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M A T T I S O N

Barristers
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November 15, 1996

Metis Nation of Saskatchewan
219 Robin Crescent
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
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Attention: Lorna Docken
Provincial Secretary

Dear Madam:

Re: **Senate and Letter of October 21, 1996**
Our File: 16555.21-16

Please be advised that we have reviewed the Senate's letter of October 21, 1996.

As you are aware, the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan's Constitution, Article 12, paragraph 4 states:

"That the Senate be given the power to resolve disputes occurring in Regions and Locals; Further, that decisions of the Senate shall be final and binding"

We note that the Constitution does not set out the procedure the Senate is to follow when settling disputes occurring in Regions and Locals. We are not aware of the actual procedures taken by the Senate in the above matter. However, it is our view that by having the power to resolve disputes the Senate is governed by the principles of "natural justice." "Natural Justice" refers to a duty of procedural fairness provided to persons in the course of lawful interference with their interests.

Thus, in our view the Senate of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan ought to attempt to adhere to and apply the principles of Natural Justice when resolving disputes occurring in Regions and Locals. Basic Guidelines include:

1. Reasonable notice of the Disputes to all the Parties in Dispute;

H. Dean Mattison
Donald F. Woloshyn, Q.C.
William G. Cruik
Dink Silvestras*
Lawrence Jay Litwin
James D. Jodoin
Douglas J. Kevitch*
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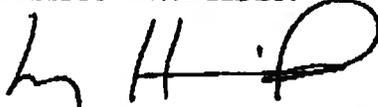
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2. Providing the Parties to a dispute a reasonable opportunity of presenting their case;
3. Listing fairly to both sides of the dispute;
4. Reaching a decision untainted by bias.

I trust you find the above satisfactory. Please do not hesitate to contact the writer if you have any questions or comments..

Yours truly

WOLOSHYN MATTISON

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Murray Hinds', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Murray Hinds
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