



Office of the Provincial President

TO: Loretta King, Representative, Western Region 1

FROM: Glen McCallum, President

SUBJECT: MANDATE as Minister of Child and Family Services

DATE: June 18, 2026

Dear Minister King,

Maarsii, thank you for agreeing to serve the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) as Minister of Child and Family Services. In May 2025, our citizens elected a new government to stand up for Métis citizens and 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 transparency and accountability 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 of Child and Family Services, your role is to support the President in strengthening MN–S governance and advancing a Métis-led, distinctions-based approach to child and family well-being. While day-to-day service delivery and case management are carried out through established program, regional, and partner processes, in collaboration with Regions, Locals, MN–S administration, and service agencies, your leadership will help enhance prevention-focused supports, cultural continuity, family reunification, and



system transformation. Through this work, you will help ensure coordinated, community-driven approaches that prioritize the safety, wellness, and identity of Métis children and families, while strengthening relationships, capacity, and whole-of-government alignment across jurisdictions.

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:

- Child and Family Services;
- Relationships with the Government of Saskatchewan’s Ministry of Social Services, all Child and Family Service agencies and organizations in Saskatchewan, all Indigenous Governing Bodies and Indigenous Child and Family Services organizations across Canada.

Priorities

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

- To exercise jurisdiction over the design and delivery of child and family programs and services. To accomplish this objective, over the next year, you will:



- Continue consultations to hear directly from frontline childcare providers, social workers, government partners, Elders, youth, advocates and Métis citizens on how MN-S can exercise legislative authority over children and families. This also includes discussions on the design and delivery of Metis-distinct approaches, including necessary services, resources and infrastructure required to support this work. Collaboration with other relevant MN-S Ministers is key to the success of this initiative;
- Advocate for increased equitable funding for Métis Child and Family Services from both the Federal and Provincial Government. Distinctions-based funding for Métis Governing Bodies is imperative to ensure that our children and families have access to the critical services that they need;
- Champion the development of a Métis Child First Initiative, similar to Jordan's Principle for First Nations, to ensure that Metis children and youth have equitable access to essential government funded social, education and health products and services.
- We want citizens to be able to access services and programs in their Regions. A distinct Métis service delivery model will best support our citizens. To work towards this objective, over the next year:
 - Support staff efforts in accessing new funding and grant opportunities to develop internal capacity to best support Citizens across the province;
 - Champion efforts of Ma Faamii centres across the province and support the development of future centres;
 - Lead the development of Métis child and family services legislation in collaboration with the Minister of Self-Determination and Self-Government.
- Work collaboratively with the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, to advance coordinated engagement with Indigenous, federal, provincial, and municipal governments;



- Alongside your fellow PMC representatives, support continued negotiations as outlined in Schedule A of the Framework Agreement for Advancing Reconciliation (2018);
- Prepare your portfolio for 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.

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

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