



Office of the Provincial President

TO: Wendy Gervais, Representative, Western Region 3

FROM: Glen McCallum, President

SUBJECT: MANDATE as Minister of Veterans

DATE: June 18, 2026

Dear Minister Gervais,

Maarsii, thank you for agreeing to serve the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) as Minister of Veterans. 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. While delivering front-line services to veterans are functions carried out through federal, provincial, and community-based systems, your role is to provide leadership, coordination, and advocacy to ensure Métis veterans are honoured, supported, and recognized, and that their unique needs are



reflected in policies and programs.

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:

- All matters relating to honouring and supporting veterans within the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan;
- Relations with veteran organizations and Legions across Saskatchewan and Canada, as well as Veterans Affairs Canada and National Defence;
- Work 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 the collective priorities in the Distinctions-Based Focus Plan, you will have specific ministerial priorities, which are outlined below:

- Advocate for the needs of Métis veterans by supporting the efforts of MN–S staff in



procuring funding for veterans so that we can develop our own programs that can best support our citizens;

- Oversee the development of an MN-S Veterans Database;
- Pursue the recovery of MN–S’s portion of the National Métis Veterans’ Fund;
- Continue to work with Veterans Affairs Canada to ensure that MN–S veterans are included in international commemorative events;
- To honour and commemorate the sacrifice and bravery of Métis veterans, and the role they played in our history and continue to play today by planning for the commemoration of Indigenous Veterans Day, with a focus on Métis Veterans, their families, and their experiences;
- Continue to support the gathering of stories and perspectives from Metis Veterans across the province;
- Collaborate with the Minister of Self-Determination and Self-Government to develop a Dumont Scouts Policy and a Veterans Act;
- Advocate for increased support for citizens currently serving in the Armed Forces;
- 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 all Métis in Saskatchewan.

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Glen McCallum
President, Métis Nation–Saskatchewan

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