Society.

However, I do not wish to go into the issues you have raised at this time because I feel that it is important, as a first step, that the majority of Metis people in Saskatchewan have the opportunity to decide who their leaders will be in a clear and indisputable fashion. My difficulty with the meeting of July 2nd and 3rd in Prince Albert is the small number of voting delegates that participated in the meeting. For this reason, I see it necessary that a general meeting be held with delegates from all locals, certainly, no less than a majority, to determine the leadership of the Society.

Once the question of leadership is decided, then, I will further pursue steps with the Society to resolve the financial issues before it.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. H. Faulkner', with a stylized flourish at the end.

J. Hugh Faulkner