

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Elections Commission of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan announces a General Election to be held on February 17, 2001.

Election of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and members to the Provincial Metis Council will take place on this date between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Polling stations will be located in each Metis Local as provided for under the *Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Election Act, 1999*, and *Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Election Regulations*.

Questions may be directed to the Chief Electoral Officer at the Metis Elections Commission Office, toll-free telephone 1-866-651-1440.

METIS NATION - SASKATCHEWAN

Metis Elections Commission

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FORM C - DECLARATION BY AN ELECTION OFFICER OR POLL CLERK

I, _____, of _____, in the Province of Saskatchewan, do solemnly and sincerely declare:

1. THAT I have been appointed as a Local election officer or poll clerk.
2. THAT I meet the eligibility requirements of Article Six of the *Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Election Act, 1999*.
3. THAT I have not brought any suit against the Metis Nation - Saskatchewan within the last three (3) years that was dismissed by a Court of Law for having no basis in law or fact.
4. THAT I shall abide by the code of conduct found in Article Twelve of the *Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Election Act, 1999*.
5. THAT I have no conflict of interest as defined in Article Thirteen (13.2) of the *Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Election Act, 1999*.

AND I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of the *Canada Evidence Act*.

Dated this ____ day of _____, A.D. 2001, at _____ in the Province of Saskatchewan.

CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

SIGNATURE OF ELECTION OFFICER
OR POLL CLERK

Position to which appointed:

- Election Officer
- Poll Clerk

Chief Electoral Officer's Initials

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**FORM D - PRESIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION TO THE CHIEF ELECTORAL
OFFICER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ELECTION OFFICER OR POLL
CLERK**

I, _____, being President of Metis Nation - Saskatchewan Local # _____,
Region _____, in the community of _____, do hereby recommend the
following individual to act as Election Officer or Poll Clerk for our Local # _____ for the
February 17, 2001 General Election of the Metis Nation - Saskatchewan.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (306)____ - ____ Facsimile:(306)____ - ____ Cellular:(306)____ - ____

Dated this _____ day of _____, A.D. 2001, at _____ in the Province of
Saskatchewan.

WITNESS

SIGNATURE OF PRESIDENT

THIS FORM IS TO BE SENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE CHIEF ELECTORAL
OFFICER AND IS TO BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M., JANUARY 18, 2001.

Position to which recommended:

- Election Officer
 Poll Clerk

Chief Electoral Officer's Initials: _____

Date Received: _____

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FORM E - ELECTION OFFICER AGREEMENT

I, _____, do hereby agree to act as an Election Officer for Metis Nation - Saskatchewan Local # _____, Region _____, for the Metis Nation - Saskatchewan General Election to be held on Saturday, February 17, 2001.

I agree to and accept the role and responsibilities of the position of Election Officer to manage the General Election for Local # _____, Region _____, and to accept payment at the flat rate of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) which shall be paid on or after February 17, 2001, upon completion of my election duties in accordance with Election Officer instructions given to me by the Chief Electoral Officer and upon delivery of the Ballot Box and required completed documents to the Chief Electoral Officer by 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 23, 2001.

Dated this _____ day of _____, A.D. 2001, at _____ in the Province of Saskatchewan.

WITNESS

SIGNATURE OF ELECTION OFFICER

Date Received: _____

I accept the above signed agreement.

WITNESS

CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

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FORM F - POLL CLERK AGREEMENT

I, _____, do hereby agree to act as a Poll Clerk for Metis Nation - Saskatchewan Local # _____, Region _____, for the Metis Nation - Saskatchewan General Election to be held on Saturday, February 17, 2001.

I agree to and accept the role and responsibilities of the position of Poll Clerk to work as a clerk in the General Election for Local # _____, Region _____, and to accept payment at the flat rate of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) which shall be paid on or after February 17, 2001, upon completion of my election duties in accordance with instructions given to me by the Election Officer and upon delivery of required completed documents to be included in the Ballot Box to be received by the Chief Electoral Officer by 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 23, 2001.

Dated this _____ day of _____, A.D. 2001, at _____ in the Province of Saskatchewan.

WITNESS

SIGNATURE OF POLL CLERK

Date Received: _____

I accept the above signed agreement.

WITNESS

CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

METIS NATION - SASKATCHEWAN
Metis Elections Commission
TIME LINE

December 11, 2000	Election Proclamation & Press Release
December Issue 2000	Metis Elections Commission Election Announcement in the <i>New Breed</i>
December 11, 2000	Letter to Local Presidents and Metis Nation - Saskatchewan
December 11, 2000	Nominations Open
January 18, 2001	Nominations Close at 5:00 p.m.
January 18, 2001	Deadline for Local membership lists to be received by the Chief Electoral Officer at 5:00 p.m.
January 19, 2001	24 hour Grace Period for nomination withdrawal at 5:00 p.m.
January 19, 2001	Chief Electoral Officer finalizes Official Candidates List at 5:01 p.m. and issues announcement
February 17, 2001	Election Day and Unofficial Poll Results
February 24, 2001	Official Election Count conducted and Official Results Proclaimed
March 10, 2001	Deadline for Election Appeals
To be Announced	Swearing In Ceremony will occur after all appeals have been exhausted

METIS NATION - SASKATCHEWAN
Metis Elections Commission

Eligibility to be an Elector in an MNS Election
Information Sheet

CONSTITUTION OF THE METIS NATION OF SASKATCHEWAN.

Adopted December 1993, Amended December 2000.

Article 8: Elections

1. Any member who is sixteen years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.
2. Elections for the Provincial Metis Council of the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly shall be held on the date set by the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly, based upon the recommendation of the Provincial Metis Council.
3. Elections for the Provincial Metis Council of the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly shall be held at least every three years.
4. The Executive of the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly shall be elected by the total membership of the Local polls by secret ballot.
5. Regional Representatives of the Provincial Metis Council shall be elected within their respective Regions through the establishing of a poll in each Local.
6. The Metis Nation Legislative Assembly shall enact, on a priority basis, an Elections Act, along with the necessary regulations and guidelines.
7.
 - a) A Metis Elections Commission composed of 3 Senators is empowered to oversee and conduct the general elections and by-elections of the Organization.
 - b) The terms of office of the Senators who sit on the Commission shall cease at the first session of the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly following the elections.
 - c) The Senators who sit on the Commission shall be appointed by the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly, based upon the recommendations of the Senate, for a term of not more than three years, and are eligible for reappointment.
 - d) When the election or by-election has been set and the election called by the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly, based upon the recommendation of the Provincial Metis Council, the Commission shall have sole authority and responsibility to conduct the elections and shall be independent and answerable only to the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly.
 - e) The Commission shall appoint a Chief Electoral Officer and other required personnel.
 - f) The Commission shall be responsible for official recounts and appeals.

- g) The decisions of the Commission shall be final and binding, subject to the right of appeal to the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly, which decision shall be final and binding.
 - h) The Metis Nation Legislative Assembly, based upon the recommendations of the Provincial Metis Council, shall determine the rate of remuneration and expense accounts for the Commission members, along with the period deemed necessary for the work of the Commission.
8. In the event of a vacancy on the Provincial Metis Council of the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly, a by-election shall be called within ninety (90) days from the date of vacancy.
 9. When nominations close all candidates shall take a leave of absence for any elected position on the Provincial Metis Council of the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly or any salaried position with the Organization, or its subsidiary bodies. The Provincial Metis Council members and any person who has a salaried position with the Organization will continue to receive their salary while they are on such leave of absence.
 10. When nominations close and until candidates are unofficially elected, the Senators shall be solely responsible for conducting the affairs and activities of the Organization. The Senators shall receive remuneration for their work during this period.
 11. The Provincial Metis Council members shall be on call and shall conduct business or represent the Organization from time to time as requested by the Senate. The Provincial Metis Council member shall receive expenses to compensate for travel as requested by the Senate.
 12. All defeated or retiring candidates who were on the Provincial Metis Council prior to the election shall be entitled to and will receive their salary for two weeks after the election.
 13. Any candidate whose election has been appealed under Section 7(f) and has been found guilty by the Metis Elections Commission of violating Section 9 shall forfeit such elected position with a right of appeal to the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly, which decision shall be final and binding.

Article 10: Citizenship

1. "Metis" means an Aboriginal person who self-identifies as a Metis, who is distinct from Indian and Inuit, and:
 - (i) is a descendant of those Metis who received or were entitled to receive land grants and/or Scrip under the provision of the *Manitoba Act, 1870* or the *Dominion Lands Act*, as enacted from time to time, or
 - (ii) a person of Aboriginal descent who is accepted by the Metis Nation and/or Metis Community.

2. Any Metis who is a member of a duly registered Local is a member of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.
3.
 - (a) A member shall only belong to one (1) Local.
 - (b) A person shall reside in the Local for at least (6) months before he/she is eligible for membership in that Local. The Locals may make exceptions for education and medical purposes.
4. Members shall be issued a membership card.
 - (a) This card shall provide life-time membership in the Organization.
 - (b) There shall be no fee for membership cards.
 - (c) Membership cards shall be numbered and a register maintained by the Senate in the Head Office. Replacement cards shall retain original number.
 - (d) Membership cards shall be issued by the President or Secretary of a duly registered Local upon completion of the designated form.
5. Where there is a dispute as to membership, a ruling shall be made by the Senate, with a final right of appeal to the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly the decision of which shall be final and binding.
6. The Metis Nation Legislative Assembly shall enact, on a priority basis, a Metis Citizenship Act.

METIS NATION OF SASKATCHEWAN ELECTION ACT

Ratified November 1999.

ARTICLE SIX - ELIGIBILITY

6. In order to participate in an election, the participant shall:
 - 6.1 Be a citizen of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.
 - 6.2 Be at least sixteen (16) years of age on the day of the election.
 - 6.3 Be a resident of Saskatchewan who has resided therein for at least six months prior to the date of the close of nominations.

- 6.4 In order to vote for a regional representative, have been a resident of Saskatchewan and ordinarily resident in the Region for at least six months prior to the date of the close of nominations.

ARTICLE SEVEN - ELECTORS

7. In order to cast a ballot in an election, an elector shall:
- 7.1 Meet the requirements of Eligibility pursuant to this Act.
 - 7.2 Prior to the close of the Electoral List, transfer his/her citizenship to the Local where he/she is ordinarily resident.
 - 7.3 Be on the Electoral List on Election Day.
 - 7.4 Vote at the polling stations closest to where they are registered and ordinarily resident, pursuant to Article 7.2 of this Act. Electors may request of the Chief Electoral Officer that they be placed on the list of another polling station and such determinations shall be at the discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer. Adequate identification will have to be supplied by the elector to the election official, if such a request is made and a Declaration Form will have to be completed and signed.
 - 7.5 Meet the requirements of the Code of Conduct at the polling station in accordance with this Act.

ARTICLE EIGHT - ELECTORAL LIST

8. The Electoral List shall:
- 8.1 List all of the Electors eligible to vote in an election.
 - 8.1.1. The Electors shall be listed by Local.
 - 8.2 Be compiled by the Chief Electoral Officer from the most recent Local Citizenship Lists on file at the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Office.
 - 8.3 Be revised only during a publicly announced revision period. The revision period shall be between the date of the Election Proclamation and thirty days prior to election day to a maximum period of thirty days.
 - 8.4 Upon provision of evidence to the satisfaction of the Chief Electoral Officer, of a legitimate error or omission, a citizen can have his/her name added to, or removed from the Electoral List during the revision period.

8.5 Be posted in each polling station on Election Day.

8.6 Be made available to the candidates.

METIS NATION OF SASKATCHEWAN CITIZENSHIP ACT

Ratified November 1999.

Please refer to this document in assisting you to determine the conditions of citizenship, registration, Local membership and, therefore, eligibility as an elector in a Metis Nation - Saskatchewan General Election.