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# **Metis Society Senate**

## **Proposal**

October, 1992

At the 1992 GDI Annual Assembly a resolution was passed to create the above organization. Since then, Julie Pitzel has been assigned to help establish the organization and develop a Metis Elders and Metis Senate program proposal.

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To date, several organizational meetings have been held to determine the mandate of this organization. In addition, a workshop was held in Prince Albert to discuss the role of the senate and a rationale for the organization. The following are decisions and recommendations made by the elders and senators at the workshop:

1. Elders are passing away and they will take with them all the historical knowledge and culture of the Metis. Their knowledge should be captured on paper and video;
2. GDI and the Human Justice Program and all the Metis Society of Saskatchewan affiliates identify the utilization of an Elders expertise and where they can participate within their institutions and programs;
3. A comprehensive list of elders with biographies must be developed.
4. A formal network be developed for the purpose of regional and provincial workshops;

5. Only the Senate members be able to be part of the political arm of the Metis Society of Saskatchewan. The process of senate selection be developed and ratified by this group.

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6. That an elders and senate Code of Ethics be developed through more workshops;
7. That Western Canadian Metis Elders and Senate workshops be organized to share information with other provinces;
8. The major areas of concern are the Canadian Constitution, Land Claims, Metis Education and Culture;
9. The elders must be part of the curriculum development process in order to provide accurate Metis content;
10. The elders will act as mediators with disputes but shall have no political authority;
11. A Metis elders roster must be developed. This roster will be used by institutions or programs needing Metis elders services;

12. A comprehensive Michief language program should be developed by the elders and senators with the assistance of a qualified curriculum developer.
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### **Roles of the Senate**

The Senator's will work in conjunction with elders within the local provincial and national levels. They will become part of the circles of elders. Their mandate will be to be political advisors. It is very important that they become part of the Vision and Mission of the Metis Society of Saskatchewan. They will identify the perimeters of their participation, with consultation of the Board and executive of the Metis Society of Saskatchewan. The Senators will also at times be requested to make presentations to the Gabriel Dumont Institute and its affiliates.

The Senators also feel that it will be part of their duties to approve elders and to design and implement a Code of Ethics. The Code of Ethics will include disciplinary measures for elders and Senators. Jointly these two groups will establish a protocol system.

Membership to both the circle of elders and Senators will be a life time position. Both groups feel that it is a must that they have the beliefs of the Metis people of Saskatchewan.

## **Roles of the Elders**

The elders will develop local and provincial Metis Elder's circles in the Province. They will establish the Method of identifying other elders and the perimeters to work in.

These perimeters will be sanctified by the Senate group.

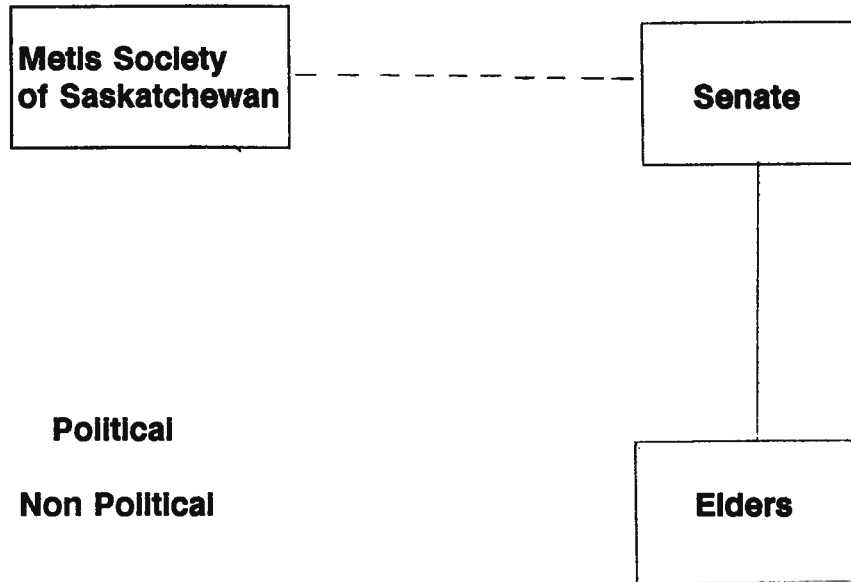
The Metis elders will be an intragal part of the Gabriel Dumont Institute. They will be assigned according to their expertise to make presentation as part of schools, cultural functions and functions of the Metis Society of Saskatchewan. One of their duties will be to encourage participation of Metis people about educational issues, giving direction to the Political Organization and Dumont Institute.

They will also teach classes in Science, Language, History, Arts, Music, Dance and Story-telling. One of their official duties will be to orientate new students, staff and other non native educators within the education. (as needed)

Another major role will be to develop a Code of Ethics. It is also important to identify how they will work with the Senators.

## Role of the Senator

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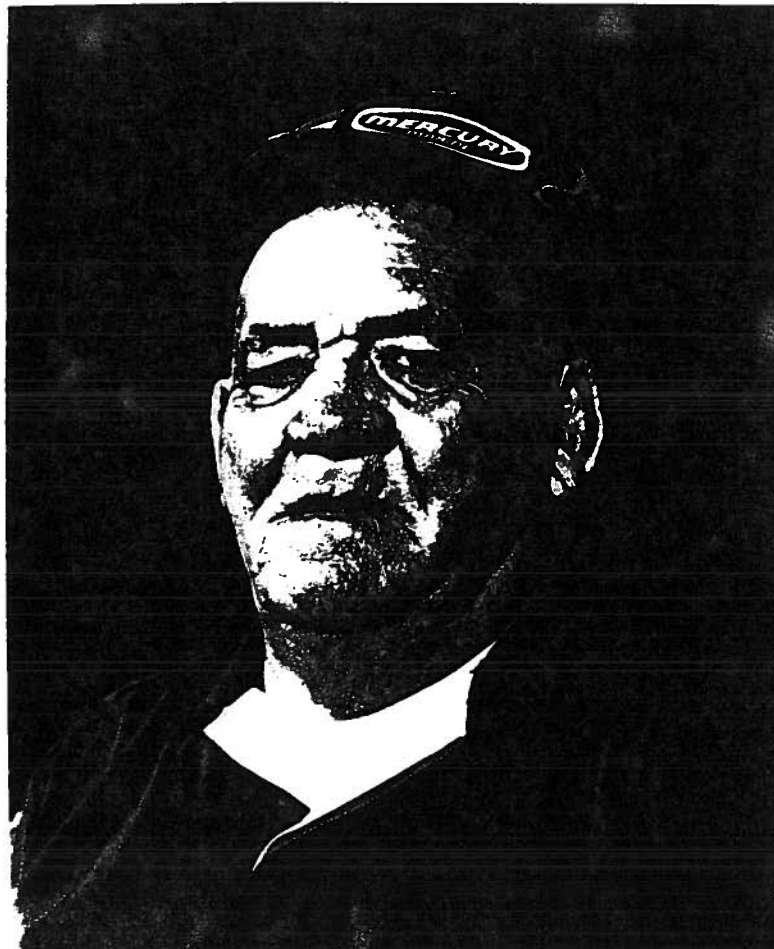
## Vital Morin

- . Senator from Ile a la Crosse, Saskatchewan
- . Born in 1923 and raised in Ile a la Crosse, Saskatchewan. Attended school at the Indian Residential School in Beauval and completed Grade 9.
- . He has worked at jack of all trades; some of his trades were mink ranching and buying fish. In 1964, Vital got involved with M.S.S. as a field worker. He has been, overseer, council member and chairperson of the locally controlled school as a field worker.
- . Vital would like people to teach respect and to continue using traditional foods and medicines.
- . Vital's co-politicians were Jim Brady and Malcolm Norris. They were negotiating to organize the Metis Society.
- . Vital is a proud Metis and has always fought hard at the front lines for Metis rights.



## Senator Louie Morin

- . Born in Ile a la Crosse - 5 brothers, 2 sisters
- . Lived in Buffalo Narrows and Turnor Lake. Clear Lake - 1965
- . Trapper and fisherman - drug and alcohol counselling
- . Speaks French, English, Cree and Dene
- . 2 wives, 20 children
- . Active in the Trappers organization and local government
- . Louie is concerned about alcohol and drug usage. He would like people to retain The traditional ways -- young people should be respectful and be encouraged to appreciate work.
- . We must keep the traditional food and natural medicines.





## **Stan Durocher**

- . Born and raised in Beauval, Saskatchewan
- . Moved to and lived in Buffalo Narrows, Saskatchewan
- . Air Ronge, Saskatchewan - 29 years
- . Married with 3 grown children
- . M.S.S. for 29 years
- . Fisherman, trapper and carpentry
- . Feels that Metis people should have rights to education, health and land.
- . It is important to have language, history and control through government system.
- . M.S.S. important - Metis hunting and fishing rights, similar to treaties. Should get along - no more fighting. Infighting amongst each other, election dispute. If they didn't fight they would have a lot of things going for the people.
- . Develop more programs - Metis housing repairs.
- . Parents should talk to their children more, teach them Cree or Dene.
- . Problems in schools because they may have problems with learning.

## **John Boucher**

- . He lived in St. Louis all his life on the original river lots given to Metis of St. Louis and Batoche.
- . 5 years - high school - Calgary 3 years worked - 2 years work
- . He got lonesome and moved to the original homestead family owned. In 1882 his grandfather got the township of Boucher. The name was later changed to St. Louis. A big piece of land was given to all descendants. After the rebellion the land was taken away. Government gave script they wouldn't accept - took land as a homesteaders so they could keep land. Grandfather wouldn't accept the old age pension because it may go against the land. Never give Metis people anything, taking everything away.
- . Active member in Metis Society.
- . Worked at various jobs, fishing, trapping, hunting and raising livestock, collected seneca root and gathered old bones.
- . Concerned about the Metis people who have had land taken away and have lost a lot.
- . John is still very active and still participates in ceremonies and workshops across the province.

## Edward King

- . Was born in Cochin, SK, November 18, 1925, He was a month old when they moved to Meadow Lake. Dad homesteaded North of Meadow Lake.
- . Baptized: William Roy (Albert Roy father), (Helen Villeneuve).
- . Worked with farmers. He went trapping and fishing (Buffalo Narrows '41 and '42 Turtleford, Spruce Lake, St. Walburt (farm), Mine (salt) Battleford
- . Enlisted Spring '42 April 10th, was stationed in Regina. Shipped overseas. Ile De France
- . Drafted North Bay Ontario Basic Education Training Centre, October 31, 1943, drafted to Camp Shyllo, Manitoba, drafted to Debut, Nova Scotia, Halifax - then he was shipped overseas to Ile De France
- . Married Cecile Ouellette, September 23, 1952. They will be celebrating 40th Anniversary and live in the Meadow Lake District.



### **Marie Alma Chaboyer**

- . Marie is from Cumberland House. She is 58 years of age, and a mother of 11 children plus has 2 grandsons that she has adopted.
- . Marie has worked at the hospital in The Pas, Manitoba, and has been employed by the hospital in Cumberland as a cook. She and her husband live in Cumberland House.
- . One of the problems that she sees in her community and among the youth is the use and misuse of alcohol and drugs. She sees parents as encouraging their children not to use alcohol and drugs.
- . Presently she is a homemaker plus caring for her children periodically.



## Joseph Alexander Fayant

- . Age 68, Ketapwa, Quappelle Valley
- . Has 7 children (4 girls and 3 boys)
- . Mother and father originated from Balcarres area
- . Grandmother was Metis - maternal side, his Grandfather came from the Red River
- . Raised in Ketapwa until 5 years old then moved to Sintaluta
- . He worked in construction for a number of years.
- . Service 1940 - 1946 PPCLI -- Sergeant, served in Holland, 1945 - reassigned. 1950 - 1953 Korea, wounded in the Korean War
- . Led active life within the Metis Community; Joe was a Board Member of the Metis Farm Board
- . He has been a life time support of the Metis Society.



## **Senator Elder Jim Favel**

- . Born in Ile a la Crosse, married with eight children.

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- . Speaks Michief and Cree.
- . Jim has been in the Metis Society for 20 years and an Area Director for 15 years.
- . Jim was on various boards
  - Norsask Native Outreach - 11 years
  - School Board - 9 years
  - NAC Board - 6 years
  - Local Housing Group - 6 years
  - Town Council - 1 year
- . Jim has enjoyed being part of Ile a la Crosse School Board
- . 20 years political leader
- . He was on GDI board for 6 years
- . Education is important and so is Native spirituality
- . Jim and his family were part of the struggles for the control of local school, which is the first Metis controlled school in Canada.
- . He has 10 sisters and brothers
- . He is willing to go throughout North and South into classrooms with children, and lecture at GDI with older students.

### **Elder Geraldine Grace Hatfield**

- . From Marcelin, Saskatchewan, lived here for 23 years

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- . Married in 1949 to a railroad man and lived all over
- . Husband got her involved with the Metis Society, wanted to do something about the instances to Metis people
- . 1st area education committees - determining what programs etc. before that their were a lot of bandaid programs.
- . First joined the Metis Society in 1973 or 1974
- . 1978 and on active with Metis education
- . Got on GDI Board in 1982 to 1990
- . Received the order of Gabriel Dumont - 1991
- . Was very involved with students and staff
- . Person of action and results
- . Very close to the students
- . Fought hard to get GDI and other Metis programs
- . Very proud to be Metis
- . Students have taught her a lot
- . Husband was her motivation
- . He wasn't Metis but he really cared
- . 10 children, 18 grandchildren

## Lawrence Martell

- . He was born in Waterhen Lake and served in the Canadian Armed Forces in South Saskatchewan Regiment. His duty World War II France Belgium and Germany. Toured Great Britain. (England)
- . When he returned he married Fredaline, who has departed. They had no children. He worked in sawmills, farmer, farm labourer. His great love is the traditional Northern life style and commercial fishing.
- . He is part of the Metis Housing Board. Lawrence supports and is committed to serving the Metis people.
- . Loves Kaiser and Bridge and enjoys sports fishing.
- . Mr. Martell lives in North Battleford and continues to give advice on self government and land issues.





**METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN SENATORS**

Stan Durocher

La Ronge, Saskatchewan  
S0J 3G0

Northern Region I  
Robert Mercredi

Louis Morin

Buffalo Narrows, Saskatchewan  
S0M 0J0

Northern Region II  
Norman Hansen

Vital Morin

Ile a la Crosse, Saskatchewan  
S0M 1C0

Northern Region III  
Max Morin

Marie Alma Chaboyer

Cumberland House, Saskatchewan  
S0E 0S0

Eastern Region I  
Leonard Morin

Alfred Genaille

Chelan, Saskatchewan  
S0E 0N0

Eastern Region II  
Clarence Campeau

Claude Langan

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Yorkton, Saskatchewan  
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~~792-2227~~

Eastern Region IIA  
Gary Martin

~~Gilbert Pelletier~~

Joe Fayant

Sintaluta, Saskatchewan

Eastern Region III  
Wilbert Desjarlais

Edward King  
[REDACTED]  
Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan  
[REDACTED]

Western Region I  
Guy Bouvier  
[REDACTED]

Lawrence Martell  
[REDACTED]  
North Battleford, Saskatchewan  
S9A 1E1  
[REDACTED]

Western Region IA  
Albert Delaire  
[REDACTED]

John Boucher  
[REDACTED]  
St. Louis, Saskatchewan  
S0J 2C0  
[REDACTED]

Western Region II  
Edwin Pelletier

Leo Amyotte  
[REDACTED]  
Kindersley, Saskatchewan  
S0L 1S0  
[REDACTED]

Western Region IIA  
Martin Aubichon

Clifford Laroque  
65 Mitchell Crescent  
Regina, Saskatchewan  
[REDACTED]

Western Region III  
James Parisien  
[REDACTED]

The clerical/bookkeeper will be under the direction of the Regional Elder Coordinators and will be responsible for the following activities:

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- general clerical responsibilities in office procedures, i.e. filing, answering phone calls, directing callers, setting up appointments, typing, etc.
- responsible for arranging transportation and accommodation for the elders.
- prepare minutes of Elders meetings.
- prepare annual budgets.
- prepare monthly financial statements.

## **Regional Co-ordinators**

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**They will develop and maintain a comprehensive list of elders and their expertise and do the following:**

- facilitate elders and Senate workshops**
- tape, transcribe materials and information shared by the elders**
- provide the Institute and affiliates within the institutes' or affiliates area, the elders who are available to make presentations**
- report monthly and yearly**

**The coordinator will help in the institutes or society's strategic planning and will assure that an elder be made available for this purpose.**

## Budget

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11 x 3,000	Elders perdiems	36,000.00
11 x 1,000	Elders travel	132,000.00
2 x 3,200	Regional Coordinators (Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert)	76,800.00
2 x 12 x 1,000	Coordinator travel	2,400.00
12 x 1,850	Clerical staff	22,200.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>291,000.00</b>
	12% Administration Costs	34,920.00
	GST & PST	40,740.00
	<b>Final Total</b>	<b>\$366,660.00</b>

# METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN

## (Regions and Locals)

### NORTHERN REGION I (NRI)

1. Camsell Portage
2. Stony Rapids
3. Uranium City
4. Wollaston Lake

### NORTHERN REGION II (NRII)

1. Bear Creek
2. Buffalo Narrows
3. Descharme Lake
4. Garson Lake
5. La Loche
6. Michel
7. St. George's Hill
8. Turnor Lake

### NORTHERN REGION III (NRIII)

1. Beauval
2. Cole Bay
3. Ile-a-la-Crosse
4. Jans Bay
5. Patuanak
6. Pine House

### WESTERN REGION I (WRI)

1. Chitek
2. Cochin
3. Dore/Sled Lake
4. Dorintosh
5. Glaslyn
6. Green Lake
7. Kerrobert
8. Livelong
9. Makwa
10. Meadow Lake
11. Pierceland
12. Spiritwood
13. St. Walburg

### WESTERN REGION IA (WRIA)

1. Battleford
2. Biggar
3. Cando
4. Delmas
5. Fiske/D'Arcy/Rosetown
6. Frenchman Butte
7. Kindersley
8. Langham
9. Lloydminster
10. Maidstone
11. Marsden
12. North Battleford
13. Onion Lake
14. Outlook
15. Ranger Lake
16. Ruthilda
17. Scott
18. Wilkie

### WESTERN REGION II (WRII)

1. Batoche
2. Big River
3. Crutwell
4. Debden
5. Duck Lake
6. Holbein
7. Kinistino
8. Leask
9. Marcellin
10. Nordale
11. Prince Albert
12. Saskatoon
13. Shellbrook
14. Shell Lake
15. St. Louis
16. Tweedsmuir

### WESTERN REGION III (WRIII)

1. Assiniboia
2. Maple Creek
3. Moose Jaw
4. Ponteix
5. Regina
6. Regina Beach
7. Swift Current

### EASTERN REGION I (ERI)

1. Cumberland House
2. Denare Beach
3. Deschambault
4. LaRonge
5. Pelican Narrows
6. Sandy Bay
7. Southend
8. Stanley Mission
9. Sturgeon Landing
10. Timber Bay
11. Weyakwin/Molanosa

### EASTERN REGION II (ERII)

1. Archerwill
2. Bjorkdale
3. Carragana
4. Carrot River
5. Chelan
6. Hudson Bay
7. Kelvington
8. Love
9. Melfort
10. Nipawin
11. Reserve
12. Sturgis
13. Wynyard

### EASTERN REGION IIA (ERIIA)

1. Crescent Lake
2. Crooked Lake
3. Dubuc
4. Esterhazy
5. Gerald
6. Kamsack
7. Langenburg
8. Marchwell
9. Melville
10. Spy Hill
11. Togo
12. Yorkton

### EASTERN REGION III (ERIII)

1. Abernethy
2. Balcarres
3. Estevan
4. Fort Qu'Appelle
5. Indian Head
6. Lebret
7. Lestock
8. Moosomin
9. Punnichy
10. Qu'Appelle
11. Rocanville
12. Sintaluta
13. Welwyn/Wapella

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