



MUTUAL RECOGNITION AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT dated for reference the 5th day of April, 2025

BETWEEN: MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA ("MNBC")
AND: MÉTIS NATION - SASKATCHEWAN ("MN-S")
(the Parties)

WHEREAS:

- A. Since the birth of the Métis Nation, Métis people have consistently celebrated, exercised and protected our rights, laws, legal orders, distinct culture, and identity;
- B. For more than two hundred years and many generations, the Métis Nation has exercised our inherent rights to self-determination and self-government which are crucial for the preservation and wellbeing of Métis society, including families and children;
- C. The Métis Nation within British Columbia holds inherent Métis rights and the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan hold inherent Métis rights;
- D. MNBC is the democratically elected Métis government in British Columbia authorized to act on behalf of Métis Citizens and Métis Chartered Communities who hold collective Métis rights recognized, affirmed and protected by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*;
- E. The Métis Nation within Saskatchewan has the inherent right to self-determination that is recognized in the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* and the inherent right of self-government recognized and affirmed in the common law and by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, which right is protected by section 25 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*;
- F. MN-S is the democratic representative government of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan;
- G. MN-S is exclusively mandated to represent the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan based on the authorizations it receives from its Citizens and the Métis collectively throughout Saskatchewan comprised of those Citizens;
- H. The Métis Nation within Saskatchewan in exercising its inherent right to self-determination, including self-government, has its own laws, policies, and decisions that are grounded in its pre-existing legal orders, customs, and practices;
- I. In continuation of the MN-S' exercise of its inherent right to self-determination, including self-government, the MN-S maintains relationships with other governments, including other Métis Nation Governments.

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES AGREE TO:

1. Recognize that MNBC and MN-S represent the collective inherent Métis rights recognized, affirmed and protected by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* of the Métis Nation within British Columbia and the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan, respectively;
2. Respect and recognize that MNBC and MN-S governments hold separate and distinct jurisdictions and responsibilities towards their Métis citizens, including citizenship registries;
3. Respect and recognize that MNBC and MN-S governments hold separate and distinct jurisdictions and responsibilities towards their relationships with Indigenous nations;
4. Deepen a cooperative, reciprocal and respectful relationship between their Métis governments which will contribute directly to the health and wellbeing of Métis communities and Métis citizens; and
5. Work in a government-to-government relationship to promote the respect and observance of all Métis rights, including through joint advocacy with the federal government; where it is identified as mutually beneficial.

The Parties have signed this Mutual Recognition and Cooperation Agreement on the 8th day of April, 2025.

Métis Nation British Columbia
By its authorized signatory:

Walter Mineault
President, MNBC

Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
By its authorized signatory:

Glen McCallum
President, MN-S

Métis Nation British Columbia
By its authorized signatory:

Colette Trudeau
Chief Executive Officer, MNBC

Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
By its authorized signatory:

Richard Quintal
Chief Executive Officer, MN-S