



Resolution Duly Approved by the
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
Provincial Métis Council on November 14, 2022
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Opposing Ongoing Disposition of Crown Lands

WHEREAS the Métis in Saskatchewan possess a distinctive Métis identity, culture, and set of values and language - inclusive of Knowledge Keepers, Elders, Youth and distinctive resources – which are incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Ministry of Land and Environment has been engaged in the development of this Resolution, reflective of the collaborative approach to Métis governance;

WHEREAS the MN-S and its Citizens maintain an integral connection to their lands, territories, and resources, which has spanned generations;

WHEREAS the MN-S is party to the 2018 Framework Agreement for Advancing Reconciliation (“Framework Agreement”) with Canada, which specifically contemplates addressing and resolving existing and potential Métis land claims in Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS the ongoing disposition of Crown Land by Saskatchewan undermines the assertion of Métis rights and land claims in Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS the Honour of the Crown requires good faith and fair dealing in the relationship of the Crown with the Métis; and

WHEREAS governments must commit to the unfinished business concerning outstanding land entitlements of the Métis;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC supports the proposal for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly to call upon the Government of Saskatchewan to immediately halt its disposition of Crown Lands in Saskatchewan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PMC urges the Government of Saskatchewan, in collaboration with the MN-S, to immediately develop a progressive consultation protocol and bilateral mechanism which recognizes Métis rights and interests in the Province, in alignment with the aspirations outlined in the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*.

Dated this 14th day of November, 2022

Moved by: Michelle LeClair, Vice President

Seconded by: Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2