



Resolution Duly Approved by the
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
Provincial Métis Council on April 16, 2016
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Retaining the Métis Legal Research and Education Foundation Inc.

WHEREAS the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S), the Métis National Council (MNC), several scrip recipients and Elders, and Local Presidents filed a Statement of Claim to the lands of Northwest Saskatchewan in March 1994; and

WHEREAS the Court of Queen's Bench has stayed the case since 2004 to allow for the Métis plaintiffs to provide further disclosure of requested documents by the federal government; and

WHEREAS the last law firm in Saskatoon which was retained by the MN-S Provincial Métis Council (PMC) withdrew its services in 2008 due to a lack of fiscal capacity on the part of the MN-S; and

WHEREAS the federal government is prepared to engage in a reconciliation process with the Métis Nation as represented by the MNC and its Governing Members, including the MN-S; and

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada on April 14, 2016 ruled that Métis are included in the term "Indians" in s. 91(24) of the *Constitution Act, 1867*; and

WHEREAS the Métis Legal Research and Education Foundation Inc. is currently defending three Métis hunters and fishermen from Meadow Lake and Chitek Lake, which are part of the Métis rights bearing community in Saskatchewan; and

WHEREAS there is a need to engage the representation of a law firm to address the outstanding issues of the Statement of Claim and pursue negotiations regarding Métis access to and governance over the lands of Northwest Saskatchewan as a test case;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council hereby retains the Métis Legal Research and Education Foundation Inc. to provide the legal services required by the litigation and/or to assist the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan to pursue an out of court resolution through any means, including the upcoming reconciliation process flowing from Ministerial Special Representative Tom Isaac's report.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2016

Moved by: Gerald Morin

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