

June 7, 1994

Dear Local Presidents and Provincial Metis Council Members:

On May 31, 1994 the Provincial Metis Council passed a resolution setting July 21 and 22, 1994 as the date for the first sitting of the Metis Legislative Assembly. The session will take place at Batoche and will precede the Batoche Days Weekend.

We have scheduled that date and place because there are currently no resources available for expenses. In this connection, we encourage all Local Presidents to attend both the Legislative Assembly and the Batoche Days.

The main agenda items for the Legislative Assembly are: adoption of a Metis Wildlife Act, Statement of Claim in the land rights action, further implementation of our Metis Constitution, Metis sentencing circles, National self-government process and enumeration and the province's new Casino/Gaming legislation.

We also want to inform you that a letter dated June 3, 1994 by a supposed "Local Presidents' Committee" calling for a meeting in Saskatoon on June 18, 1994 is not recognized by the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan. While we would like to respond to them directly, the letter does not identify who they are and is unsigned.

For those Presidents who do have concerns about the current fiscal and political issues facing our people, we encourage you to participate at Batoche on July 21 & 22nd and make your views known. We also encourage all Presidents to participate in developing a Metis position which we can collectively deliver to the governments. One thing is certain, we are not for sale and neither are our rights. We must continue pushing forward with self-government and the exercise of our rights, even if this does not please governments or their friends.

Yours sincerely,

Gerald Morin President