



## Office of the Provincial President

**TO:** Darcy Lepowick, Representative, Eastern Region 2A

**FROM:** Glen McCallum, President

**SUBJECT:** MANDATE as Minister of Lands and Resources, Agriculture and Environment

**DATE:** April 9, 2026

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Dear Minister Lepowick,

Maarsii, thank you for agreeing to serve the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) as Minister of Lands & Resources, Agriculture & Environment. In 2025, the citizens of MN–S elected a new Government to stand up for Métis citizens and to build a strong government that works for everyone. As members of the 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 that all citizens are informed of how their government is working for them.

### Ministerial Responsibilities

As Minister, you are responsible for the following areas:

- The Ministry of Lands & Resources, Agriculture & Environment;
- Métis harvesting negotiations with the province of Saskatchewan, ensuring that Métis inherent rights are recognized and affirmed;
- Environmental protection, monitoring, and stewardship, with an emphasis on integrating Métis perspectives and ways of knowing with Western science;
- Advance climate adaptation, mitigation infrastructure, and citizen support initiatives and advocate for Métis perspectives and voices in the face of this



existential threat to our communities;

- Defend and protect Métis people's connection to cultural spaces, the land, the air, the water, and all living things;
- Support the Minister of Self-Determination and Self-Government and Minister of Northern Affairs and Emergency Management on harvesting rights and land claims;
- Work to strengthen Métis food sovereignty and alleviate food insecurity through culturally rooted initiatives;
- Support the creation of pathways for Métis citizens and communities to more meaningfully participate in the agriculture sector;
- Where Duty to Consult is triggered, provide assistance to Regions and Locals on major projects, plans, policies, developments or activities, with support from the Minister of Self-Determination and Self-Government;
- Relationships with Environment and Climate Change Canada, Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, Agriculture and Agrifoods Canada, Natural Resources Canada, Indigenous Services Canada, Canada Energy Regulator, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, Public Safety Canada, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Parks Canada, and Government of Saskatchewan's Ministries of Government Relations, Environment, Energy and Resources, and Agriculture;
- 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:

- Support the advancement and completion of Métis harvesting negotiations with the Province of Saskatchewan to ensure an agreement is negotiated that affirms Métis inherent rights;
- Support the Minister of Self-Government and Self-Determination in development of legislation that includes distinctly Métis concepts, such as Métis Laws of the Hunt, to aid in implementation of province-wide Métis harvesting;
- Advocate for program funding for the Ministry of Lands & Resources, Environment & Agriculture;
- Advocate for the protection and conservation of lands and resource that are of significance to MN-S;
- Support the Minister of Self-Determination and Self-Government on Harvesting Rights and Land Claims;
- 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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