



Resolution Duly Approved by the
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
Provincial Métis Council on May 19, 2026
#260519-03

Wichitowin Elders Policy Development Plan

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values and language - inclusive of Knowledge Keepers, Kihitâyak, Lii Vyeu Moond (the Old Ones or Elders), Youth, Women and distinctive resources – which are incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS the Preamble of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan* (the “*Constitution*”) affirms that the Métis have the inherent right to self-determination, including choosing their political path and pursuing economic, social, and cultural development;

WHEREAS the MN-S is the government that represents the Métis collectivity within Saskatchewan and Kihitâyak, Lii Vyeu, Lii Vyeu Moond, and Ałnëdhë (the Old Ones/Elders) play an essential role within MN-S government by offering cultural knowledge, language, teachings, and ceremonial guidance that support decision-making;

WHEREAS on August 19, 2025, the PMC passed Resolution #250819-09 directing MN-S to develop a draft Wichitowin Elders Policy Development Plan to clarify the role of Old Ones/Elders within the MN-S Government;

WHEREAS the growth of MN-S governance structures, programs, and services has increased Old Ones/Elders’ involvement across the MN-S Government, highlighting the need for a clear, coordinated, and culturally grounded approach to Old Ones/Elders’ engagement, support, and recognition at the governance level;

WHEREAS a defined policy development plan is required to establish scope, timelines, engagement processes, and interministerial coordination to ensure the Wichitowin Elders Policy is developed in a respectful, inclusive, and effective manner; and

WHEREAS the proposed Wichitowin Elders Policy Development Plan sets out a phased approach to drafting, engagements, consultations, revisions, and finalization of the policy, and provides a structured pathway to bring the finalized policy forward for PMC consideration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC approves the proposed Wichitowin Elders Policy Development Plan, as presented at the May 19, 2026 PMC meeting, to guide the development of a comprehensive Wichitowin Elders Policy that supports the essential role of Old Ones/Elders within the MN-S Government, consistent with the *Constitution* and MN-S’s ongoing journey toward self-government; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the finalized Wicihitowin Elders Policy be presented to the PMC for consideration and adoption in Fall 2026.

Dated this 19th of May, 2026

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