



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: April 9, 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.

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.

Ministerial Responsibilities

As Minister, you are responsible for the following areas:

- Justice and Policy and Self-Governance;
- Land claim negotiations;
- The legacy of the Sixties Scoop and residential and boarding schools, including at Île-à-la-Crosse;
- Lead the MN–S Self-Government Agreement (treaty) negotiations;
- Identify and advance self-government priorities essential to the implementation of



the MN–S Self Government Agreement (treaty);

- Oversee all MN–S litigation, specifically the active actions including, but not limited to, the North West Saskatchewan land claim;
- The development and implementation of a distinctions-based Métis judiciary;
- Support the Minister of Lands & Resources, Agriculture & Environment, in pursuit of a province-wide Métis harvesting agreement that affirms inherent Métis rights with the Province of Saskatchewan;
- Support Regions and Locals in major projects, plans, policies, developments or activities where the Duty to Consult arises, in collaboration with the Minister of Lands & Resources, Agriculture & Environment;
- Relationships with the Île-à-la-Crosse Survivor’s Steering Committee, families of murdered and missing Métis women, female Elders, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ 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, and Saskatchewan’s Ministries of Justice, Government Relations, and Energy and Resources;
- Establish legislative priorities for MN–S and lead development of new MN–S legislation and revisions to existing MN–S legislation in collaboration with the President and other ministers;
- Regular reporting to myself as the President, MN–S, on the status of your ministerial responsibilities.

Priorities

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



Focus Plan, you will have specific ministerial priorities, which are outlined below:

- Strengthening internal 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;
- 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;
- Lead development of legislation, working collaboratively with other ministers;
- Lead MN–S’s coordinated response to the State of Emergency on Drugs, Alcohol, Gangs, and Violence across the Saskatchewan Métis Homeland;
- Supporting the work done for the Regions and Locals alongside your fellow ministers;
- 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;
- Develop a Métis justice support plan to build a justice centre or justice department



that can provide social justice services and programs;

- Prepare your portfolio for MN–S Self-Government Agreement (treaty) implementation.

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.

In addressing the tasks before us, we must remain true to what makes us distinct as Métis people. Our identity, our culture, our values and our 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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