



Métis Nation Legislative Assembly RESOLUTION

DATE:	November 22, 2025	Resolution MNLA251122-04
SUBJECT:	Amend <i>Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan</i> for Dispute Resolution	
MOVED BY:	Brennan Merasty	Northern Region 3
SECONDED BY:	Keith Shewchuk	Northern Region 2
DECISION:	CARRIED (77 voted in favour, 19 voted in opposition, 0 abstained)	

WHEREAS the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (the “*Constitution*”), first adopted in 1993, asserts the fundamental and inherent right to self-government for the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan and establishes the foundational structures of governance for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S);

WHEREAS in 2017, the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) established a standing committee on Constitutional Reform with a mandate to “examine legislation and study matters relating to legal and constitutional matters generally, including constitutional issues, legislative structuring, electoral matters, and legal issues pertaining to its mandate, federal-provincial relations, and creation of a judiciary” (Resolution #171129-06);

WHEREAS after initial engagement, it was determined that constitutional reform was needed and the MNLA supported continued engagement that would result in proposed amendments to the *Constitution* and legislation to be considered at a future date by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) (Resolution #MNLA190414-11);

WHEREAS the MN-S undertook community engagement with MN-S Citizens throughout the province in 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023 and in 2024 to solicit their views on constitutional reform and has incorporated this information into a substantial package of proposed constitutional amendments and legislation;

WHEREAS the PMC approved of a phased approach to constitutional reform to ensure thoughtful consideration by MN-S Citizens and by the officials elected to represent them (Resolution #240417-02);

WHEREAS administration of justice is essential to ensure that the legislation enacted by the MNLA can be properly enforced, and the PMC and MNLA, have directed the development of a mechanism to ensure fair, impartial and independent hearing of matters of non-compliance that pertain to MN-S legislation (Resolutions #160729-07 and #MNLA190414-12);

WHEREAS, without its own system to resolve disputes, the MN-S government must rely on colonial courts to decide on matters arising under its own legislation, where remedies are often punitive, adversarial, and not aligned with Métis distinction;

WHEREAS embedding the authority for administration of justice within the *Constitution* is a decisive act of self-determination, reinforcing the MN-S's authority to legislate and uphold its laws through a justice system that reflects Métis distinction and restorative principles;

WHEREAS, in alignment with the requirements for constitutional amendments in the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act, 1999*, Section 12.1, the constitutional amendment pertaining to administration of justice was endorsed by resolution of the PMC on October 15, 2024 (Resolution #241015-10) and included in the Order of the Day for the November 2024 MNLA, but not considered by the Assembly; and

WHEREAS at its duly held meeting on October 28, 2025, the PMC again reviewed amendments provided as Annex A, and confirmed their support by Resolution #251028-07, attached as Annex B; and

WHEREAS the *Constitution* sets out the formula by which it may be amended in Article 15-1: "The Constitution shall only be amended by the majority of three quarters of the members of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and ratified by three quarters of the members of the General Assembly."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the *Constitution* be amended to affirm MN-S's authority and jurisdiction to create systems for the administration of justice, tribunals, or other entities, mechanisms or processes to resolve disputes related to the *Constitution*, MN-S legislation, or between Métis individuals as set out in Annex A attached to this resolution;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA calls that a General Assembly, to be held as soon as feasible, to ratify the amendment to the *Constitution* included as Annex A.

This is a certified copy of this resolution adopted on November 22, 2025 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.



Richard Quintal
Clerk of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly

Annex A to Resolution #MNLA251122-04
“Amend the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* for Dispute Resolution”

The *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (the “*Constitution*”) relating to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly is amended by deleting Article 2.3 and substituting the following:

“3. The Métis Nation Legislative Assembly has the jurisdiction and authority:

- (a) to govern the affairs and conduct of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan by adopting resolutions, rules and directives, making proclamations, and enacting legislation in relation to any matter;
- (b) to establish administration of justice systems such as tribunals, or other entities, mechanisms or processes to resolve disputes relating to:
 - (i) compliance with this Constitution;
 - (ii) the validity, interpretation, application or alleged violation of legislation enacted by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly or policies adopted by the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; or
 - (iii) disputes between or involving Métis individuals.”

3.1 Any Métis entities, processes or mechanisms established pursuant to Article 2.3(b) must be independent and impartial and must result in competent and fair decisions.”

Annex B to Resolution #MNLA251122-04
“Amend the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* for Dispute Resolution”

*Resolution #251028-07 (Duly Approved by the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
Provincial Métis Council on October 28, 2025)*

**“Amendments to the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
for a Métis Dispute Resolution System”**

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”), Elders, Youth, Women, and distinctive resources – which is incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS in April 2024, the PMC adopted Resolution #240417-02, which supported proceeding with five constitutional amendment priorities including the entrenchment of the Métis Judiciary within the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (the “*Constitution*”);

WHEREAS a dispute resolutions system is essential to ensure that the legislation enacted by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) can be properly enforced, and the PMC and MNLA, have directed the development of a mechanism to ensure fair, impartial and independent hearing of matters of non-compliance pertaining to MN-S legislation (PMC Resolution #160729-07 and MNLA Resolution #MNLA190414-12);

WHEREAS, without its own dispute resolution system, the MN-S government must rely on colonial courts to decide on matters arising under its own legislation, where remedies are often punitive, adversarial, and not aligned with Métis distinction;

WHEREAS embedding the authority to create dispute resolution systems within the *Constitution* is an act of self-determination, reinforcing the MN-S’s authority to legislate and uphold its own laws through a justice system that reflects Métis distinction and restorative principles;

WHEREAS the PMC acknowledges that this constitutional entrenchment of the Métis Judiciary is an important step toward the development of a distinct Métis dispute resolution system to address matters pertaining to the *Constitution*, MN-S legislation and disputes between Métis individuals;

WHEREAS the PMC passed Resolution #241015-10 at their duly convened meeting on October 15, 2024, supporting constitutional amendments which affirmed MN-S’s authority and jurisdiction to create courts, tribunals, or other entities, mechanisms or processes to resolve disputes related to the *Constitution*, MN-S legislation or between Métis individuals, as outlined in Annex A;

WHEREAS the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act, 1999* (the “*MNLA Act*”) requires constitutional amendments to be supported either by resolution of the PMC or by the signatures of five members of the MNLA, and that such amendments be filed at least 30 days prior to the MNLA, or 14 days where 30 days’ notice of the MNLA has been provided; and

WHEREAS the PMC continues to support the proposed constitutional amendments set out in Annex A, and seeks to bring them forward again for MNLA approval and subsequent ratification by the General Assembly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC supports the proposed constitutional amendments affirming MN-S’s authority and jurisdiction to create systems for the administration of justice, tribunals, or other entities, mechanisms or processes to resolve disputes related to the

Constitution, MN-S legislation, or between Métis individuals as set out in Annex A attached to this resolution;

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: Brennan Merasty, NR3

Seconded by: Loretta King, WR1

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Annex A to Resolution #241028-07 - “Amendments to the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan for a Métis Dispute Resolution System”

The *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*, relating to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, is amended by deleting Article 2.3 and substituting the following:

“3. The Métis Nation Legislative Assembly has the jurisdiction and authority:

- (a) to govern the affairs and conduct of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan by adopting resolutions, rules and directives, making proclamations, and enacting legislation in relation to any matter;
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 - (i) compliance with this Constitution;
 - (ii) the validity, interpretation, application or alleged violation of legislation enacted by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly or policies adopted by the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; or
 - (iii) disputes between or involving Métis individuals.

3.1 Any Métis entities, processes or mechanisms established pursuant to Article 2.3(b) must be independent and impartial and must result in competent and fair decisions.”