



Resolution Duly Approved by the
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
Provincial Métis Council on June 23, 2026
#260623-07

Traditional Land Use and Occupancy Studies (TLUOS) Data Governance Agreement

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

WHEREAS the MN-S, as the government representing the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan, continues to uphold Métis distinctions-based identity, culture, values, and language through its governance and institutions;

WHEREAS on May 19, 2026, the PMC approved the use of \$3.6 million in funding to support Regions in conducting Traditional Land Use and Occupancy Studies using the map-autobiography interview methodology (Resolution #260519-07);

WHEREAS MN-S Citizens’ Traditional Knowledge and data related to Traditional Land Use and Occupancy are valuable, personal, and sensitive and must be safeguarded, with clear understandings of their use and ownership;

WHEREAS preserving the knowledge of the Old Ones or the Elders and other Citizens requires thoughtful, respectful, and appropriately governed data collection; and

WHEREAS Article 3.4(a) of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* establishes PMC’s authority to create committees (or working groups), and a PMC working group could effectively and efficiently carry out the work required to develop a draft data governance agreement for MN-S to ensure that any data related to Traditional Land Use and Occupancy is appropriately safeguarded and governed, and present the draft agreement to the PMC for approval;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC hereby establishes a working group to guide and support the development of a data governance agreement for the Traditional Land Use and Occupancy Studies, subject to the appointment of members to the working group by the President;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC confirms that the purpose of the working group will be to guide the development of a data governance agreement for MN-S in collaboration with the PMC and Ministers with responsibility for this work, including opportunities for collaborative workshops and input from Regions identified as participants in the process;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC directs that the development of the draft data governance agreement be supported by the MN-S Public Service, including the Departments of Lands, Resources, Agriculture and Environment, Government Legal Services, and Policy and Self-Determination; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC directs that the working group will present a finalized draft data governance agreement to the PMC for review and approval at the September 2026 PMC meeting.

Dated this 23rd of June, 2026

Moved by: Darcy Lepowick, Eastern Region 2A

Seconded by: Michelle LeClair, Vice President

