



Resolution Duly Approved by the
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
Provincial Métis Council on October 28, 2025
#251028-06

Amendments to the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Preamble to Support Transition from Provincial Non-Profit to Self-Government

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

WHEREAS the MN-S is the government of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan that is rooted in distinctiveness, including identity, culture, values and language;

WHEREAS the inherent right of the Métis to self-government is affirmed in Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, and further recognized through the *Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement (2019)* and the *Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Agreement (2023)*;

WHEREAS the adoption of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan* (the “*Constitution*”) in 1993 marked a foundational assertion of Métis rights self-determination, and remains a living document that must evolve to reflect the Nation’s progress;

WHEREAS in April 2024, the PMC passed a resolution (Resolution #240417-02) that supported proceeding with five constitutional amendment priorities which included adding language to support self-government and an affirmation of Métis rights to the preamble of the *Constitution*;

WHEREAS Kih̄t̄yak, Lii Vyeu Moond (“the Old Ones”) or Elders, met on March 1, 2024, to provide guidance and insights into revisions to the preamble of the *Constitution* and later met on May 10, 2024, to review the proposed amendments, offering their full support of the revisions;

WHEREAS the amended preamble reflects the Nation’s rightful place as a government and aligns with the principles, agreements, and aspirations of the MN-S;

WHEREAS the PMC passed a resolution (Resolution #241015-08) at their duly convened meeting on October 15, 2024, supporting the amendments to the preamble of the *Constitution* included in Annex A;

WHEREAS the *Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Act, 1999* (the “*MNLA Act*”) requires that constitutional amendments be supported by resolution of the PMC or by the signatures of five members of the MNLA, ensuring that the amendments are filed 30 days prior to the MNLA, or 14 days prior to the MNLA if the minimum 30 days’ notice of the MNLA is provided;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the *MNLA Act*, the constitutional amendments for the preamble were included in the Order of the Day for the November 2024 MNLA, but were not considered by the Assembly; and

WHEREAS the PMC continues to support the constitutional amendments to the preamble included as Annex A and desires that they should again be brought to MNLA for approval and to a General Assembly for ratification;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC supports amendments to the preamble of the *Constitution* for the addition of language to support self-government and an affirmation of Métis rights as set out in Annex A; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC directs that the proposed amendments be included in the Order of the Day for the next sitting of the MNLA, in accordance with the procedural requirements of the *MNLA Act* and recommends that the amendments be ratified at a future General Assembly to be called by the MNLA.

Dated this 28th of October, 2025

Moved by: Brent Digness, ER2

Seconded by: Laura Burnouf, NR1



Annex A to Resolution #241028-06 - “Amendments to the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Preamble to Support Transition from Provincial Non-Profit to Self-Government”

The preamble to the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Constitution is deleted and replaced with the following:

The Métis Nation is a distinct Indigenous people with distinctive Métis identity, culture, values, and language. The Métis are distinct from Indians and Inuit pursuant to Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, and are the descendants of the historic Métis who evolved in what is now Western Canada and part of the northern United States as a people with a common political will, consciousness, and history.

We the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan:

Affirm that the values of waahkoomiwayhk / wâhkôhtowin / ëtëlot'inë / ma paraantii / wâhkôhtowin (“kinship and connectedness to each other”), shakihwayhk / sâkhitowin / bëghâhonëtâ hët / aamoor / sâkhitowin (“love”) and aen manaachihitowin / manâcihitowin / asië nuhënârë hëtié bëk'ësoridli - ëghëdaláda nëzû há / rispay / manâcihitowin - (“respect for all things/working in a good way”) are central values of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan;

Recognize kaa tipaymishooyaahk (“we who own ourselves”) / otipemisiwak (“the people who own themselves”) / dënë bëdagharî (“The people own themselves”) onn praanswaen dezootes mwoin (“own ourselves”) / otipemisiwak (“our own boss”)

That the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan is its own boss. This is a fundamental principle of Métis identity with deep historical roots. The Métis Nation within Saskatchewan has the existing inherent right to self-determination and has been governing itself for generations through the laws of the Prairie including the laws of St. Laurent, the laws of the Buffalo Hunt, the Manitoba Act proposed by the Riel Provisional Government and Louis Riel, the first premier of the province of Manitoba, all of the legislation enacted by the MNLA since 1993, and bylaws and constitutions for Métis representative organizations in Saskatchewan;

Affirm that the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan’s self-determination, including its authority to govern itself is recognized and affirmed by Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982; the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Agreement between Métis Nation – Saskatchewan and His Majesty the King in Right of Canada, dated February 23, 2023 and the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement between Métis Nation – Saskatchewan and Canada dated June 27, 2019;

Affirm the Daniels decision in which Métis fall within subsection 91(24) of the Constitution Act, 1867, and the bilateral government to government relationship between the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan and the federal government of Canada;

Affirm that Elders are our Knowledge Keepers and serve as the voice to carry our history, and children and youth are our future. The Métis Nation-Saskatchewan will hold children and youth at the centre.

Having experienced physical and political conflict and dispossession in the late 1800's we are still engaged in a continuing struggle to rebuild our social cause and revive our cultural heritage and pride.



As such, we are striving for the political, legal and constitutional recognition and guarantees of the rights of our People, including the right to a land and resource base, self-government and self-government institutions through Treaty, land claims and all other measures necessary.

In order to achieve these objectives, we re-established a strong and revitalized government within the province of Saskatchewan involving all sectors within our society and will continue this process through self-government.

While pursuing these objectives within Saskatchewan, we are also committed to cooperating with the members of the Métis Nation in the rest of the Métis Homeland in order to develop a National Forum to represent our collective interests at the national and international levels.

Whereas section 35 of the Constitution Act 1982 recognizes and affirms Métis as one of the three Aboriginal peoples of Canada and whereas the Métis Nation — Saskatchewan has adopted the national definition of Métis, we are further committed to promote National Registration of Métis Citizens.

We the citizens of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan recognize:

The inherent dignity and equality and rights that can never be taken away from Métis people is the foundation of Freedom, Justice and Peace in the Métis Nation.

The ideal of all Métis enjoying civil and political freedom can only be achieved if conditions are created whereby every Métis may enjoy their civil, political rights, economic, social and cultural rights.

The promotion of universal respect for and observance of all the collective and individual rights and freedoms of all Métis.

The Métis individual, having duties to other Métis individuals and to the Métis community to which they are a part has the responsibility to strive for the promotion and observance of all Métis rights.

Therefore, we the citizens of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan agree to the following articles:

1. All Métis have the right to self-determination. By virtue of that right we the citizens of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan will freely determine our political status and freely pursue our economic, social and cultural development;
2. The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan undertakes to respect and ensure the rights of all individuals within the nation and subject to its jurisdiction without distinction of any kind such as race, colour, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, language, religion, political or other opinions;
3. To ensure that any Métis person whose rights or freedoms as herein recognized is entitled to be heard by a competent authority of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan as provided for by law;
4. To ensure competent authorities as authorized pursuant to laws enacted by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly shall enforce such remedies when granted;
5. The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan undertakes to ensure the equal right of persons to enjoy all civil and political rights set forth in these articles;
6. Every Métis citizen shall have the right to liberty of movement to choose their residence;
7. No Métis citizen shall be deprived of the right to join a local in the community where they reside;
8. All Métis persons shall be equal before the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly in Saskatchewan;



9. No Métis Person shall be subject to arbitrary or unlawful interference with their privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to unlawful attacks on their honour or reputation;
10. Every Métis Person shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion;
11. No Métis Person shall be subject to coercion that would impair their freedom to have or adopt a belief of their choice;
12. The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan shall have respect for the liberty of parents or guardians to ensure moral education of their children is in conformity with their own convictions;
13. Every Métis Person has the right to hold opinions without interference;
14. Every Métis Person shall have the right to expression including the freedom to seek, receive and import information and ideas of all kinds either in writing or print, in the form of art, or through any media of their choice;
15. The right of Métis People to assemble and organize at the community level is recognized;
16. Every Métis Person has the right of association subject only to a restriction that is prescribed by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and is necessary to protect the interests of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan;
17. The family is the natural and fundamental group of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan and is entitled to protection by the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan;
18. Every Métis child born of a Métis person is entitled to be registered as a citizen of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan;
19. Every Métis Person has the right to:
 - a) Take part in the conduct of public affairs, directly, or through freely chosen representatives;
 - b) To vote and to be elected to a Local or Regional Council, the Executive, the Provincial Métis or the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, subject only to appropriate restrictions on age or residence;
 - c) All votes shall be of equal and universal suffrage and shall be held by secret ballot which guarantees the free expression of the will of the electors;
 - d) All Métis shall have the right to access all public services offered through the Métis Nation affiliates.
20. All Métis persons are equal and entitled to protection by the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan.

