

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Parks Canada Agency – Saskatchewan South and Northern  
Prairies Field Units

And

Métis Nation - Saskatchewan

## Respecting Indigenous Peoples Open Doors Program

Prepared on this 14 day of Feb, 2026.

BETWEEN:

The Parks Canada Agency - (referred to in the MOU as  
"Parks Canada"), represented by the Superintendents of  
**Saskatchewan South and Northern Prairies** Field Units.

AND:

**Métis Nation - Saskatchewan**, hereinafter referred to as  
"MN-S."

### 1. INTRODUCTION:

**WHEREAS** the mandate of Parks Canada Agency, a body corporate established under Section 3 of the *Parks Canada Agency Act*, is to protect and present nationally significant examples of Canada's natural and cultural heritage and foster public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment in ways that ensure ecological and commemorative integrity for present and future generations;

**AND WHEREAS** Parks Canada and the MN-S share a common interest in protecting the natural and cultural resources of Batoche National Historic Site; Fort Walsh National Historic Site; Motherwell Homestead National Historic Site; Fort Battleford National Historic Site; Grasslands National Park and Prince Albert National Park, all located in the



province of Saskatchewan.

**AND WHEREAS** the MN-S has a connection to the lands and waters comprising of Batoche National Historic Site; Fort Walsh National Historic Site; Motherwell Homestead National Historic Site; Fort Battleford National Historic Site; Grasslands National Park and Prince Albert National Park, all located in the province of Saskatchewan.

**AND WHEREAS** Parks Canada is engaged in a process of inviting and welcoming Indigenous People to places Parks Canada has a role in administering, to which they feel a connection or a desire to reconnect without undue requirements for purchasing passes, permits or identification.

## 2. UNDERSTANDING:

**NOW, THEREFORE, THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITNESSES** that the Parties record their mutual understanding as follows:

- I Parks Canada will supply Indigenous Peoples Open Doors Passes for entry to Parks Canada places in the Province of Saskatchewan to MN-S to distribute to their members.
- II The Indigenous Peoples Open Doors Pass does not authorize the bearer to among other things hunt, fish or trap within a National Park or National Historic Site.
- III The Indigenous Peoples Open Doors Pass does not permit, among other things, the harvesting of plants and natural objects or removal of cultural objects.
- IV The Indigenous Peoples Open Doors Pass does not override fees for attractions and services, including campgrounds and recreation, or any other levies associated with park/site use other than entry.

## 3. LEGAL EFFECTS:

This MOU is without prejudice to respective legal positions and is not meant to define, create, recognize, deny or amend any rights or obligations of either party, including Indigenous title or treaty rights.

This MOU will not be construed as a treaty or land claim agreement within the meaning of Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 as amended.

This MOU is not a contract or legally enforceable as such.



4. DURATION OF THE MOU:

As the current agreement expires on March 31, 2026, this MOU will extend the term by an additional five years, to March 31, 2031.

5. REVIEW, EVALUATION AND REPORTING:

An annual meeting will be convened by signatories to this MOU or their representatives to review and revise this MOU as required.

6. AMENDMENTS:

This MOU may be amended from time to time by a written Amendment signed by both MN-S and Parks Canada.

7. CANCELLATION/TERMINATION:

This MOU may be terminated by any party upon receipt of 60 (sixty) days written notice of the other party's intention to terminate.



**APPROVAL:**

**Representing Parks Canada:**

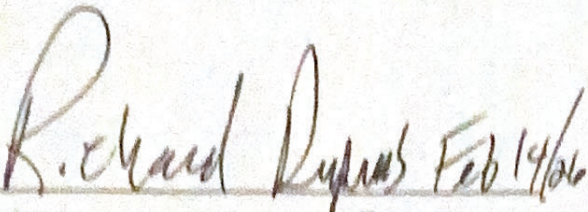

**Representing MN-S:**

**Richard Dupuis**

**Glen McCallum**

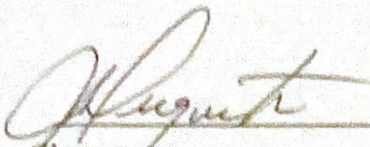
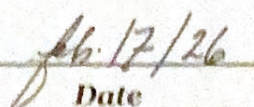
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Saskatchewan South Field Unit

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Métis Nation - Saskatchewan

	
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**Jennifer Duquette**

Field Unit Superintendent,  
Northern Prairies Field Unit

	
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