



Office of the Provincial President

TO: Darcy Lepowick, Representative, Eastern Region 2A

FROM: Glen McCallum, President

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

DATE: June 18, 2026

Dear Minister Lepowick,

Maarsii, thank you for agreeing to serve the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) as Minister of Environment, Agriculture, Lands and Resources. 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, your role is to support the President in building a Métis distinct government and advancing the implementation of our distinctions-based plan. While jurisdiction over land, natural resources, agriculture, and environmental regulation is shared across federal and



provincial governments, your responsibility is to provide leadership and advocacy that advances Métis priorities. Your role offers an important opportunity to help shape decisions so that Métis rights, interests, and stewardship principles are meaningfully reflected in matters affecting our Homeland.

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:

- Environment, Agriculture, Lands and Resources;
- MN-S Duty to Consult and Accommodate, in consultation Minister of Self-Determination and Self-Government.
- Overseeing 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 and mitigation infrastructure, citizen support initiatives and advocate for Métis perspectives and voices in the face of climate change's 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 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;
- Work collaboratively with the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, to advance coordinated engagement and relationship development 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:

- 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 advancement and completion of Batoche National Historic Site Co-management negotiations with Parks Canada;
- Champion the development of legislation that includes distinctly Métis concepts, such as Métis Laws of the Hunt, to aid in implementation of province-wide Métis harvesting;
- Ensure the development of a Province-wide MN-S Duty to Consult and Accommodate Policy Framework, in consultation Minister of Self-



Determination and Self-Government.

- Support the development of programs and services that ensure that Regions and Locals have access to the necessary supports when the Duty to Consult and Accommodate is triggered on major projects, plans, policies, developments or activities across our Homeland;
- Work with the Minister of Northern Affairs and Minister of Emergency Management on shared priorities, including emergency preparedness and response, northern community resilience, environmental hazards, land-based safety, and coordinated support for citizens and communities affected by climate-related and other emergencies;
- Support the development of agriculture-based food security initiatives across the Province.
- Advocate for program funding for the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture, Lands and Resources;
- Advocate for the protection and conservation of lands and resource that are of significance to MN-S;
- Work collaboratively with the Minister of Self-Government and Self-Determination on harvesting rights and land claims;
- 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

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