



November 7, 1995

Senator Vital Morin
Chairperson of Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Senate

Dear Senator Morin:

We regret to inform you that the Senate Proposal put forth to SIMAS has been turned down by Minister Joanne Crofford. It appears SIMAS has spent their budget for this fiscal year 1995/96 per attached letter.

We support the motion made in the meeting of the Senate on October 11, 1995 whereby you have indicated Senate involvement in Membership, Enumeration and Elections, however no funding is available at this time per the attached letter from Minister Joanne Crofford date November 2, 1995.

We will include the Senate concerns in the overall budget on Enumeration once the budget is put forward to the Federal Government.

Trusting you share our frustrations in attempting to convince all levels of government that the Metis concerns need to be addressed. Do not hesitate to contact Minister Joanne Crofford about your concerns, this will only strengthen our organization.

Honourable Joanne Crofford, Minister of Saskatchewan Indian and Metis Affairs Secretariat
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Yours truly,

Allan Morin, Treasurer
Metis Nation of Saskatchewan

attachment

cc: Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Senate
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Minister Responsible for
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November 2, 1995

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Dear Mr. Morin:

Thank you for submitting your funding proposals, dated October 20, 1995, for the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Community Development Consultations and the Métis Elders' Senate.

Metis Elders are an integral part of the Métis Nation and it is important that they have the opportunities to share their knowledge and wisdom. Community development exercises can be very beneficial when planning for the future. These types of consultations provide a voice to the people and guidance to the leadership. I believe these activities are important and can greatly enhance the Métis Nation as a whole. It is with regret, however, that the Saskatchewan Indian and Metis Affairs Secretariat is not able to consider these proposals for funding in the current fiscal year.

Once again, thank you for submitting these proposals. If you wish to discuss the proposals further, please contact Donavon Young, Assistant Deputy Minister, Metis Affairs Branch, at 787-6253.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Joanne Crofford'.

Joanne Crofford
Minister Responsible for
Indian and Metis Affairs