

**METIS NATION OF SASKATCHEWAN
ELECTORAL COMMISSION
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October 25, 1996

Western Region II Local Presidents:

During the Metis Legislative Assembly October 10th and 11th, 1996, the Metis Nation Senate was given the mandate to conduct the Metis Nation bi-election in Western Region II.

The Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Electoral Commission is composed of the following Senators.

Senator Nora Ritchie - Chair - Saskatoon
Senator John Boucher - St. Louis
Senator Edward King - Meadow Lake

The electoral commission is empowered to conduct the bi-elections and appeals for the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan, under the guidelines and regulations set forth in the Metis Nation Constitution and By-laws.

The objective of the Commission is to be reasonable, fair and to ensure that all Metis in Western Region II is entitled to cast his/her ballot.

This memo is to inform you that the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Electoral Commission has initiated preliminary steps in the 1996 MNS bi-election for your region.

The bi-election date of November 23rd was determined by the Provincial Metis Council. The electoral commission has appointed Earl Pelletier to act as Chief Electoral Officer.

To date, the information sent to the locals of Western Region II include: Notice of election, nomination forms, voting instructions. Forth coming will be a candidates list, poll station list, ballot boxes, voting instructions, scrutineers list.

As local presidents and members of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan you are aware of the financial situation we are in, refer to the provincial treasurer, Allan Morin's memo dated October 11, 1996.

To this end, the electoral commission has a limited budget to conduct the bi-election. The monies available will include: Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per local for poll stations rental (hall), the deputy

returning officer will receive seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for conducting the local election. There are no monies available for poll-clerks. However, if the local wishes to make available a volunteer to assist the deputy returning officer (DRO) this will be acceptable. The polling station (hall) must be a neutral site with no active campaigning within 100 yards of site.

If you have any questions please contact the Electoral Commission at the listing above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Senator Nora Ritchie".

Nora Ritchie
Chairperson
Electoral Commission