

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

For Ratification by the

General Assembly

of the

Metis Nation of Saskatchewan

November 18, 2000

Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

**Metis Nation of Saskatchewan
Special Assembly
March 2, 1999
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan**

Article 10:

A Metis person is a person who:

- 1: Self declares**
- 2: Is of Metis ancestry; and**
- 3: Is accepted by the Metis Community**

Metis Nation Legislative Assembly
November 5, 6 & 7, 1999
North Battleford, Saskatchewan

To amend Article 1 of our Constitution that the name of the organization be changed from Metis Nation of Saskatchewan to Metis Nation - Saskatchewan.

Moved: Clem Chartier, President
Seconded: Murray Hamilton, Vice President
CARRIED

Article 3, Section 6:

Eleven members of the Provincial Metis Council shall constitute a quorum.

Moved: Clem Chartier, President
Seconded: Randy Gaudry, Local 17
CARRIED

Article 8, Section 3.1:

Notwithstanding Sections 2 and 3, the elections for the Executive and Regional Representatives of the Provincial Metis Council of the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly shall be held on the last Saturday of May every 3 years with the first election under this section to be held on May 26, 2001.

Moved: Clem Chartier, President
Seconded: Gary Bedore, Local 87
CARRIED

Article 12, Section 2.1:

That the Provincial Metis Youth Council shall be designated one seat on the Provincial Metis Council and four seats at the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly.

Moved: Ralph Kennedy, Regional Director WRIA
Seconded: Dan Welsh, Regional Director, WRIII
CARRIED

Article 2,

2(a) Notwithstanding Section 2, the Vice President of a Local shall serve as an alternate member of the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly in the event that a President is not able to attend.

Moved: Clem Chartier, President
Seconded: Robert Doucette, Secretary
CARRIED

Article 3, Section 1:

That the Provincial Metis Council shall be composed of the elected Regional Representatives, the Executive, one representative from the Metis Women of Saskatchewan and one representative of the Provincial Metis Youth Council for a total of 18 Provincial Metis Council members.

Moved: Ralph Kennedy, Regional Director, WRIA
Seconded: Myles Pelletier, Regional Director, ERIA
CARRIED

Article 2, Section 2:

The Metis Nation Legislative Assembly shall be comprised of the Local Presidents, the Provincial Metis Council, four representatives from the Metis Women of Saskatchewan and four representatives from the Provincial Metis Youth Council.

Moved: Ralph Kennedy, Regional Director WRIA
Seconded: Clem Chartier, President
CARRIED

Article 8, Section 1.1:

That only registered members whose name appears on the voters list of the Metis Nation - Saskatchewan shall be allowed to vote or seek office within the Metis Nation - Saskatchewan.

Moved: Clem Chartier, President
Seconded: Ralph Kennedy, Regional Director, WRIA
CARRIED

MÉTIS NATION OF SASKATCHEWAN

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

NOVEMBER 18, 2000

TRAVELODGE, PRINCE ALBERT PROPOSED AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. Grand Entry
Swearing-in of new Senators
Opening prayer
Adoption of Agenda
- 9:30 – 9:45 a.m. Guest Speaker: Hon. Jack Hillson
- 9:45 – 10:00 a.m. MNS State of the Nation Address
- President, Clem Chartier
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. BREAK
- 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. - Métis Act
- Louis Riel Trail
- 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. Métis Hunting and Fishing Rights
Minister Dale McAuley
- 11:30 – 12:00 p.m. Justice: Should a provincial justice inquiry be held?
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH Guest Speaker: President Gerald Morin, MNC
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Constitution Amendments
- 3:00 p.m. Closing prayer
- 3:10 – 5:00 p.m. Employment and Training Workshop

DRAFT: FOR DISCUSSION

PURPOSES ONLY

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN:

**HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF SASKATCHEWAN,
as represented by the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs**

AND:

**THE METIS NATION OF SASKATCHEWAN,
as represented by the President of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan**

(Hereinafter "the Parties")

I PREAMBLE

WHEREAS the Parties wish to foster a co-operative partnership to develop and implement strategic initiatives in Saskatchewan that will strengthen the participation of Metis individuals and communities in the provincial economy, promote social equity and enhance and strengthen Metis governance of Metis institutions and Metis communities.

WHEREAS the Parties agree that federal jurisdiction under Section 91(24) of the *Constitution Act, 1867* and the obligations of the federal government pursuant to that section, includes obligations to the Metis; and

WHEREAS the Parties agree that all activities, initiatives and discussions undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding will be based on the Parties mutual desire to achieve practical results that improve the lives of Metis people. The Parties agree that all activities, initiatives and discussions undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding will not be based upon the Parties views of the existing Aboriginal rights of the Metis.

NOW THEREFORE the Parties agree to work toward the realization of the vision and goals described below and the joint development and implementation of the strategic initiatives listed herein.

II PURPOSE

2.1 This Memorandum of Understanding is to implement the Process clause of the Metis Act through the bilateral process described in section 7.1.

2.2 Where the Parties consider it appropriate, they may enter into agreements that reflect the discussions resulting from the bilateral process mentioned in section 2.1.

III VISION

3.1 The Metis are full participants in the provincial economy, and are equal members of Saskatchewan society with the capacity of governance over their own communities and culture, and with constitutional rights as one of the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada.

IV GOALS

4.1 The Parties agree to develop initiatives to foster the achievement of goals which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Full Metis representation in the provincial economy via economic opportunities, business involvement, participation as employers and a representative workforce.
- (b) Social equity through improved individual and community well-being.
- © Enhanced and strengthened Metis governance of Metis communities and Metis institutions.
- (d) Secured federal acceptance of its responsibilities to Metis people.
- (e) Respect for Metis culture and rights.

V PRINCIPLES

5.1 The Parties agree to base all initiatives undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding on the following principles:

- (a) Mutual respect;
- (b) Practical, timely, meaningful and sustainable responses to needs, in order to foster self-reliance;
- © Involvement of Metis in decision-making and the design and delivery of services;
- (d) Fairness and equity;
- (e) Partnership, cooperation, and collaboration among all key interest holders;
- (f) Openness, accountability and affordability;
- (g) Foster federal acceptance of its obligations to Metis people; and
- (h) Co-operation and capacity building.

VI INITIATIVES

- 6.1 **Capacity Building:** The Parties agree to work towards the devolution of programs and services to Metis Communities and Metis institutions. The Parties agree to undertake the necessary preparatory and planning work with respect to the development of a framework for the devolution of programs and services. This may include the identification of priorities, the identification of appropriate Metis service institutions, the development of program and policy guidelines, and the securing of necessary mandates and resources.
- 6.2 **Governance:** The Parties agree to continue building a Metis capacity for governance of Metis communities and Metis institutions. This “made in Saskatchewan” approach will respect federal and provincial jurisdiction and will build on existing and successful models and experiences, such as the Gabriel Dumont Institute, the Dumont Technical Institute, and the Metis Addictions Council.
- 6.3 **Land:** The Parties agree to co-operate in identifying opportunities to improve Metis access to lands and developing economic opportunities for Metis people with respect to land based activities including, but not limited to, Metis farms and farming, forestry and mining. The Parties further agree to identify and develop appropriate cultural initiatives related to the traditional Metis gathering places.
- 6.4 **Harvesting:** The Parties agree to work to improve economic development and harvesting opportunities, consistent with sustainable management practices, for Metis people in Saskatchewan’s resource and other sectors. This may include improving opportunities in first level production activities, subsistence living, as well as value added activities. The Parties further agree to work towards full and integral Metis involvement in resource management and economic development related decisions.

VII FORUM

- 7.1 This Memorandum of Understanding will be implemented through the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan - Government of Saskatchewan *Bilateral Process Agreement*.
- 7.2 In the event the bilateral process referred to in section 7.1 ceases to exist, the Parties agree to fulfill the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding through some other mutually agreed upon forum.

VIII NO LEGAL OBLIGATIONS CREATED

- 8.1 This Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to create legal rights or legally enforceable obligations on the part of either party.

8.2 This Memorandum of Understanding does not abrogate or derogate from the existing Aboriginal rights of the Metis, one of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada, as protected by Section 35(1) of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

SIGNED BY THE PARTIES this _____ day of _____, 2000.

For The Crown in Right of Saskatchewan

Jack Hillson, Minister of Intergovernmental
and Aboriginal Affairs

For the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan
