



Resolution Duly Approved by the
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
Provincial Métis Council on October 15, 2024
#241015-09

**Amendments to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* for Election of
Provincial Representatives for Women and Youth to be Included in the
Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial General Election Every Four Years**

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values and language - inclusive of knowledge keepers, Lii Vyeu Moond (“the old ones” or Elders), Youth, Women and distinctive resources – which is incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS the PMC (PMC Resolution #240417-02) supported proceeding with constitutional amendments related to the following areas in time for consideration at the Fall 2024 session of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA):

- Addition of language to support self-government and an affirmation of Métis rights to the Preamble of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*;
- Election of provincial representatives for women and youth to be included in the provincial MN-S general election every four years;
- Provisions allowing for the creation of a Métis Judiciary;
- Changes to General Assembly provisions so eligibility for voting will be open to all MN-S citizens of voting age; and
- General clean-up (including but not limited to minor changes to grammar, consistency, and removal of 2007 election details);

WHEREAS the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* has been amended in order to provide for the election of women and youth representatives to the PMC in the provincial MN-S general election every four years; and

WHEREAS the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act, 1999* requires constitutional amendments to be supported by resolution of the PMC or by the signatures of five members of the MNLA, ensuring that the amendments are filed 30 days prior to the MNLA, or 14 days prior to the MNLA if the minimum 30 days’ notice of the MNLA is provided;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC supports the resolution and amendments to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* in order to provide for the election of women and youth representatives to the PMC in the provincial MN-S general election every four years as set out in Annex A attached to this resolution.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2024

Moved by: Lisa McCallum, Secretary

Seconded by: Michelle LeClair, Vice President

ANNEX A to Resolution #241015-09

DATE:	November 2-3, 2024	#MNLA2411XX-XX
SUBJECT:	Constitutional Reform, Legislation	
MOVED BY:	Michelle LeClair	Vice President
SECONDED BY:	Lisa McCallum	Secretary
TITLE:	Adopt amendments to the <i>Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan</i> for election of provincial representatives for women and youth to be included in the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) provincial general election every four years	

WHEREAS the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) established a committee to review the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (the *Constitution*) and related legislation and directed that the committee would consult across the province of Saskatchewan on changes to the *Constitution* and related legislation (MNLA Resolution #190302-06);

WHEREAS after initial consultation it was determined that constitutional reform was needed and the MNLA supported continued consultation that would result in proposed amendments to the *Constitution* and legislation to be considered at a future date by the MNLA (MNLA Resolution #190414-11);

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) undertook community consultations with citizens throughout the province in 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023 and in 2024 to solicit their views on constitutional reform and has incorporated this information into a substantial package of proposed constitutional amendments and legislation;

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approved of a phased approach to constitutional reform to ensure thoughtful consideration by Métis citizens and by the officials elected to represent them (PMC Resolution #240417-01);

WHEREAS citizens have shown their support through constitutional reform consultations to amend the *Constitution* in order to provide for the election of women and youth representatives to the PMC; and

WHEREAS amending the *Constitution* in order to provide for the election of women and youth representatives to the PMC is supported by resolution of the PMC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the *Constitution* be amended to provide for election of provincial representatives for women and youth to be included in the MN-S provincial general election every four years as set out in Annex A attached to this resolution.

(Annex A is attached to this resolution)

ANNEX A

Constitution amended

1. The *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* is amended as set out in this Annex in order to provide for the election of women and youth representatives to the Provincial Métis Council.

Article 3 amended

2. Article 3 relating to the Provincial Métis Council is amended by deleting Article 3-1 and substituting the following:

“1. The Provincial Métis Council is composed of:

- (a) the Regional Representatives;
- (b) the members of the Executive;
- (c) a Métis woman to represent Métis women who is elected in a province-wide election held every four years; and
- (d) a Métis youth to represent Métis youth between the ages of 16 and 29 who is elected in a province-wide election held every four years”.

Article 8 amended

3. Article 8 relating to elections is amended by:

- (a) deleting Article 8-1; and
- (b) deleting Article 8-2 and substituting the following:

“2. Election for the Executive, Regional Representatives and the Women and Youth Representatives to the Provincial Métis Council shall be held within four years of the previous election”.

Article 12 amended

4. Article 12 relating to the Senate, Women and Youth is amended by:

- (a) deleting the heading and substituting “Article 12: Women and Youth”;
- (b) deleting Articles 12-1, 12-2 and 2.1 and substituting the following:

“1. The Métis Nation Legislative Assembly shall involve Women and Youth in the determination of their role and responsibilities within the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan.

“2. The Métis Women of Saskatchewan shall be designated 4 seats in the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly. This provision shall cease to apply when women have achieved equitable representation in the Provincial Métis Council and Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.

“2.1 The Provincial Métis Youth Council shall be designated 4 seats at the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”.