

Registrar's Report

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Registrar

You will all be aware of the recent developments in respect to:

- ∞ Definition
- ∞ Enumeration
- ∞ Registry.

You will be aware also, that you have passed laws and regulations intended to facilitate the process of Metis Self-Governance.
(*Citizenship, MNLA, Elections Acts*)

Resulting from the above, the Senate has appointed myself to assume the role of *Registrar*. There have been, and still are, very positive developments.

It is necessary however, to understand that the where-with-all to accomplish these very important initiatives is non-existent. To date, the M.N.S. Executive has provided an office, as well as some basic equipment, for the *Registrar*. I have been able to donate my time. Of course, this is insufficient.

There needs to be more effort put towards facilitating all the legislation we have passed. As well, we have yet to finalize our definition. (*AGM*)

Although the definition was passed unanimously, at two M.N.L.A.'s, the *Constitution* requires ratification from the A.G.M. This is very important because the Citizenship Act that has been approved, cannot be processed without the definition being ratified.

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If you have noticed, there are several versions of registration forms that have been in circulation recently. Finalizing the definition will resolve this issue. Having said this, there are already several thousands of applications that I have received, that are utilizing the current definition that has been approved at the M.N.L.A. Therefore, it is imperative that an A.G.M. be had to finalize the definition of 'Metis'.

Very recently, I met with officials of the METSI program to discuss the development of a training program that may be useful for registration. Based on these discussions, it seems that we may be able to begin registration of our current membership, at least. This may enable us to hold *legitimate* elections that are soon to happen.

In closing, I want to remind us all that there are many people, and many Governments, who want us to fail in our registration. Some of these people may be working against us from within our own government.

Recommendations:

- ∞ Finalize the current definition.

- ∞ Authorize the Senate (*by resolution*) to request funds from Governments.