



Resolution Duly Approved at the
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
Provincial Métis Council June 18, 2024 In-Camera Meeting
and brought into the official record on October 15, 2024
IC-240618-03

Kishchi Mashinaayikun Ooshchi Michif Ratification Vote Plan

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 unanimously passed a resolution on April 17, 2024, to conclude the negotiation of a government-to-government treaty between MN-S and the Government of Canada and to present the treaty to the PMC for approval by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and ratification at a General Assembly in 2024 (Resolution #240417-02);

WHEREAS the PMC confirmed that the treaty would be known as Kishchi Mashinaayikun Ooshchi Michif which may be translated as “Sacred Document from the Michif”;

WHEREAS MN-S currently has no legislation or policy to guide the conduct of a treaty ratification vote but recognizes that the principles of good governance require that a transparent process be created and publicized, so Métis citizens are fully aware of the rules;

WHEREAS the vote on Kishchi Mashinaayikun Ooshchi Michif is historic for the Métis people of Saskatchewan, and it is important to extend voting access to the largest number of eligible MN-S citizens, many of whom may be unable to attend an in-person vote, to ensure the final ratification vote accurately represents their will;

WHEREAS there are digital voting platforms that have been successfully utilized for numerous ratification votes of this size and complexity, and proven to be a reliable, secure, and accessible method to extend the voting franchise to eligible voters;

WHEREAS the MN-S Chief Electoral Officer is independent, able to manage a fair voting process, experienced with digital voting platforms, and is capable of effectively overseeing a digital ratification process; and

WHEREAS a General Assembly has been scheduled for November 23, 2024;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC approves that the Kishchi Mashinaayikun Ooshchi Michif, a modern-day treaty between MN-S and the Government of Canada, will be presented at the Fall 2024 MNLS for approval by delegates and that approval of the treaty will require support by 75% of the votes cast, as long as the number of members present constitutes a quorum;

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC approves that, if passed by the MNLA, the Kishchi Mashinaayikun Ooshchi Michif and the supporting resolution of the MNLA will be presented to citizens at the General Assembly scheduled November 23, 2024;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC approve that:

1. A ratification vote on the Kishchi Mashinaayikun Ooshchi Michif will be conducted following the General Assembly and that all registered citizens of Métis Nation – Saskatchewan aged 16 years of age and older will be eligible to vote;
2. The ratification vote will be overseen by the Chief Electoral Officer of the MN-S;
3. The ratification vote will be conducted using online digital voting software to allow voting participation by the greatest possible number of all registered citizens of the MN-S;
4. Voting will take place over a period of up to two weeks; and
5. The threshold for approval of the vote is set at 75% of the total number of votes cast.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that future amendments to the Kishchi Mashinaayikun Ooshchi Michif will be approved and will become effective on the passage of a resolution of the MNLA that is supported by 75% of the votes cast, as long as the number of members present constitutes a quorum.

Dated this 18th day of June, 2024

Moved by: Glen McCallum, President

Seconded by: Michelle LeClair, Vice President

