



Resolution Duly Approved by the
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
Provincial Métis Council on October 15, 2024
#241015-12

**Amendments to the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*
for General Clean-up**

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* (the *Constitution*) has been amended for general clean-up (including but not limited to minor changes to grammar, consistency, and removal of 2007 election details); and

WHEREAS the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act, 1999* requires constitutional amendments 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* for general clean-up (including but not limited to minor changes to grammar, consistency, and removal of 2007 election details) 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 #241015-12

DATE:	November 2-3, 2024	Resolution #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 general clean-up	

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 it is necessary to amend *Constitution* in order to provide for general clean-up of provisions including matters such as minor changes relating to grammar, numbering, consistency, the grouping of similar items for ease of reference, and removal of provisions relating to the 2007 election; and

WHEREAS amending the *Constitution* in order to provide for general clean-up of provisions including matters such as minor changes relating to grammar, numbering, consistency, the grouping of similar items for ease of reference, and removal of provisions relating to the 2007 election is supported by resolution of the PMC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the *Constitution* be amended for general clean-up as set out in Annex A attached to this resolution.

(Annex A is attached to this resolution)

ANNEX A

Métis Nation – Saskatchewan An Act respecting Métis Citizenship

Constitution amended

1. The *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* is amended as set out in this Annex.

Article 1 replaced

2. Article 1 is deleted and the following substituted:

“ARTICLE 1: TITLE

1. This *Constitution* may be referred to as the *Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Constitution*”.

Article 2 amended

3. Article 2 relating to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly is amended by:

- (a) adding the following Article after Article 2-2:

“2.1 The loyalty of the members of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly must be to the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan, and each member shall swear an Oath of Allegiance prior to taking their seat in the Assembly”.

Article 3 amended

4. Article 3 relating to the Provincial Métis Council is amended:

- (a) by deleting the word “Organization” wherever it occurs in Article 3-4 and in each case substituting “Métis Nation – Saskatchewan”; and
- (b) by deleting “Métis Legislative Assembly” and substituting “Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”.

Article 4 amended

5. Article 4 is amended by deleting Article 4-4(a) and substituting the following:

“4(a) The President shall be the head of the Executive, and chief political spokesperson for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan”.

Article 5 amended

6. Article 5 is amended by:

- (a) deleting Article 5-4 and substituting the following:

“4. The Regional Councils shall establish regional administrative offices that are accessible to the people and leadership”;

- (b) deleting Article 5-6 and substituting the following:

“6. The Regional Council shall enact a constitution that is not inconsistent with this Constitution and shall file a copy of it, and any amendments to it, with the Clerk of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”; and

(c) deleting Article 5-10 and substituting the following:

“10. The Regional Council shall provide direction to their representatives on the Provincial Métis Council with respect to all matters, including the aims, objectives and aspirations of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, and for their respective Regions”.

Article 7 amended

7. Article 7 relating to Locals is amended by:

(a) deleting Article 7-1 and substituting the following:

“1. The Locals are the basic unit of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan”;

(b) adding the following Articles after Article 7-2:

“2.1 An individual shall only belong to one Local.

“2.2 An individual must have resided in the community where the Local is situated for at least 6 months to be eligible for membership in the Local, although a Local may make exceptions for educational and medical purposes.

“2.3 A member of a Local must be ordinarily resident in the community where the Local is situated in order to retain membership in the Local, otherwise, the member must transfer their membership to the Local in the community to which they have relocated.

“2.4 In communities where no Locals exist, Métis persons shall apply to the Local nearest their residence”;

(c) by deleting Article 7-6 and substituting the following:

“6. Each Local shall be governed by a council, consisting of a president, a vice-president and the number of other members determined in accordance with the constitution of the Local, which may include terms of one to three years and elections may be by ballot box or conducted at a general meeting of the members of the Local.

“6.1 Each Local shall submit the names of their elected leadership to the Regional Council and the Clerk of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly within 30 days of their election”; and

(d) by deleting Articles 7-8 and 7-9 and substituting the following:

“8. Each Local shall enact a constitution that is not inconsistent with this Constitution, including the establishment of portfolios, committees or other bodies required to address community and other issues, and shall file a copy of it, and any amendments to it, with the Clerk of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.

“9. The Locals shall provide yearly updates of their membership to the Regional Council and the Clerk of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, separating those members who are under 16 years of age from those 16 and over”.

Article 9 amended

8. Article 9 relating to the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan is amended by deleting Articles 9-1 and 9-2 and substituting the following:

“1. The seat of government of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan is in Saskatoon”.

Article 10 amended

9. Article 10 relating to citizenship is amended by deleting Articles 10-2 to 10-6.

Article 13 amended

10. Article 13 relating to Métis independence is amended by:

(a) deleting Article 13-1 and substituting the following:

“1. Whereas the Métis are in the process of implementing self-government as one of three orders of government within Canada, the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan shall be non-sectarian and non-partisan”;

(b) deleting Article 13-2; and

(c) deleting Article 13-4 and substituting the following:

“4. Members of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan are not precluded from joining political parties of the two other orders of government, being the federal and provincial levels of government”.

Article 14 amended

11. Article 14 relating to affiliates is amended by deleting Article 14-4 and substituting the following:

“4. All Affiliates shall have representation from the 12 Regions of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, unless otherwise decided by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly based upon the recommendations of the Provincial Métis Council”.

Article 17 repealed

12. Article 17 relating to the 2007 Election is deleted.