



Office of the Provincial President

TO: Brennan Merasty, Representative, Northern Region 3

FROM: Glen McCallum, President

SUBJECT: MANDATE as Minister of Self-Determination and Self-Government

DATE: June 18, 2026

Dear Minister Merasty,

Maarsii, thank you for agreeing to serve the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) as Minister of Self-Determination and Self-Government. In 2025, our citizens elected a new government to stand up for our Métis citizens and to build a strong government that works for everyone. As members of this Provincial Métis Council, we must fulfill this mandate with purpose and force. We must meet a series of unprecedented challenges with a disciplined focus on core priorities. Our journey to self-determination and self-government is grounded in building a governance system that reflects our unique identity, culture, values, and languages. As representatives of this government, you must stay focused on who we are and how we build a government that reflects that. Our distinction-based plan sets the direction by creating delivery systems that are uniquely Métis while ensuring our work remains rooted in our identity as a people.

This mandate letter describes your responsibilities and priorities moving forward. As accountability and transparency are the cornerstones of good government, I am making these letters public, so all citizens are informed of how their government is working for them.

As Minister, your role is to support the President in building a Métis distinct government and advancing the implementation of our distinctions-based plan. You are not responsible for day-to-day legal operations or technical negotiations as those functions are carried out by legal counsel, negotiators, and MN–S administration. Your role is to provide leadership,



coordination, and direction to advance Métis self-determination and the implementation of MN–S self-government.

Ministers are expected to carry out their responsibilities on behalf of the President, exercising delegated authority with accountability and transparency. A meeting process will be established to support coordinated decision-making and provide Ministers with regular opportunities to update colleagues on progress and emerging issues. Ministers will report back to the President through this process, ensuring alignment with our distinctions-based priorities.

Ministerial Responsibilities

I expect you to work constructively with all members of the PMC, MN–S staff, and citizens to deliver on the MN–S priorities. This includes advancing the collective priorities set out in our Distinctions Based Focus Plan (DBFP) which charts a Métis-distinct path forward for the MN–S government based on the priorities of Elders, citizens, and the PMC.

As Minister, you are responsible for the following areas:

- Leading the pursuit of an MN–S Self Government Agreement (treaty);
- Advancing self-government priorities essential to the implementation of the MN–S Self Government Agreement (treaty);
- Overseeing the negotiation/litigation of MN-S Land Claims;
- Overseeing all MN–S litigation, specifically the active actions including, but not limited to, the Northwest Saskatchewan land claim;
- Leading the protection of Metis rights;
- Overseeing the development and implementation of distinctions-based Métis judiciary;
- Supporting the development of the Métis laws and legislation required for Self-Governance;



- The legacy of the Sixties Scoop and residential and boarding schools, including at Île-à-la-Crosse;
- Supporting the Minister of Environment, Agriculture, Lands and Resources in pursuit of a province-wide Métis harvesting agreement that affirms inherent Métis rights with the Province of Saskatchewan;
- Supporting the Minister of Minister of Environment, Agriculture, Lands and Resources in the development of a Province-wide MN-S Duty to Consult Policy Framework;
- Supporting the development of an MN-S legislation development and implementation process that is inclusive of all ministries within the governments and all levels of government.
- Relationships with the Île-à-la-Crosse Survivor's Steering Committee, families of murdered and missing Métis women, female Elders, girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ persons and survivors, in collaboration with other MN-S ministers and departments the federal Department of Justice, Public Safety Canada, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, Saskatchewan's Ministries of Justice, Government Relations, and Energy and Resources;
- Working collaboratively with the President and other members of PMC to establish legislative priorities for MN-S and develop new MN-S legislation and revisions to existing MN-S legislation;
- Working collaboratively with the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, to advance coordinated engagement with Indigenous, federal, provincial, and municipal governments;
- Regular reporting to myself as the President, MN-S, on the status of your ministerial responsibilities.



Priorities

In addition to these collective priorities in the Distinctions-Based Focus Plan, you will have specific ministerial priorities, which are outlined below:

- Strengthening MN-S governance in the transition to self-government. This includes: working with the federal government to ensure the MN-S Self-Government Agreement negotiations and associated federal legislation proceed swiftly and ensuring that all levels of the MN-S government are adequately informed and prepared for ratification of the MN-S Self-Government Agreement;
- Work with the President and all levels of the MN-S government to develop our Métis Model of Governance;
- Continue the work being done with the NWSMC, the Northwest Land Claim and land claims processes;
- Continue the Constitutional Reform process to update and modernize our Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan and related legislation to ensure they are grounded in our Métis laws and that we create legislative frameworks which will continue to serve our citizens and Métis Nation as we move towards fully realized self-government;
- Collaborate with other ministers on the development of legislation related to their ministries;
- Collaborate with the Minister of Health, and Mental Health and Addictions and the Minister of Emergency Management on the response to the State of Emergency on Drugs, Alcohol, Gangs, and Violence across the Saskatchewan Métis Homeland;
- Support the President in strengthening diplomatic relations to include mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, mutual non-aggression, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefits with First Nations/Indigenous governments across Saskatchewan and Canada.
- Work with the president's office and other ministers on the implementation of UNDA



legislation and ensure that the voices of Métis in Saskatchewan are heard and that our distinct priorities are included in any discussions or legislation that affect us;

- Supporting and promoting Métis inherent rights;
- Protecting MN–S jurisdiction;
- Collaborate with the Minister of CFS and the Minister of Health on the development and pursuit of funding for a Métis justice support plan that focuses on providing social justice services and programs to citizens;
- Support the President in preparing your portfolio for MN–S Self-Government Agreement (treaty) implementation and in building a Metis distinct government.

Working Together

We must deliver for our Citizens as we exercise our inherent right to self-determination, including our right of self-government. Achieving these objectives will require collaboration and coordination with other ministers, as well as working closely with the Regions, Locals, and MN–S staff.

Ministers are expected to empower and support the public service to operationalize their vision through effective planning, clear direction, and disciplined execution aligned with DBFP principles. This includes fostering a respectful, professional partnership where public servants are enabled to apply their expertise to translate priorities into actionable programs and results. Ministers will rely on the public service as a trusted team of technical experts to design, implement, and continuously improve outcomes on behalf of MN–S.

In addressing the tasks before us, we must remain true to what makes us distinct as Métis people. Our identity, culture, values, and language: these things we must keep in mind as they direct our work. MN–S is a dynamic government that celebrates our Elders and our youth, cares for the most vulnerable among us, and strives for a better future for all citizens. If we work together, we can ensure a strong, healthy, vibrant future for the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan.



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