



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 29, 1996  
**TO:** All Members of the Metis Legislative Assembly  
**FROM:** Lorna Docken MNS Provincial Secretary  
**SUBJECT:** CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND/OR ARTICLE CHANGES

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Thank you for your response in relation to calls for article changes. Only two (2) changes have been suggested to the Articles of Incorporation (by WRII) which must be done by 90 day notice. They are as follows:

- ∞ Change the name of the MNS Administrative Arm from the MSS to the MNS Secretariat.
- ∞ Add the Weldon Local to WRII.

In relation to the above, I suggest that we add an Article to our MNS Constitution to complement the Articles of incorporation which states that the MNS Secretariat will be our corporate body or administrative affiliate. Perhaps this should be Article 9a or Article 17. Please remember that our MNS Constitution is not registered with the corporations branch because like any other government we do not have to incorporate. However any legal contracts still must be handled through our corporate body. Articles of incorporation list basic information such as who our locals and directors are.

We have received several suggested amendments to the MNS Constitution. There is not a required period of notice for these. However, I ask that any additional changes to the attachments be sent in by no later than September 1, 1996 so that all members will have the chance to review them and give them a lot of thought.

I look forward to a very productive MLA and thank you for your continued valuable input.

Sincerely,

Lorna Docken  
Provincial Secretary  
Metis Nation of Saskatchewan

*Buffalo News Local*

**CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES**

**CONSTITUTION OF THE METIS NATION OF SASKATCHEWAN**

**#1: ARTICLE 2: METIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

Add new section 6 (a):

6(a). The Metis Nation Legislative Assembly shall meet upon the written request of at least 50 Local Presidents.

**#2: ARTICLE 3: PROVINCIAL METIS COUNCIL**

Add new section 11:

11. Notwithstanding section 10, the Provincial Metis Council shall convene a Metis Nation Legislative Assembly within 30 days after a written request by at least 50 Local Presidents has been registered with the Head Office or the Provincial Secretary. In the absence of such action by the Provincial Metis Council, the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly can nevertheless meet and conduct the affairs of the Organization.

**#3: ARTICLE 4: EXECUTIVE**

Amendments to sections 2 and 3:

- 2. The Executive shall be composed of the President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer.
- 3. The term of office for the Executive shall be no longer than three years.

*WR IIA  
Suggests  
4 Executive*

**#4: ARTICLE 5: REGIONS**

Amendments to sections 3 and 10:

- 3. The Regional Council shall have the responsibility of making all appointments to the Institutions and Affiliates at the Regional and Provincial levels. In the event that the Regional Representative is

not so appointed, he/she shall be an ex-officio member of all Regional Institutions and Affiliates.

10. The Regional Councils shall provide direction to their Representatives on the Provincial Metis Council with respect to all matters, including the aims, objectives and aspirations of the Organization, and for their respective Regions.

#### **#5: ARTICLE 10: MEMBERSHIP**

Amend section 1 by deleting all of b) 3., and replace it with the following:

1. b) 3. is accepted as a Metis by the Metis community.

#### **#6: ARTICLE 13: METIS INDEPENDENCE**

Add the following to section 5.

... without pay or expenses. In the event that the member is successfully nominated and plans to run as a candidate, that the leave of absence will be terminated and the member shall resign from his/her position on the Provincial Metis Council.

#### **#7: ARTICLE 14: AFFILIATES**

Add new section 2.1

2.1 Notwithstanding sections 1 and 2, the Affiliates of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan remain semi-autonomous based on their respective Constitutions and By-laws, and the Provincial Metis Council shall remain at arm's length with respect to the functions, activities and administration of the Affiliates.

ARTICLE 5

**No. 11**

**Notwithstanding the sanctity of the election process.  
And whereas there is no guarantee that Regional Provincial members  
of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan will honour their oath of  
allegiance or the Constitution of the Metis Nation:**

**Be it resolved the Regional Metis governments shall have the right to  
remove their area representative for the following reasons:**

- a) Acting in a manner that is contrary to the Metis Nation  
Constitution.**
- b) Acting in a manner that is contrary to the oath of allegiance of the  
Metis Nation.**
- c) Upon his or her inability to perform their function due to mental  
disorder.**
- d) Upon his or her inability to perform their function due to  
incarceration.**

**In the event of a dispute; appeals may be made to the Senate whose  
decision shall be final and binding.**

**No. 11 becomes No. 12.**

**No. 3**

**The Metis Regional governments shall appoint representatives to sit  
on all of the affiliates and institutions.**

ARTICLE 2

**No. 4**

**The President shall assign and recommend portfolios, subject to the  
approval of the Provincial Metis Council and ratification by the Metis  
Nation Legislative Assembly. The assignment of portfolios shall be  
restricted to members of the Provincial Metis Council who are  
bondable.**

## RESOLUTIONS

**Whereas the enumeration of the Metis people requires a Metis definition of the Metis.**

**And whereas the current elected leaders have proven incapable of dealing with this element.**

**Be it resolved that the Metis Senate be responsible for policy and direction in respect to Metis enumeration.**

**Whereas the Metis Nation has within it's membership many qualified people.**

**Be it resolved that only card-carrying Metis be employed or contracted within the structure of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.**



*Metis Legislative Assembly Resolution*  
OCTOBER, 1996

**July 5, 1996**

**WHEREAS**

**The CPR is giving away/selling land on which it has abandoned rail lines.....**

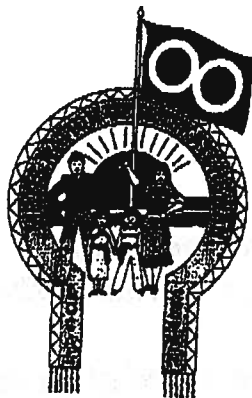
**That the CPR originally obtained much of this land through the fraudulent manipulation of land and money Scrip.....**

**BE IT RESOLVED**

**That the CPR be approached to seek redress concerning its Scrip fraud and,**

**That a certain percentage of the monies gained from the sale of these lands by the CPR be returned to the Metis Nation**

*John Dorion*  
*July 5, 1996*



# Constitutional Amendment Metis Nation of Saskatchewan

July 5, 1996

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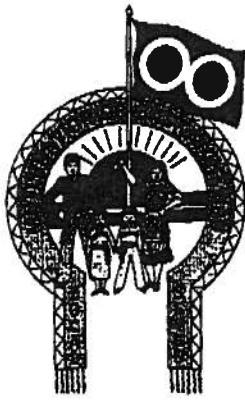
## BE IT RESOLVED

- a) *upon notification of the corporation by the local that the local president has resigned or upon the date specified in such resignation, which ever is later;*
- b) *if the director is found by a court in Saskatchewan to be of unsound mind;*

- c) *if the director becomes bankrupt or suspends payment to or proposes to compromise with his/her creditors;*
- d) *if a director is convicted of an indictable criminal offense, and*
- e) *t a special meeting of local members, called for that purpose, an ordinary resolution is passed that the president be removed from office and as a director of the corporation; and*
- f) *provided that if any vacancy shall occur for any reason specified in this section, such vacancy shall only be filled the Corporation in accordance with this bylaw.*

*John Dorwin  
July 5, 1996*





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### **BE IT RESOLVED**

*That the Constitution of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan, Article 5, Regions, section 2 be amended by removing the following " who shall be the Chairperson of the Regional Council, as well as the Region's Representative on the Provincial Metis Council of the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly.*

*John Dorio  
July 5, 1996*