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Message from the Gabriel Dumont Institute Executive Director

Election Stakes Have Never Been Higher

In less than a month Métis people will go to the polls to elect a new Métis government that will make up the Provincial Métis Council (PMC). Thanks to the historic Canada-Métis Nation Accord negotiated by the Métis National Council in 2017, based upon our Section 35 rights, the newly-elected PMC members will start their jobs with over \$50 million this fiscal year—funds intended to flow for the benefit of our Métis communities. Over the last four years over 110 million has flowed to Saskatchewan. Ottawa has sent money for Métis post-secondary students, housing, economic development, early learning and childcare, and a variety of other portfolios.

I feel truly blessed to have had the privilege and honour of serving Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) and the Métis community for the last 28 years, working alongside hundreds of dedicated Métis people we have collectively built GDI into the most envied and coveted Métis success story throughout the Homeland. It would be a challenge for anyone to find a more competent, effective, and admired Métis organization in the Homeland.

Métis leaders of the 70s had many hard-fought battles to establish the Institute and the other Métis affiliates that provide services to the Métis. When creating the GDI Bylaws, our founders clearly knew

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the Institute would function best when operating at an arms-length from the MN-S. They enshrined in our bylaws that, “the Institute shall operate as a separate entity with the parent organization (MN-S) and shall maintain separate offices, administration, programs and services.” The Métis leaders who established GDI had it right. The foresight of these leaders brings a smile to my face. Their wisdom set the foundation for GDI to succeed.



***Geordy McCaffrey, Executive Director,
Gabriel Dumont Institute***

Throughout the 41 years GDI has served the Métis of Saskatchewan, it has stood strong beside the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan even as the MN-S experienced its share of ups and downs. Our Métis governance structure has struggled with a myriad of issues including election fraud, lawsuits, loss of funding, and chronic infighting. At one of our low points in 1994, Métis people almost lost the Gabriel Dumont Institute. Financial resources were taken from GDI and provided to the MN-S. When our Métis government pulled federal training resources from the Institute, it left GDI with a huge, unmanageable debt. At the eleventh-hour, the province stepped in, restructured the GDI board and provided a term loan. Since that point, when the province lent a helping hand, GDI has been on a meteoric rise. It has become one of the most important post-secondary institutions in the province. Revenues have risen from just over seven million in 1994, to over 40 million in 2021.

In spite of the MN-S struggles, the Institute flourished. It succeeded and grew because it operated at an arms-length from the politics of the Métis Nation. The Institute thrived under a board of directors appointed by MN-S regions and ratified by both the Provincial Métis Council and the Minister of Advanced Education for the province. Each GDI board director was provided with governance training to strengthen their skills and abilities to serve our people. More importantly, besides the stability created for the governance of the Institute, stability in the education and training offered by the Institute meant the Métis students in Saskatchewan were still able to pursue their education and career goals.

GDI founders structured the Institute to train Métis people for future jobs under Métis self-government. To this end, the Institute has prepared and graduated thousands of students at almost every level in hundreds of different employment fields. While some of these graduates have been employed at GDI and other affiliates, most have been absorbed into mainstream employers and have not found a home within their own government.

A scan of our Métis government's senior management shows a glaring absence of Métis people at the upper leadership level, while at the same time it is touting a new self-government model. I can't help but look back on the history of the Métis scrip process that occurred in the late 1800s and early 1900s, when speculators with ties to the government of the day followed the scrip processes around throughout the Métis Homeland. Systematically, through fraud and other dubious methods, they turned our people into landless citizens in the very country we called our own. It is imperative that the elected leaders chart a new path and build a strong foundation for Métis generations to come, rather than allow modern-day speculators to enrich themselves off Métis Accord resources set aside for Métis communities.

As we enter this election cycle it is a good opportunity for Métis people to reflect on the size of our government. To put this into context, at the writing of this message we have approximately 15,000 registered Métis citizens. We have a PMC of 18 and potentially up to 130 Métis locals throughout the province. Roughly, the Métis have an elected official for every 100 people. In comparison, each federal Member of Parliament (MP) is responsible for, give-or-take, 100,000 people. For the province, Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) represent roughly 18,000.

In December of 2020 the PMC approved raises based generally on salaries earned by provincial MLAs. The new range for a PMC member starts at \$100,600 and tops out at \$175,000 for the president. These increases were made retroactive to April 01, 2020. These salaries were approved despite the fact that some of our Métis regions would be hard-pressed to find 300 registered citizens. Although the new PMC salary grids were

modeled on provincial MLAs, MLAs and MPs are not allowed to have second full-time jobs. Yet the PMC authorized themselves to be able to hold other full-time employment while collecting a salary as an elected MN-S representative. One must question if the level and amount of Métis governance is effective, efficient, or maintainable.

In 2019 the MN-S released an interim report on Constitutional Reform for the MN-S. In that report the authors assert that Métis people want "all affiliates to come under the umbrella of the MN-S and identify clear lines of reporting." One wonders who in the Métis public expressed this desire and what information or history was provided to them that would lead to this outcome. From an internal staff perspective, GDI has over 80 Institute staff-signed letters indicating that they do not want to see the MN-S restructure GDI in any manner. Had we brought this to the attention of our students and community I am sure that they would have similar reservations over any restructure of GDI



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as a department within the MN-S. Along with discussions over restructuring, the MN-S aspires to centrally control funding for all affiliates. Does it make sense for an emerging government with growing pains to control resources for a high functioning organization like GDI that has a stellar history of transparency and accountability?

To shed some light on some of the issues that arise, there was a great deal of behind-the-scenes struggle to get resources earmarked for the benefit of Métis students out to them. GDI not only has the capacity to deliver funds to students, the Institute is the logical connection between the Métis government and Métis students. Despite this, we had to beg and plead to administer the university funding while the MN-S wanted to deliver it themselves even though their capacity for such an endeavour was non-existent. Similarly, COVID resources for Métis students, sent from Ottawa in July of 2020, were held at the MN-S head office for six months before being contracted to GDI in December. In a third example, a federal \$208,000 COVID grant for GDI students was approved for GDI in February of 2021. Both the MN-S and Canada insisted that the money flow through the MN-S, creating a time lag and other barriers. GDI finally received the money on March 27th with expectations that it be expended before March 31st. Had the funds in these examples simply flowed to the service provider, funding could have been in the hands of students months earlier. A similar pattern of funding flow has been experienced with Métis university funds—in year one the funding was received in mid-August and in year two, in July, for fall start dates. These scenarios are indicative of the growing pains of our Métis government.

My time at GDI has come to an end. For many of you your career as a student or staff member is just beginning. Many of you will have children or loved ones who will receive their education through GDI. I encourage you to take this upcoming election

very seriously. The stakes are high—in fact, they've never been higher. Be sure to ask each and every candidate at every level where they stand on GDI and the other affiliates. I dream of looking back on GDI in twenty years time to see all of the people who have changed their lives for the better because of our programs. I hope the Institute continues to be that source of pride for all Métis for generations to come. We have the strongest staff and the best students anyone could ever imagine.

I wish the best to our new Métis government elected on May 29th. The success of this new government will be the success of the Métis Nation. Our nation will thrive if our newly elected officials focus their efforts on advancing Métis rights, securing a land base, and creating a high functioning government, while supporting the affiliates as they continue to succeed in providing Métis citizens with valuable services. There is no need to fix what isn't broken.

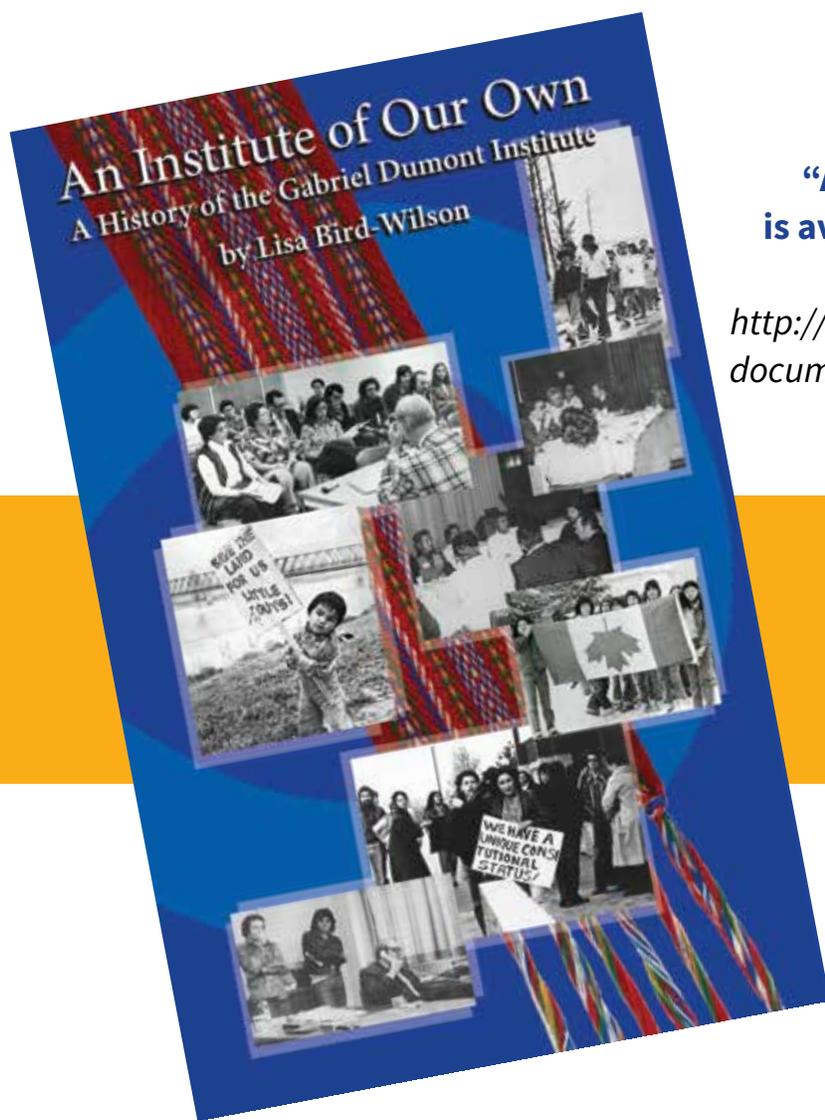
Remember to vote because, like it or not, Métis people will undoubtedly get the government we deserve at the end of May.

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Geordy McCaffrey
Executive Director
Gabriel Dumont Institute



“I was around when it started. To see 40 years of this, not only education for our young people, but the people who came back to go to school, that’s something that never could’ve happened without GDI,” said **Nora Cummings, Métis elder and founder of the Saskatchewan Native Women’s Association**. “I’m so proud to see that our Métis people have an institution to educate Métis people,” she said. “That’s why I feel GDI is an important part of our nation. In fact, I think it may be the most important part of our Métis Nation.”

<https://www.eaglefeathernews.com/news/gabriel-dumont-institute-celebrates-40-years>



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is available as a free download
at this address:**

http://www.metismuseum.ca/media/document.php/149596.GDI_Institute_of_Our_Own.pdf



“In your story you can’t leave any people out—the thousands of people that came to our meetings, the thousands of people that came to our demonstrations. They’re the builders of Dumont. No one person can take responsibility.”

~ Jim Sinclair, 2011



Region Director Candidates

NRI

- Laura Burnouf
- Anne Dorion
- Glenn Marcel Lafleur

NRII

- Nap Chartier
- Leonard John Montgrand

NRIII

- Randy “Yogi” Belanger
- Mervin (Tex) Bouvier
- Peter Frank Durocher
- Alex Laurent Maurice
- Mervin C. Morin

ERI

- Ryan Lee Carriere

ERII

- Brent Wilfred John Digness
- Dennis Wilfred Miller
- Brittany St. Dennis

ERIIA

- Derek (Porky) Langan
- Garry Martin
- Tim J.W. Roussin

ERIII

- Marg Friesen

WRI

- Michael Edward Bell
- Loretta King
- Melanie Pritchett

WRIA

- Carol Delorme
- Billy Kennedy
- Crystal Miller

WRII

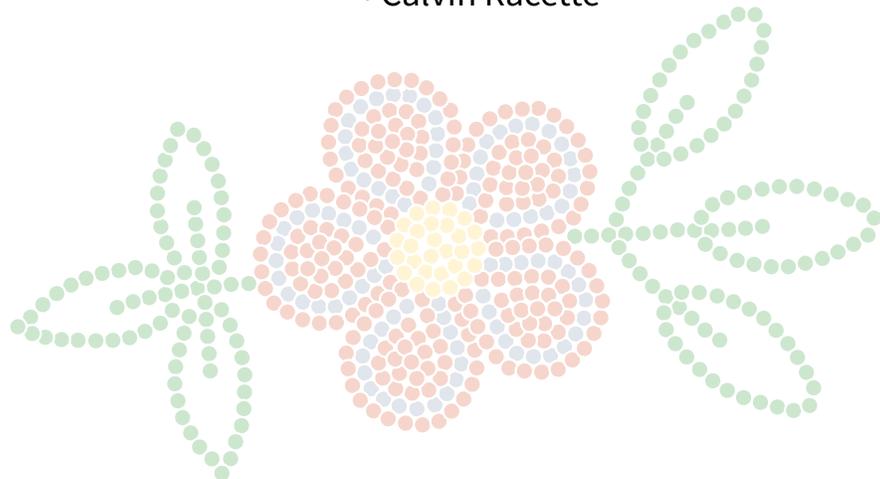
- Darlene Berube
- Curtis Duane Blanchard
- Darlene McKay
- Sherry Ann McLennan

WRIIA

- Penny Hurton
- Kathie Pruden Nansel
- Cheryl Reed

WRIII

- Wendy Gervais
- Wayne McKenzie
- Calvin Racette



Election Issue Introduction

Taanishi and welcome to the Spring 2021 edition of *The New Nation-La noovel naasyoon* which is dedicated to providing readers with profiles of the candidates who are running for office to serve the Métis people and communities of Saskatchewan.

With a mandate to provide education to the Métis of Saskatchewan, the Institute chose to provide readers with information about the executive candidates running for office in the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Election slated for May 29, 2021. Voter information is available at <https://mnselection.ca/>.

Via the Institute's social media forums on Facebook and Twitter, March 10-30, Métis citizens were invited to submit the topics and questions they want to know more about.

The Saskatchewan Métis Nation Legislative Assembly has called an election for May 29, 2021. We are dedicating the spring issue of "The New Nation: La noovel naasyoon" magazine to Saskatchewan Métis election coverage. The intent is to provide—in a non-partisan manner—Métis citizens with as much information as possible and to provide all candidates with a forum to communicate their ideas and vision to the electorate.

Your questions will be reviewed anonymously, sent to candidates, and a selection will be answered in our spring issue released in early May. Please submit your candidate questions to newnation@gdins.org by March 30, 2021.

From the responses received, questions specific to each executive position were written and all the candidates who filed their nomination papers by the April 29th deadline were invited to submit their responses and contact information to the magazine.

Readers will be able to access this issue online at www.gdins.org/Métis-culture/the-new-nation. This link will also be provided on social media. A limited number of hard copies are also available. Although most of the candidates for executive positions have their own social media platforms, the magazine provides a forum for candidates to get their message out to more people and a forum in which Métis citizens can learn more and make informed choices as they prepare to vote.



In addition to the information available to those old enough to vote, the Institute has prepared a governance guide for teachers who wish to inform their students about the current structure of our governance system. The guide is written for grade four students and correlates with the outcomes and indicators in the provincial curriculum. It can be used for any grade level seeking a better understanding of Métis governance. A link to download this free learning resource will be available at the New Nation web address provided above. We hope that a greater number of Métis youth will be interested in our governance and that the non-Indigenous students and school personnel will grow in their understanding of us, the otipemisiwak — the people who govern themselves.

The Métis Association is not a compulsory society. It is based on the voluntary obligation of its members to pursue a policy on the basis of a program of the conventions of the Métis Association and to subject themselves to the discipline and decisions of the majority of the Association. We demand this of the members of our Association and all the more yet of such members as occupy leading posts in the Métis movement.

-Jim Brady

Executive Candidates

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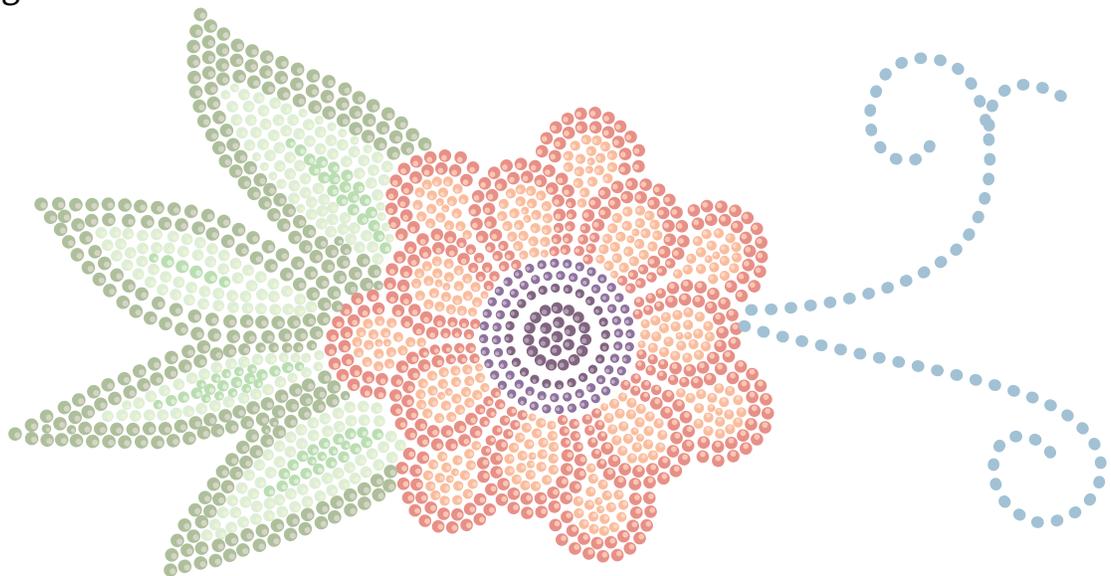
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Secretary Candidate

I am a proud mother of three beautiful daughters and grandmother to five wonderful grandkids. My family roots lie with the Aubichon and Burnouf family of Beauval and the Laliberte family in Green Lake and the Pedersen clan of Buffalo Narrows. I was raised by my grandmother in Île-à-la-Crosse and was involved as a business partner alongside my husband. I have been involved with our local in Île-à-la-Crosse for a number of years and most recently, as a member of Les Filles de Madeleine where I learned so much from the power and abilities of our Métis women.

1. The MN-S Constitution (Regions, Section 10) states that “the Regional Council shall provide direction to their representatives on the Provincial Métis Council with respect to all matters...” In the last term a number of regions struggled to hold regional council meetings and in some cases no meetings were held. What steps will you take to ensure Local and Regional Council meetings take place so that they are able to discharge their Constitutional duties?

It is this exact reason I chose to run as provincial secretary. The often used phrases “capacity building” or “transparency” do a great injustice because the regional councils are NOT engaged to the extent they should be. We have to build this professional relationship with our regional councils, as they are a great source of advice, priority setting and more importantly, a communication venue back to the people. The other important value of these regional councils is that they recognize the uniqueness of each of the areas that the director represents. I would share the example of northern region two or three in which they may have total different priorities than a southwest region. As secretary, I will commit to a series of initiatives such as constitutional amendments that legitimize and FORCE the area directors to meet with their respective regional Council at least 12 times per year, Another commitment I will strive towards

is to have our membership base fully registered up to 80% within my first term. The best and quickest way to achieving those results is to of course, legitimize our regional Councils and engage them in the pursuit of these numbers. Even as a single voice at the Provincial Métis Council level I will act as a very strong advocate so that our nation is able to achieve the recognition of our regional councils. I ask that you share my platform with as many people as you possibly can.

2. In 2017 the MN-S discontinued the practice of posting resolutions from its PMC meetings. Instead they opted to post meeting summaries which provide general information. What steps will you take to ensure that Métis citizens are informed of decisions and directions made by the PMC and MNLA?

I will use this phrase often. If we want to act like a government that we must conduct ourselves accordingly. Therefore in following the rule of thumb of any governing body that wants to ensure accountability and transparency to its citizenry then they must make all information readily available to the people we serve. Whether it is full financial disclosure and accountability, which includes salary and travel expenses of all members of the PMC, disclosure of all contracts awarded by the MN-S, and to have a very strict rule of conduct around conflicts of interest. We can easily set up a process that ensures this disclosure as we should have nothing to hide.

3. At the November 2019 MNLA several Locals were removed and other urban locals were not allowed to participate in the meeting. These suspensions were related to regional disputes. As Secretary how would you help locals, regions and citizens participate in their governing structures?

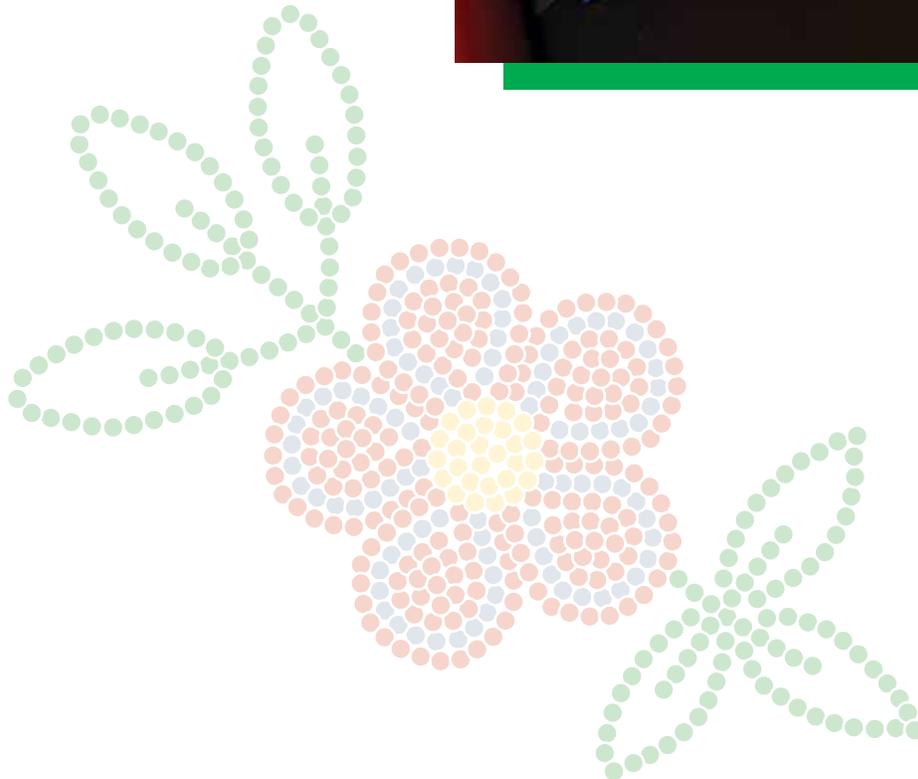
As I have indicated earlier, I am endeavouring to have 80% of our membership list completed within my first term. As a secretary this is one of my primary responsibilities and I will focus on

Beckie Belanger

accomplishing this objective. In order for us to have maximum effort in this regard we need to engage our locals fully. We also have to examine how some of the locals are working and why some are being ignored or rejected. We would need to find the proper venue to legitimize the locals that are working hard. If these locals have met the standard of being legitimate, then we have to honour their work and bring them home. We cannot have abandoned locals, but at the same time, we need all locals to be strong and engaged.

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Secretary Candidate

I am May Henderson; a proud Métis woman. All my life I have been involved in the Métis community, promoting culture and values. My greatest Joy is being a mother to Janelle, and grandmother to Josie and Rhodes. My family brings so much strength and happiness to my life.

I was on the Executive of Local #7 in Prince Albert for over 20 years and was the elected Provincial Secretary in 2012. In recent years I have worked hands on in the local community in Saskatoon.

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To ensure that the secretariat is in order in the way of Locals, letters need to be sent out to the regions, assuming we need to get all locals updated, explaining what needs to be submitted, making it clear that process is required to maintain constitutional standing. This action would create a central filing system and be supported by providing policies that support this action. To support the meetings, I would offer to assist in sending letters of notice for meetings and being willing to support the process. Aside from capacity being an obstacle to governance, chaos has also been an obstacle, and strength and clarity are required at this time. When I was Secretary before, I had to work to get the Local files in order, and I am prepared to do the same again.

2. In 2017 the MN-S discontinued the practice of posting resolutions from its PMC meetings. Instead they opted to post meeting summaries which provide general information. What steps will you take to ensure that Métis citizens are informed of decisions and directions made by the PMC and MNLA?

Transparency needs to return to the Nation, which means that meeting minutes and resolutions need to be made available by head office. The Métis Nation-Saskatchewan is considered a governance structure, and as such, there needs to be public disclosure. Moving forward, aside from in-camera moments, PMC meetings would be streamed the way other Indigenous governments are opening governance to their citizens. All governance minutes and videos would be posted in a timely manner, and meetings would be open to observers like in the past. This level of transparency would restore confidence in the Nation.

I believe that the Provincial Métis Council must work together for the benefit of all Métis citizens. For too long the PMC has not demonstrated transparency and accountability, it is time for stability to return, created a path forward guided by the people.

3. At the November 2019 MNLA several Locals were removed and other urban locals were not allowed to participate in the meeting. These suspensions were related to regional disputes. As Secretary how would you help locals, regions and citizens participate in their governing structures?

To alleviate some regional tensions, the Secretary's office provides a neutral space where there can be general oversight. As mentioned in the question 1 answer, in transparently organizing the office, the office can mitigate tension while ensuring the Locals follow the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Constitution and conventions. The current

May V. Henderson

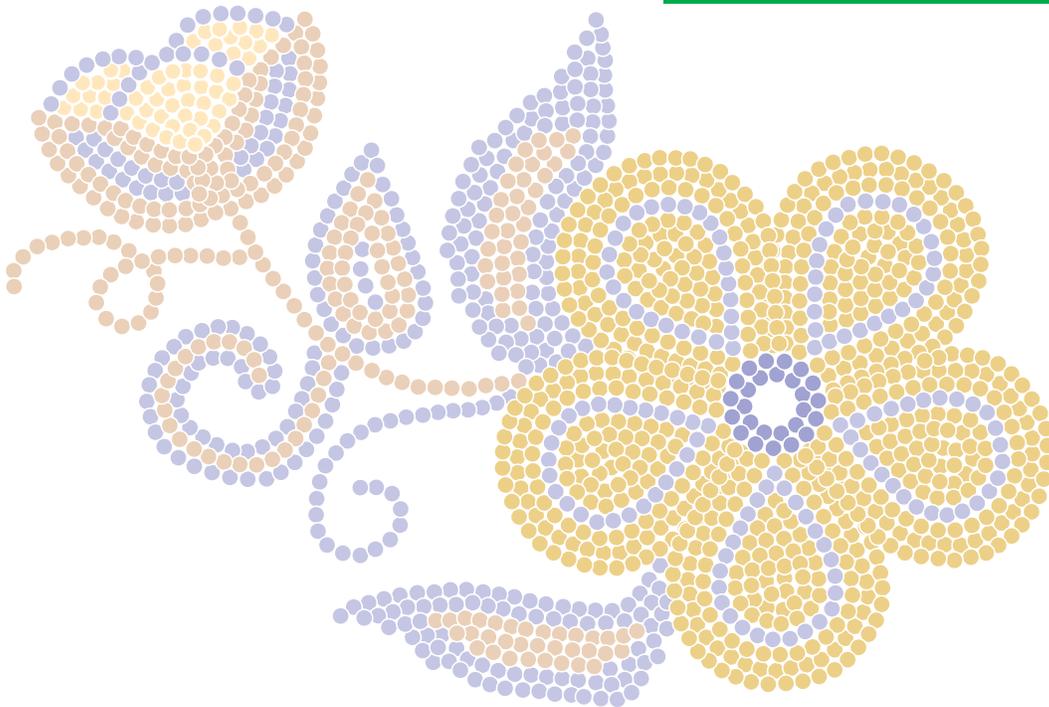
issues are the result of not utilizing the Secretary's office properly. Should the constitution and secretariat rules be followed, the current disputes in the regions can be resolved through clarity and uniformity.

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Secretary Candidate

I was born and raised in Buffalo Narrows and have lived with my family in Saskatoon for many years. In 2017, I was elected to the position of provincial secretary. I am a mother, grandmother, daughter wife, sister and auntie. These roles provide me with direction as I know that the decisions I make and the activities I support within the Métis nation impact our families and communities in very personal and significant ways. I take the responsibility of secretary very serious and if re-elected, I will strive to make thoughtful, well-informed decisions that benefit ALL Métis citizens.

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I am committed to ensuring that Local and Regional Council voices are heard at the Provincial Métis Council, and their priorities are supported by the Provincial and Federal Government. I support the education and engagement of Locals and Regions in the governance of our Nation. I know that no one understands grassroots communities better than the Local Métis citizens, and I will work directly with Locals and through Regional Councils to help build the capacity of local governance to server our citizens.

I am committed to a governance education and outreach program to support Locals and Regions in making their own informed decisions and creating and enacting their own Constitutions, in alignment with the MN-S Constitution. I will work closely with Locals and Regions for further education on the structure and goals of the MN-S,

legislation and policy, roles and responsibilities of portfolios, intergovernmental relations and how citizens can become involved or access programs and services.

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I believe in transparency through communication, and I strongly support the preservation and management of MN-S public records. Our citizens have a right to be informed about decisions being made by those they elect. I believe it is the secretary’s responsibility to ensure our citizens are informed of decisions that impact them and I commit to ensuring PMC decisions and activities are made widely available to our citizens. I am committed to sharing all PMC decisions and meeting minutes on the MN-S website and distributed to the Locals and Regions. I will also work to ensure that members of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly receive the necessary information well in advance of the MNLA ensuring their ability to communicate with Local members and positioning them to make well-informed decisions.

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I commit to fostering increased awareness in governance processes and further engage the citizens in the governance of our Nation. I am committed to promoting a strong and representative Métis Local and Regional structure. I believe that Saskatchewan Métis governance

Lisa McCallum

structures already exist through the Local, Regional Councils, Provincial Métis Council and Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and Senate. I will work closely with these entities to ensure that capacity is developed and enhanced at all levels. I will work to ensure Section 7 (the role of the Locals) and Section 10 (the role of the Region) of the MN-S Constitution is implemented. I recognize that rural Locals have different needs and priorities than urban Locals. As secretary, I will work with ALL Locals to identify and implement their governance priorities.



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Secretary Candidate

My name is Craig Morin, and I reside in Saskatoon with my son. I was raised in the Métis community of Green Lake where I attended elementary school then graduated high school in Meadow Lake. I moved to La Ronge to further my education and completed the Professional Access certification with Nortep/Norpac. This certification focused on municipal governance which provided me with the understanding of how this impacted Métis communities. I returned to my Métis community to work and assist in development of the Green Lake Sawmill. As a result of a downturn in the economy, I returned to school for certification in Environmental Monitoring.

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Communication and the development of policies and procedures will ensure the constitutional duties are met and completed within the local and regional council. This will ensure each region understands the importance of unity and integrity within the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan. Ongoing meetings and involvement gives us a strong sense of Métis governance. I would also ensure all strong leaders are involved in these processes via in-person, email or social media.

As the Secretary, I would work closely with the Regional Directors to build capacity within the Regional Councils and Locals by providing support, education, and training to assist them to gain infrastructure for office space so they can offer services and programs for their citizens. I

would advocate for adequate funding to build capacity at the local level, so the budget is built to reflect the need. I would advocate and work with our affiliates to develop programs that meet the educational needs of our Regional Councils and Locals such as training in the area of Duty to Consult, proposal writing, self government negotiations, etc. It is important to ensure good communication between MN-S, Regional and Local levels with my role being key to ensure the needs of the locals are met.

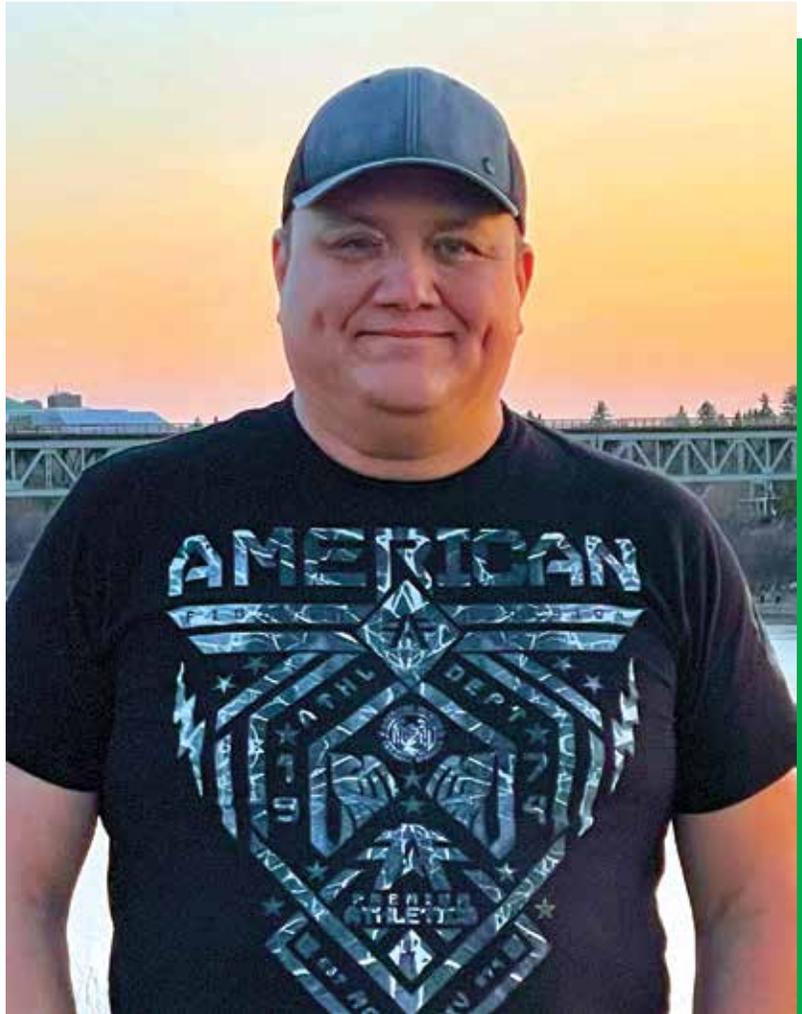
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All documentation should be available on the MN-S website of all decisions by the PMC and MNLA. If a Métis citizen enquires about a topic, I would ensure the information is forwarded by mail, fax or email with a cc to the Local President and Regional Director. I would encourage Métis citizens to reach out to their Local Presidents and Regional Directors to discuss their concerns or advise of any needs or gaps. I believe that Locals should be given updated information from the Regional Directors as decisions are made by the PMC and informed of information that will be addressed at each MNLA. MN-S needs to be open, transparent and accountable to our Locals as they are who elected us, and give us direction to make decisions that they must approve at the MNLA.

3. At the November 2019 MNLA several Locals were removed and other urban locals were not allowed to participate in the meeting. These suspensions were related to regional disputes. As Secretary how would you help locals, regions and citizens participate in their governing structures?

Craig Henry Morin

As a secretary I would help locals, regions and citizens participate in their governing structure by helping them develop processes so they maintain their membership lists, minutes of their local, decisions or concerns of their local, and seek training opportunities for the local members to understand our Constitution and other acts that guide our nation such as the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act. It is important that we begin to mentor and develop a strategy to have youth participate at our MNLAs and other forums. In addition, I have seen MN-S has many citizens not actively involved at the local level, so I would like to work with locals and regions to brainstorm how we can motivate our citizens to become actively involved and bring their voice to MN-S. I would follow standards set by the Métis nation and Promote unity and accountability to all involved in Métis governance.



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Secretary Candidate

Ashley, an ambassador of her culture, and a proud mother of four, two handsome boys and two lovely girls. A Matriarch in the making, she defines herself as an Indigenous feminist, advocate, and leader.

After growing up in the Métis political movements watching and learning, Ashley has always said, “My passion is working within Indigenous communities,” and in order to do this she has achieved many certifications in facilitating community work. Ashley has a passion for learning and teaching culture, and has developed projects and initiatives in many communities. Revitalization of Métis culture and healing and wellness is important to Ashley.

1. *The MN-S Constitution (Regions, Section 10) states that “the Regional Council shall provide direction to their representatives on the Provincial Métis Council with respect to all matters...” In the last term a number of regions struggled to hold regional council meetings and in some cases no meetings were held. What steps will you take to ensure Local and Regional Council meetings take place so that they are able to discharge their Constitutional duties?*

To ensure local and regional council meetings take place, go through the list of regional councils and locals, marking down who has had meetings, the AGM dates and minutes and then check out each council’s bylaws/terms of reference and other governing documents, to ensure there is a proper system to track this data. A database to track the progress of Regional Councils and Locals is a must.

I would also support regions and locals to function at full capacity. Assist them whenever and wherever help is needed; meeting planning, chairing meetings, bylaw development or minute taking. As Secretary I will play a supportive role in bringing out their strengths. As a government we must be adhering to the highest standards of

practice, especially when our regional councils are registered with ISC and have many guidelines to adhere by.

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Firstly, I will make sure that Métis citizens are informed of the decisions and direction taken at the PMC and MNLA by having meeting minutes, resolutions, and motions made available to all citizens. Transparency is an absolute must.

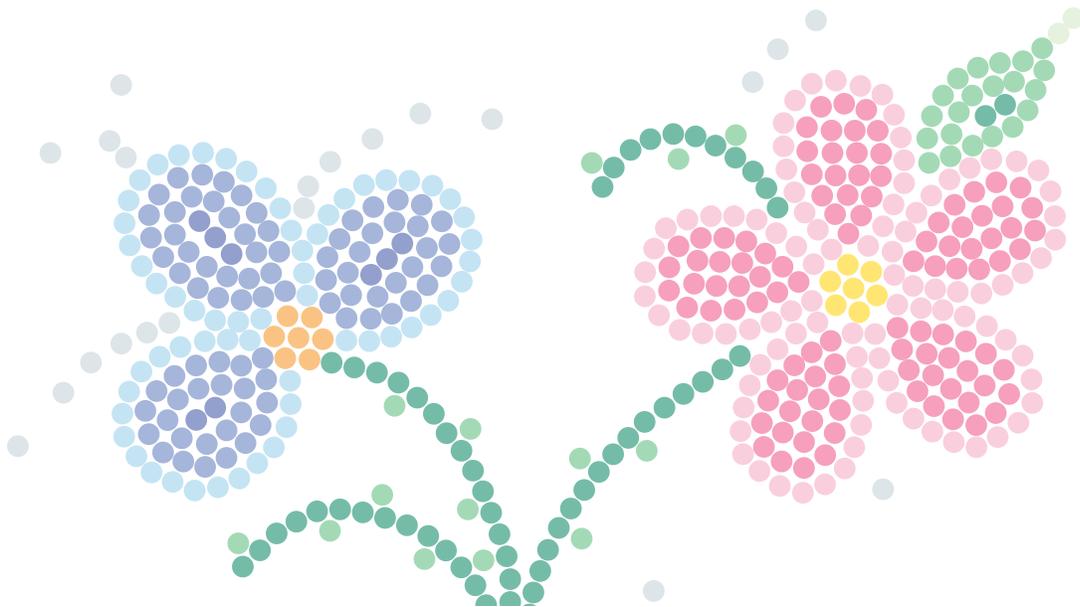
I am all for having strong and open communication through different media outlets such as the MN-S website. I will ensure communication is flowing and open at the regional and local level. I believe it is up to all the leaders around the table to help disperse the information from MN-S meetings. Our people are important to this governance structure. A proper communication flow chart is important moving forward.

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I will be hands on in capacity building with regional councils and locals; Internal policies/bylaws are vital to self-governance. All council members should be educated on the structure of the MN-S and how the structure of government works. I will listen to grievances and help to resolve disputes in a reasonable and timely fashion, while adhering to the constitution and bylaws.

Ashley Norton

Moving forward, I will help develop communities to do their own training, in order for Métis people to govern themselves. Internal and external knowledge must be learned and exchanged to move forward as a nation. I will bring in facilitators to host workshops that teach Métis governance, asset building, team building, and bylaw workshops. I will focus on building up the Métis councils to be the leaders they are now and in the future. Mentorship is important.



Treasurer Candidate

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Locals must have fiscal capacity. Quick books training should be available to them, either centrally or through the Regional budget.

Communication is a must, so, perhaps some assistance with phones and internet.

In Northern Region 1, we supplied each Local President with a computer, printer, and refunded them \$25.00 a month for phone/internet. The equipment would be transferred to any incoming new President.

Many Local executives use their vehicles to travel within communities, perhaps some mileage from the Region.

They must know their role, perhaps a list of 'must know': constitution, election act, structure of MN-S, affiliates and their role and some training in these areas. Many Local presidents have jobs, so they should be compensated some how through Regional budgets, which will be increased substantially after the election.

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Self- government is in perpetuity, as we are recognized in Canada's constitution, so sustainability is not a question.

Having two jobs is an issue that must be addressed in the near future. One cannot do justice to the Métis Nation work if they are holding down two jobs. This situation exists because Area Directors weren't paid previously. The level of salaries now, changes the situation. From 2013 to 2017 I was able to serve as Area Director because I was employed and we met on weekends, so it didn't affect our jobs. This should be a topic of discussion at an MNLA.

Policy must be developed on this.

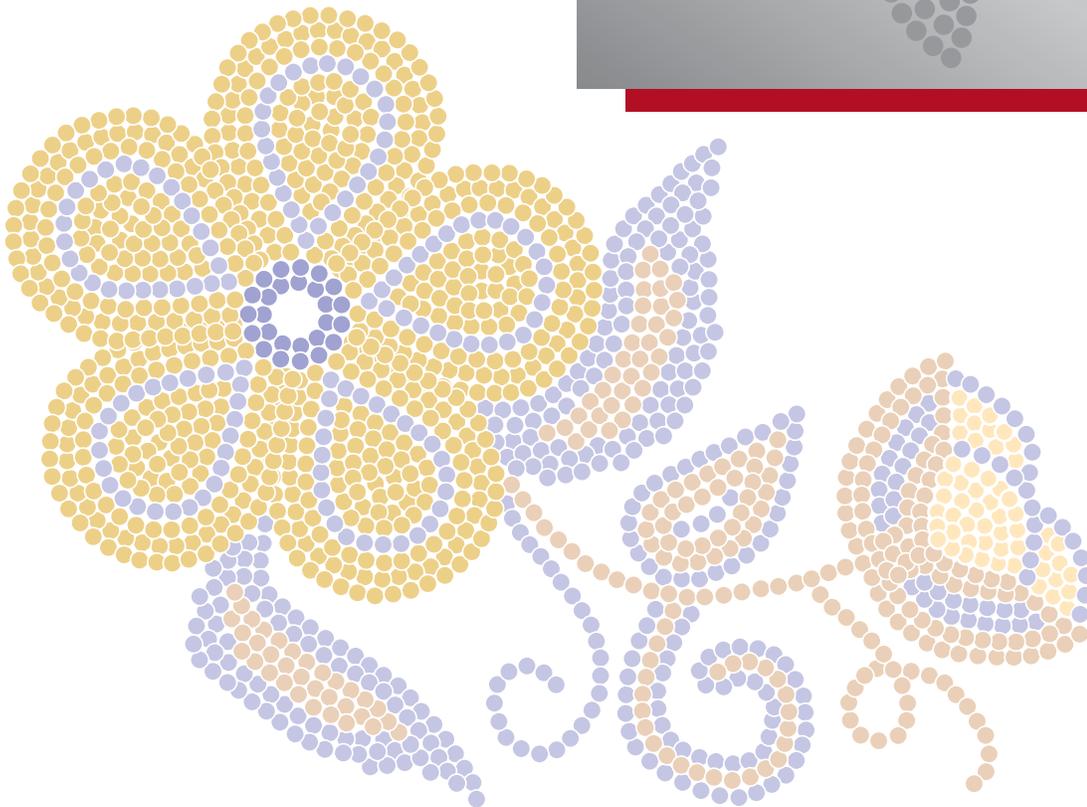
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Transparency is very important. Financial information after certain levels must be made public. For example in the provincial government, anything over \$50,000 is listed.

I would first discuss the issue around legalities of divulging certain kinds of information, with our financial people and legal counsel.

It would need to be an agenda item with the Finance Committee, which has been chaired by the Minister of Finance. Policy would then be developed.

The Finance Committee is also attended by the Chief Financial Officer, Chief of Staff and other senior staff.



Treasurer Candidate

I was born and raised in the historic Métis community of Île-à-la-Crosse. Family of six children and sixteen grandchildren. My parents lived the Traditional way of life, and my family is carrying on the tradition. I was elected Regional Director in 2007 and appointed interim Treasurer in 2010, and elected in 2012. My Governance credentials include Chairperson for Île-à-la-Crosse School Division for twelve years, Chairperson for Northlands College for six years, SIAST (Sask Polytech) board of directors for five years. Northern Village of Île-à-la-Crosse Council for three years. I have a Forestry and Computer Support Technician Diplomas. I live a healthy lifestyle.

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We would take a complete review of the agreement and assess how we would proceed in distributing funds. We would ensure that Governance and community capacity are available to our communities to ensure that our programs and services run effectively and all Métis citizens benefit. Would do a needs assessment with the full involvement of our communities and put together a sound work plan. We would set up Program Centres throughout the province, supporting our communities in delivering programs and services. They would work directly with the communities or groups and away from politics. We must separate programs and services and politics. Discussions would also need to occur with our Métis citizens on a new agreement as the existing agreement will expire in 2021. I strongly agree that the Grassroots people should write

the new framework with a dollar amount attached to it and present it to our Métis politicians to take to Ottawa and Regina.

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Over the years, there have been Governance reviews done by MN-S with funding from the federal government. What do we want to do with these reports? (Lampard, One World, Poitras, Deloitte). The information provides strong recommendations as to how we can govern our Nation. Reports call for a judiciary body within our Nation and recommendations on our Governance and regions as per Boundary Act (MN-S legislation). I would push for a review of these reports and make the information available to our Métis people for their input. The communities should give the Métis politicians (PMC) direction as to how we want to proceed with the reports. Salary increases for the PMC needs to be reviewed. What process was followed, and how did they reach this number? I believe that an external body other than the PMC needs to put a package together to present to the MNLA.

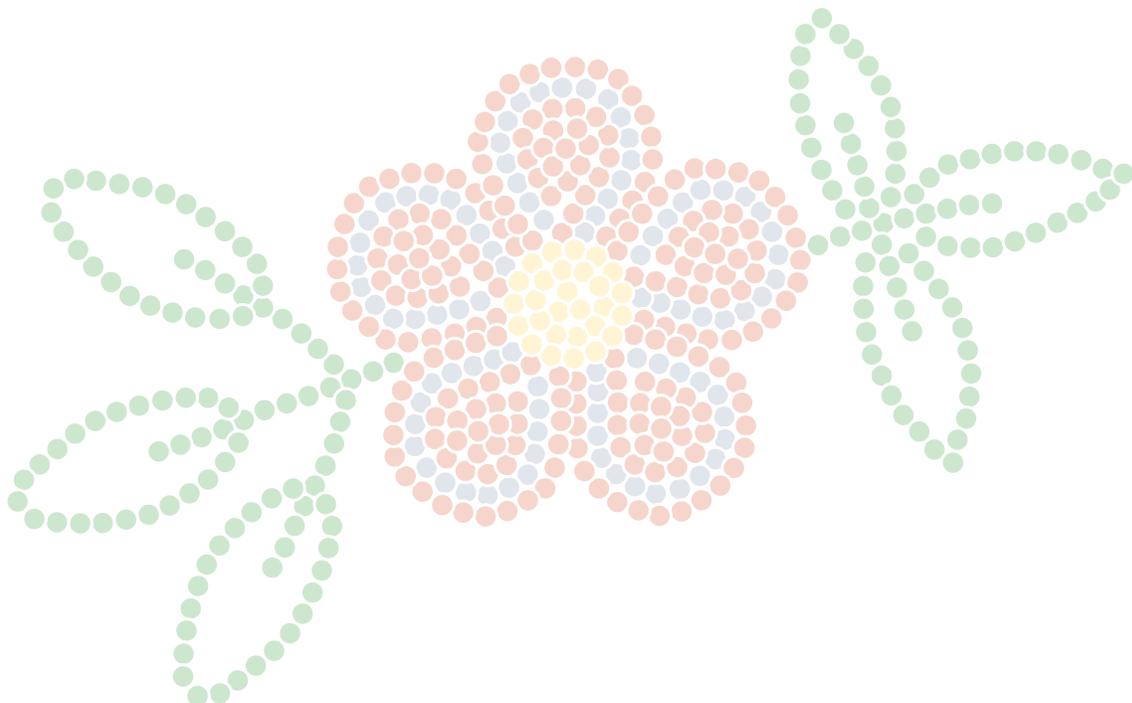
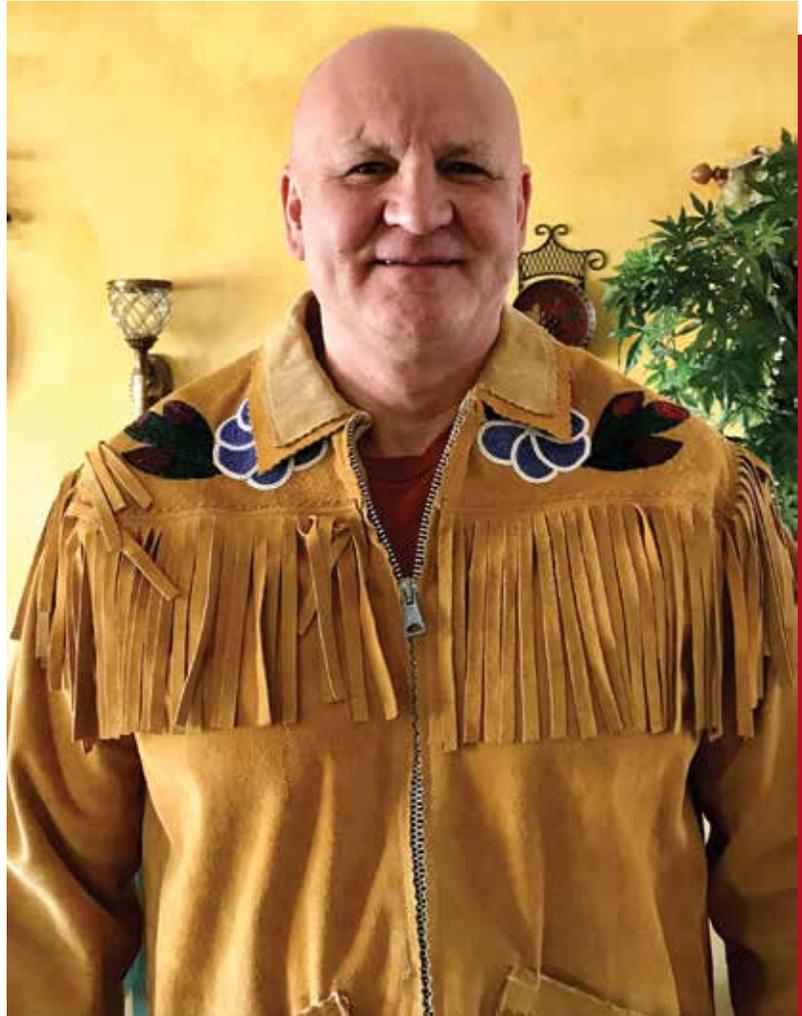
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Louis G. Gardiner

As a Métis citizen and my experience as a Métis politician, the biggest issue that always comes up is the nation's finances. With our Rights being recognized, there will be more money flowing to the Nation. To be fair to both sides, I want to put together a Treasury Board consisting of Métis citizens who have experience in financial management to be the eyes of the Métis people, and they will report back to the Métis people. Terms of Reference will need to be developed on the roles and responsibilities of the Treasury board. Financial reports will be made available on the website. I believe that this will allow the PMC to do their work and have the trust of the Métis people.

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Treasurer Candidate

My name is Melvina Goulet, and Prince Albert has been my home since 1989 with my two children. I was born and raised in Cumberland House with family ties to the Red River area. My background is in human services as a public servant for 29 years with the provincial government with experience supervising staff, contract management, criminal justice system, and child welfare.

I bring to the role of Treasurer my knowledge of governance frameworks to ensure that fiscal accountability and risk is mitigated; and my experience with transfer agreements and financial analysis to ensure public funds are spent appropriately.

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My vision is to build the MN-S budget from 2021-25 to include funding for the purpose of building capacity and infrastructure at the local level based on the needs identified by the Métis citizens at the local level. Our constitution provides Locals to seek funding to carry out programs, services, and objectives with PMC of the MNLA to secure funding, and the MNC Accord has negotiated funding to do so. The MN-S budget for the 2021-2025 must include building capacity at the local level to ensure our Métis citizens can take an active part in governance and duty to consult, self-government, land claims, housing, education needs, human services programs, and economic development opportunities. Our locals need staffing and training to maintain their corporate standing, membership lists and documents

including minutes, and supplies to carry out its duties for Métis citizens. I would like to see all our Locals have the training to meet industry for duty to consult matters; and negotiate for Métis rights to a land base, harvest, trap and fish.

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It is my belief the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) answers to the people who elected them to represent them at the regional and provincial level. The PMC should be providing full disclosure and approval to request salary increases to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) then ratification from the General Assembly. We've been told that our Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) is a government, but it is reliant on federal funding to operate at this time. These salary increases are not sustainable in the long term, especially when the needs of our Métis locals or citizens have not been met. As Treasurer, this will be adjusted to ensure sustainability with consultation of the our Métis citizens.

The roles and responsibility of PMC members is a full-time job and critical elected officials commit fully, so they can lobby, support, and assist locals to build capacity and negotiate with federal and provincial governments. PMC elected members should not hold employment positions outside of MN-S.

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Melvina Goulet

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As the elected Treasurer, I will be fully compliant and work with our accountants to ensure these expenses are available to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) as part of the Treasurer’s report and part of the Audit. The PMC Handbook outlines the policy, so as the Treasurer I would work with the Auditor and Finance Manager to set up the individual salary and expenses records subject to disclosure. I believe that full disclosure of expenditures will provide transparency and accountability to the MNLA and General Assembly, so they are able to provide us with the direction to guide our Métis Nation. Once these have been approved and passed by our MNLA and General Assembly, these documents shall be available to citizens upon request from the local, regional or provincial offices. Public funds are subject to disclosure including salaries and expenses of elected officials and employees.



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Treasurer Candidate

I was born & raised in Meadow Lake, SK. I'm the daughter of Gwen & Daniel King. I've entered this race with intentions of generating greater interest in the political processes among Métis Youth, being the youngest candidates running for an Executive Position.

I'm an advocate for Mental Health supports, with over ten years of experience working in youth empowerment, development, family supports, healing and economic opportunities. I'm trained in Crisis Response, Trauma Informed Approaches, Suicide Intervention, Mental Health First Aid, Psychological First Aid & Recovery. I have a Youth Care Worker Diploma, and a Bachelors of Social Work Degree.

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I believe this question posed is inherently biased, disrespectful and a plug for the Métis National Council, It's a discredit to current elected representatives. As a candidate I see opportunity for me to bridge the generational gap, however, I don't feel that I need to underplay the significant accomplishments of the Métis Nation Saskatchewan government, by saying look what the MNC did for our communities. To be clear I support Nation building, but I am also aware that a so-called identity agenda is being used as a tool to polarize our peoples and communities in Saskatchewan.

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It's obvious we need to focus on building unity with a focus on Self-government. Disappointingly we can be mean to one another and this is not what is best. My grandfather Ric Richardson, former mayor of Green Lake, taught me that as individuals we are at the center of a much bigger circle—and all strength comes from the core. So, we must focus on promoting healing of individuals, families and communities. As we build community and local strength we can move from the center of the circle and focus on healing our Nation. Healing however is not just the Métis Nations responsibility it is the responsibility of all of the Métis Governments. In my view we need to stop bickering about who gets what, how much people get and work together at all levels individual, local, regional and provincial. In order to move forward we must work together respectfully at all levels.

From my perspective all elected officials should be remunerated at the same level as other Governments. It's important to note that we're not a Non-Profit Corporation, we're a government and we need to start acting like Governments. Our Citizens deserve to know the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan can operate on a level playing field with other Governments. To stand toe to toe with other Governments—who's bureaucrats in most cases are paid at the same level as the recent salary increases. I was raised around politics; I saw my grandpa Rod Bishop and Grandpa Edward King die poor men. When there should have been Métis government pensions for all of their hard work for the Métis—I support these pay raises—dam straight I do—we get what we pay for—if we want to continue to attract the caliber of candidates then we should be prepared to ante up and start de-colonizing our way of thinking.

Harmonie Amanda King

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I believe that accountability is important however it should not be used as an opportunity to conduct a witch hunt. As a new Candidate I believe that issues relating to transparency and accountability should be embedded in the Constitution and not a Handbook!!



Treasurer Candidate

My name is John Robert LaFontaine and I know how to manage money. I have a degree in Administration from the U of R, a diploma in Journalism from UWO and a diploma in Housing Administration and over 20 years in Financial Administration. I was elected Area Director for ER IIA from 2007–2012 and I was the Minister of Lands and Resources and sat on the Métis Rights Panel. My previous employment was as the Manager of PMHC from 2014-2020 where I developed with PMHC staff the MN–S Emergency Repair Program and the SMEDCO First Time Home Buyers Program.

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I think that we need to empower our Locals that are legitimate. Before I would provide Locals with administrative dollars I would initiate governance reform. I believe that as a Métis Nation we need to modernize our MN–S Constitution.

It is dishonest to pretend we have 121 active Locals when we have a difficult time making quorum at the MNLA. I would put forward to the MNLA the Terms of Reference for a MN–S Governance Commission to research and recommend changes to the MN–S Constitution. Locals that are viable in each region would be provided a per capita formula amount based on 110 million. The funds would be provided through their Regional Council where they would determine the amount of pay for their Regional Director.

I think that in many respects we are over governed. I would reduce the amount of Regions from twelve to eight. Some regions don't have the numbers to justify their designation as a Region.

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I think what the President and the PMC did in December 2020 in increasing their own wages to exorbitant levels is a fraud on the Métis people of Saskatchewan. It means each PMC member received a bonus of \$34,600 and cost you as a Métis citizen at least \$622,800 and probably more. Dollars that could have been used to help people who lost jobs or had hours of work reduced because of COVID.

It defies common sense, but so did the President's actions when he took a COVID test and then went to a PMC meeting; breaking all the COVID protocols and putting hundreds of people at risk. The results were devastating; the hotel had to close down to get sanitized, PMC members had to quarantine in hotel rooms and hotel staff had to be tested.

I would work hard to repeal those wage increases and I would look at taking legal action to recover those funding dollars.

John Robert Lafontaine

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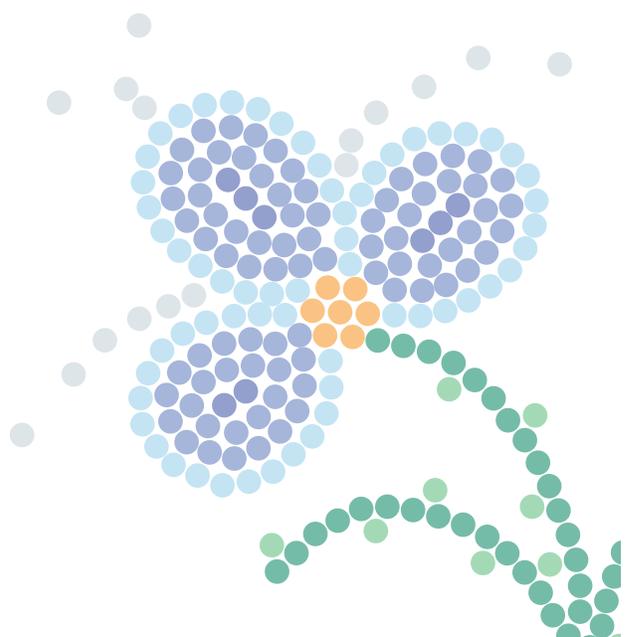
I pledge to you that I will follow the PMC Handbook 2019 and if elected I will publish all salaries and costs for the PMC and the Executive and Senior bureaucrats. It is your money and you deserve to know who you are paying and how much you are paying for salaries, contracts and services and perks. I will certainly let you know who has their hands in your pocket.

I would also publish the list of projects that have been funded, buildings that have been bought or leased, and any capital purchases or contracts that MN-S has entered into on your behalf. I would discontinue the practice of in-camera meetings and I would publish on the website and make available to any Métis citizen the minutes of all PMC meetings and minutes from all MN-S committees.

It will be my job to make sure you know and understand where your money is being spent.

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Treasurer Candidate

I was born and raised in Yorkton Saskatchewan area. It was here that I met my wife Darlene. We have now been together for 45 years. We raised six children, five boys and one girl. We have several grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

I have been involved in the Métis Nation since I was old enough to vote. I have experience working with our affiliates as a Board of Director, were I have dealt with budgets on a regular basis. I have actual work experience following budgets, working and developing proposals, and implementing policies.

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We must engage with our locals and their membership to find out what the needs are. Not all locals are the same therefore each local's needs will be different.

Example:

Some locals are developed and have infrastructure where others don't, so some locals may need a little more assistance from the MN-S. We must continue to utilize all of our affiliates wherever possible in assisting the needs of our grassroots people.

It IS the Locals who are the grassroots people that make up our Nation.

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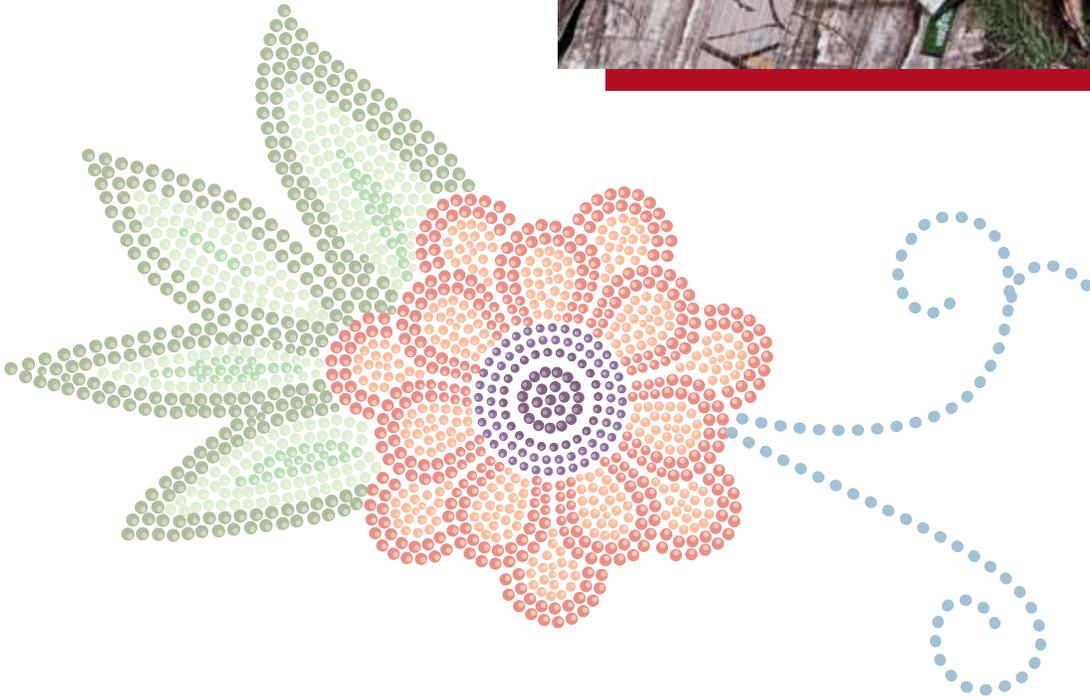
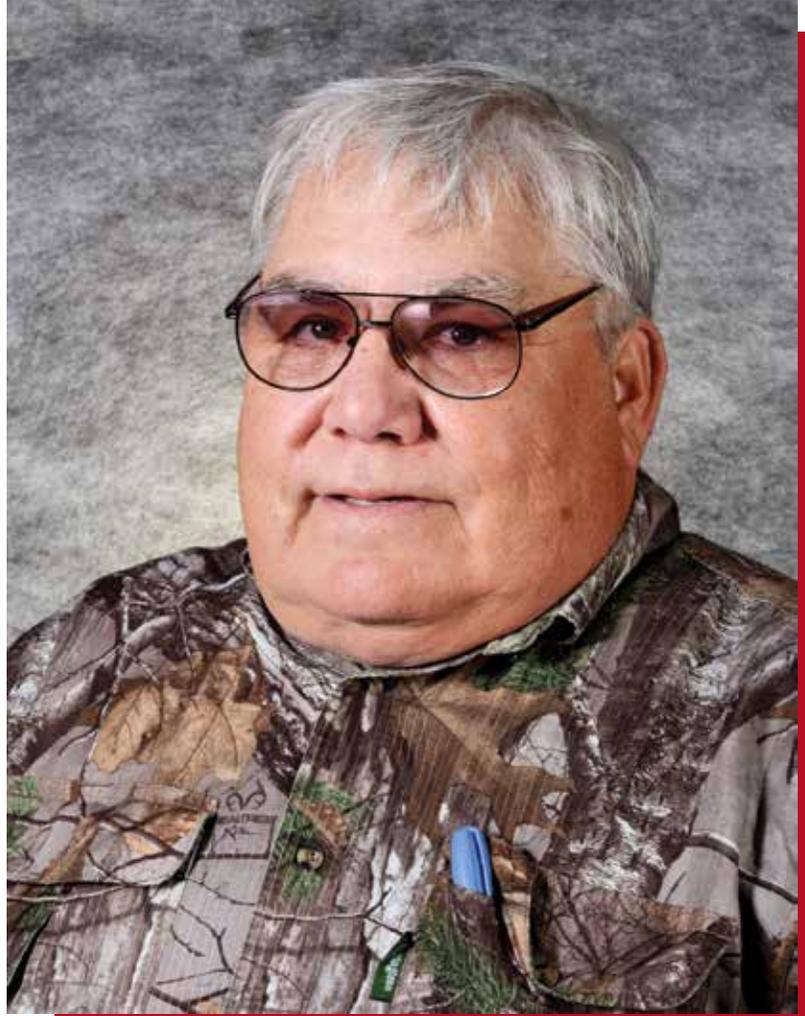
I believe this issue needs to definitely be re-visited. We need to be realistic with wages for all PMC members. One way of doing this is to look at similar structures of governance and compare them.

I believe the wages are way too high and a lot of this money could be funneled down to our Regions and Locals to assist them with programming.

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I strongly believe that all budgets and financials should be an open book to all of our Membership at every level. Financial controls MUST be adopted and followed. We MUST have proper paper trails to be accountable.

Dennis Langan



Vice President Candidate

My name is Darrel Burnouf, and I grew up in the Métis Community of Beauval in Northwest Saskatchewan. I am a fluent Michif Speaker and a member of Sipisihk Métis Local #37. My family and I reside in Saskatoon. I have committed my entire professional career to working with Indigenous peoples, communities, and businesses to assist in developing capacity toward economic development. Since 2008, I have immersed myself in the mining industry and Indigenous relations. I believe my education, skills and experience has prepared me to lead our Nation and the Métis citizens of Saskatchewan as your Vice President.

1. Please describe your vision for the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan including your top three priorities over the next four years.

My vision for the Nation is to become a distinct Indigenous government with self-determination and a land base.

My top priorities will be:

- To keep advancing the recognition of our rights; the right to self-government, the right to land, the right to practice our culture, language, traditions and customs and the right to prosperity in our homeland.
- To empower the people, locals, and regions. I will accomplish this by working within the MN-S to consult with Métis people and determine the best way of restructuring Métis government structures. Our governance system must recognize the unique needs, histories, and potential of Northern, rural, and urban Métis populations. We must develop better facilities, improved operations and modernize program and service delivery, including modern communication systems.
- Develop and implement a post-pandemic strategy that allows our people, communities, and businesses to recover and reintegrate in the changing world in terms of commerce, social/health supports.

2. An important tenet of Métis self-government is preparing and hiring Saskatchewan Métis for work within your government. If elected what steps will you take to ensure that Saskatchewan Métis are given a priority and hired within the MN-S?

The Métis Nation of Saskatchewan must become an employer of choice for Métis professionals. As we expand our government and Métis businesses, we must ensure that there are properly trained and Métis-based individuals ready and willing to work within the organizations. If elected I will work with post-secondary institutions and training institutes to provide training, work experiences and employment opportunities for Métis youth. We will use MN-S opportunities to provide cooperative education placements and work with our affiliates to develop targeted training that leads to direct employment within our Nation. This is not a small measure, but one that is central to the vitality and success of our Nation.

3. MN-S constitutional reform has been a topic of discussion for the past couple of decades, but with little to no movement toward change. If elected, what are your plans with respect to the MN-S Constitution?

This foundational document reflects our history and our aspirations for the future. The Constitution reflects our fundamental principles that govern us; it outlines the roles, powers, and duties of government. However, the Constitution often cannot keep pace with fast changing circumstances. In the past few years, MN-S has been part of major legal victories, secured more Government of Canada funding, and expanded its programs and services. This has shifted our aspirations.

Constitutional discussions can be empowering and unifying. They can also be extremely divisive. Changing a constitution requires the support and participation of the entire Nation. To that end, I commit to meeting with all Métis Locals in

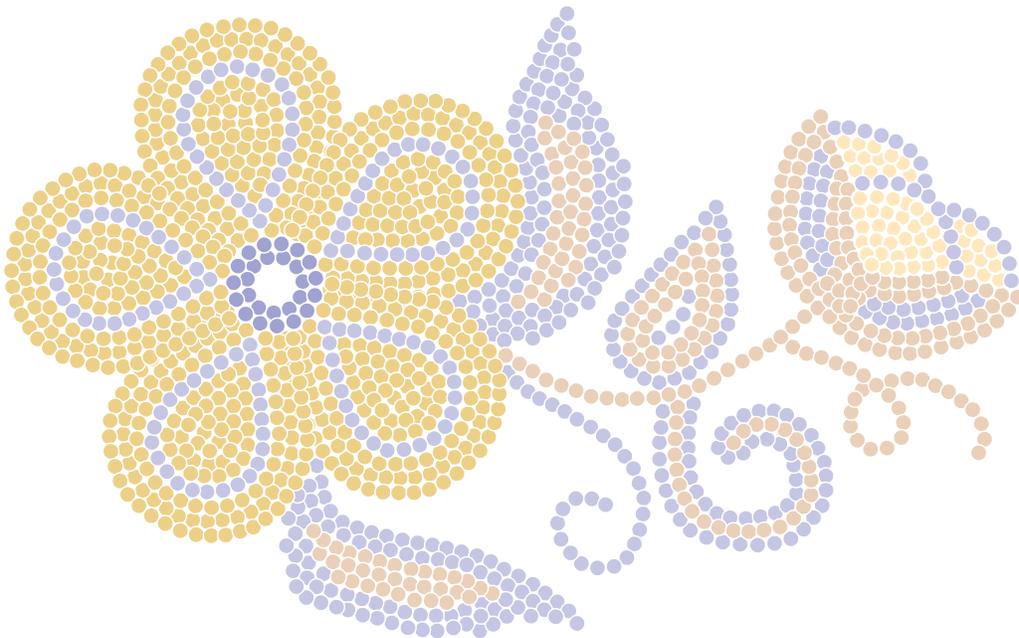
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Saskatchewan within the first two years of my term to discuss constitutional priorities and preferences. I will urge MN-S to hold special meetings with elders and young people to determine their wishes.

Based on this extensive consultation, conducted with the knowledge and support of the President and other members of the PMC, I will present a plan for constitutional renewal before the end of my term. This plan, created by, with and for the Métis people of Saskatchewan, may call for the maintenance or minor revisions of the existing Constitution, or alternatively, it could lay out a revised constitution.

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Vice President Candidate

I was born and raised in Cumberland House, Saskatchewan. My grandparents raised me since I was approximately one month of age as their own child. I went to school in Cumberland and I remember the nuns abusing us throughout those years. I have a unique set of skills I bring to the table. I have 30 years of experience with communications T.V. (APTN) MBC radio and developed a newspaper as well. I was in education with Nortep and taught in several communities in the north Cumberland House, Pine House, and Pelican Narrows. In addition, I worked at FSIN as a policy analyst and assisted in community consultations with First Nations communities.

1. Please describe your vision for the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan including your top three priorities over the next four years.

The reason why I'm running is to get the rights and privileges that we have always had as Métis people, but were denied. Our Aboriginal title is still intact along with our inherent rights. We did not sign Treaty therefore, the land claim we negotiate with Canada we will retain full title, the federal Crown had no business agreeing with the NRTA with Saskatchewan and giving them our resources.

We have historical Métis communities such as Île-a-la Crosse, Cumberland House, Batoche, Laloche, St Laraunt, Willow Bunch and many more. One hundred and thirty years before Saskatchewan became a province many of our Métis communities were established. We have been displaced in our own lands. We need a new framework for our own process and get away from those termination tables, Canada has been promoting with this last regime. We need to properly consult our people with our title and rights and compensation from the Federal Crown (Ottawa).

We need to sit down with our First Nations brother and sisters and sign an MOU to work in collaboration in many areas in this Province. Perhaps, an energy corridor when selecting lands and line up both our lands for the corridor. We may be able to share resources such as human resources. We can manage our hunting lands and assist each other in conservation. This is for future generations so they too can enjoy the inherent rights. We need to develop a better funding formula for our people there are some communities who have large numbers of people who should be getting better and more services. A per cap formula should be developed to even the playing field for all our people. We need to develop our own school boards and promote our language in our schools. There should be equitable funding formula budgeted from Ottawa to build our infrastructure such as; governance, schools health facilities. We need better housing and our elders should be getting all the services they need as an example, transportation to medical appointments, free medication, subsidies for eye glasses, and so on. We need to get out of the non profit act and become a real government. When MN-S meets there should be television monitoring them like the province and Ottawa. I am a team player with a strategic mind and these are the skills I could use to help our nation move forward in the fight against poverty, our greatest battle. I live in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, for the past 30 years.

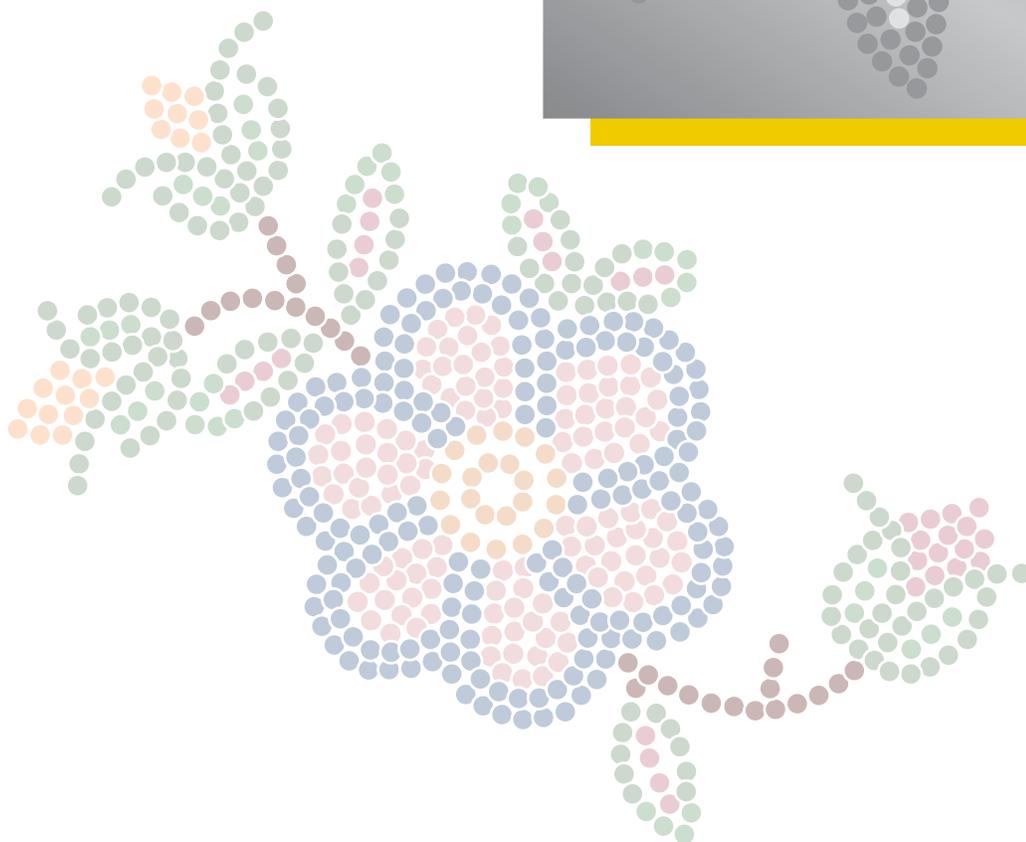
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Vice President Candidate

Beginning in 1993, I was elected to the Sk. Métis Women's Board and shortly after Area Director for Northern Region 1, I have long known the continuing need to work together and not give way to partisan politics. I have seen the attempt to disenfranchise our locals, regions, and individuals and will work to ensure that all our voices are heard.

Holding a law degree I was successful in defending Métis rights in R. v. Belhumeur and have decades of professional experience advocating and fighting for Métis rights as well as social and community development initiatives. Let's make change!

1. Please describe your vision for the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan including your top three priorities over the next four years.

My vision of the Métis Nation is to see it grow and prosper as one Nation. It is not a top-down or centralized approach where all decisions are made out of a Corporate Office. My vision is local and regional development and autonomy which supports community growth and prosperity. Each Métis community is unique and faces its own challenges within its geographic location. I want to create an environment that is inclusive of bringing people together by working in unison to support our rights-bearing communities. This can be accomplished through capacity building with social and economic development that strengthens the local communities and regions. With this in mind, my top three priorities include a Rights-Based agenda, Economic Development, and Good Governance.

2. An important tenet of Métis self-government is preparing and hiring Saskatchewan Métis for work within your government. If elected what steps will you take to ensure that Saskatchewan Métis are given a priority and hired within the MN-S?

The MN-S is only as strong as our people and the people employed must be reflected in our governing structures. There has been new capacity within the MN-S and many of the new positions have been offered to non-Métis people. GDI and DTI have educated and trained thousands of our people and our people must be central to employment with respect to self-government.

The MN-S must make a governmental commitment to Métis people to create and maintain employment for Métis people. We need to conduct an environmental scan that looks at present capacity and future employment opportunities. We must develop a collaborative approach with our communities and work together to improve employment and education strategies so that when there are projects, employment, and procurement opportunities, our people are the first to be employed. For example, the growth of our Nation will include housing, which means construction, administrative, project management, and goods and service procurement. This model showcases the economic drivers that come from our employment and infrastructure development.

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The MN-S constitution should be described as "a mirror reflecting the nation[s] soul" because it recognizes and protects the values of a nation. The MN-S Constitution must reflect our unique identity and cultural diversity which includes language, local and regional diversity. Over the past several years citizens have grappled in the MN-S with Constitutional reform. In 1993, the MN-S adopted

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a Constitution, which was the first one to be adopted in the Homeland. Since that time, it has been “reformed” to such an extent that it is barely recognizable. We need to have meaningful consultation with the community and Knowledge Keepers and Elders, we cannot unilaterally change it which is what the past administration would have liked. We need to have meaningful consultation with our community in our Annual General Meeting, which is being disregarded.

Whether it is Constitutional change or any other issue our communities MUST be consulted.

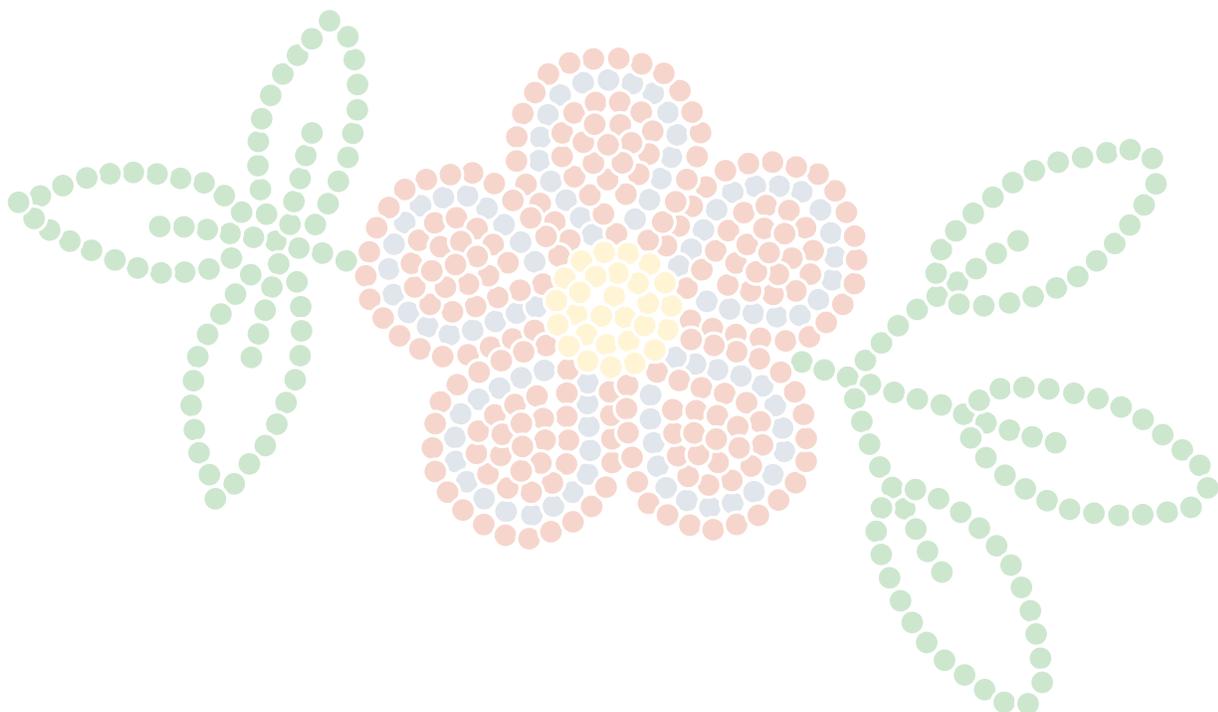
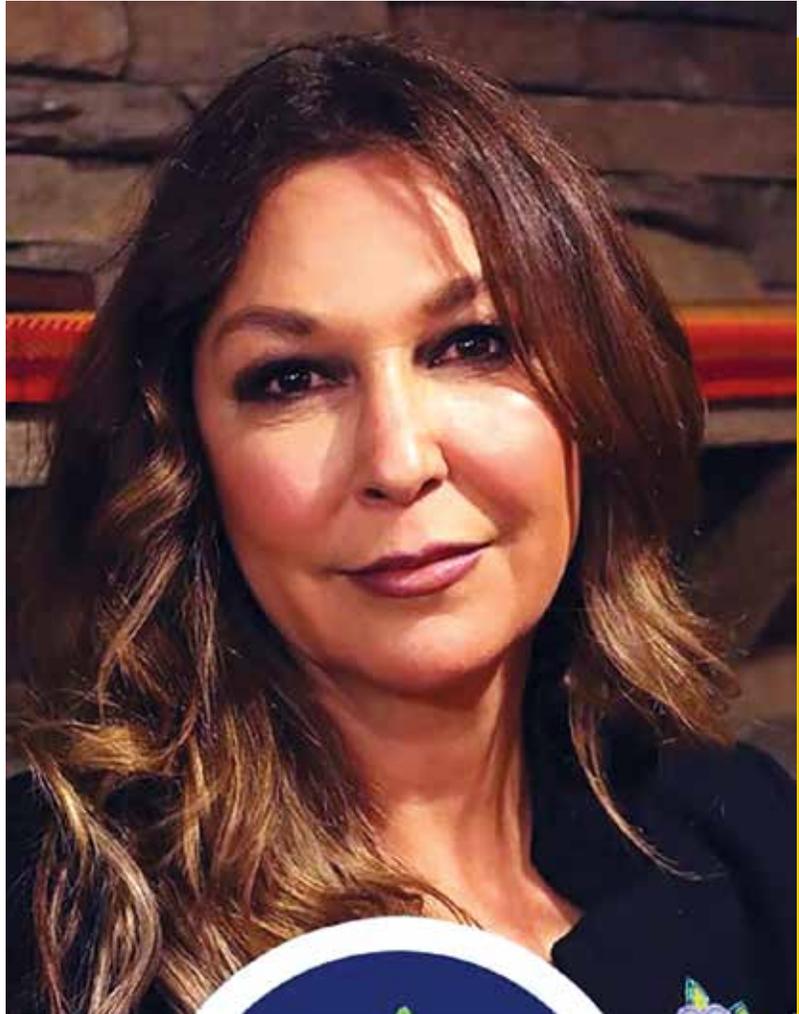
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Vice President Candidate

Tanshi, my name is Dale McAuley and I want to be your Vice President. I was born and raised in the Métis community of Cumberland House. I am a proud husband, father, and grandfather. I speak Cree and have proudly lived our Métis culture all of my life. I served with honour and integrity as area director for ERI, Mayor of Cumberland House, trustee for Northern Lights SD #113, and former chair of the Gabriel Dumont Institute. I helped establish the Cumberland Bridge and take pride in the role that I played to help build and stabilize GDI.

1. Please describe your vision for the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan including your top three priorities over the next four years.

My vision for our Métis Nation is a strong vibrant Nation that all of our citizens can be proud of. For me the top three priorities I will work on if given the opportunity to lead will be:

- Registering Métis people. Our citizenship registry has only 15,000 registered out of a provincial population of 60,000 to 80,000. I will work with Métis people to understand and remove the barriers that have been keeping them from registering for their Métis citizenship. I will also work to remove statements signing away section 35 rights currently found on registry applications.
- My second priority is strengthening Métis governance. We need to improve the communication and participation of Métis communities in our decisions. I will listen to grassroots citizens and take my direction from the people.
- My third priority is dealing with outstanding land claims, which includes southern Métis. I will strive to hold a special MNLA to debate and seek full consent from our people.

2. An important tenet of Métis self-government is preparing and hiring Saskatchewan Métis for work within your government. If elected what steps will you take to ensure that Saskatchewan Métis are given a priority and hired within the MN–S?

It breaks my heart when I see all of the outsiders being given employment in our government when so many of our people are unemployed and willing to work. How do we classify ourselves as having self-government when people with ties to the federal government pull the strings for Saskatchewan Métis?

Saskatchewan Métis have the strongest affiliates in Canada. I will work with GDI to train and employ our own Métis citizens for jobs within our government. I will work to help Métis people working for the MN–S to increase their education and skills so they can seek promotion and advance their careers in our Nation. Education and training will be the foundation for our future. I will work alongside and support the GDI board and its senior management to ensure we have great opportunities for Métis students to succeed and start careers. I will work to get educational and employment opportunities into each of the 12 regions of the province.

3. MN–S constitutional reform has been a topic of discussion for the past couple of decades, but with little to no movement toward change. If elected, what are your plans with respect to the MN–S Constitution?

One of my three priorities will be to strengthen Métis governance. To do this we will need to consider constitutional reform. I will consult grassroots Métis for their direction and I will take this direction to the MNLA to seek consensus and approval. In the past the Nation has made many attempts at constitutional reform. These have failed because Métis people were not properly engaged and there has been an inability to see the process through to our MNLA. Proposed reforms are perpetually tabled or put on hold for one

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reason or another. It has been the same people doing the same thing for many years and this has not resulted in any changes for Métis people. We need to take this process seriously and ensure that we create a strong foundation for our Nation and governance processes. A strong constitution made by the people for the people will help us advance our Nation in a good way.

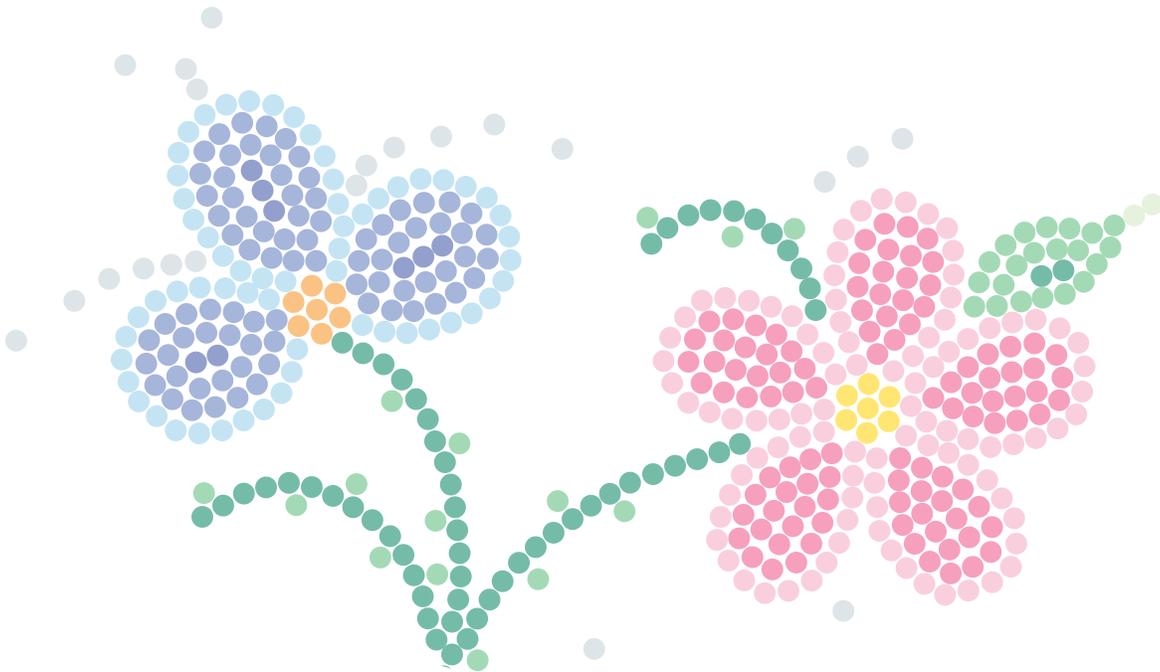
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Vice President Candidate

Gerald Morin was raised in the Métis community of Green Lake, he has three daughters and five grandchildren. Gerald attended Law School at the University of Saskatchewan and was president of the Native Law Students Association of Canada. Having received his LLB, he was called to the Saskatchewan Bar in 1988. In 1989, after articling for a year, Morin entered politics and was elected MN-S provincial secretary in 1989 where he began his career with the Métis Nation. Gerald is a seasoned negotiator and is the right person to have at the table to negotiate with the Government of Canada.

1. Please describe your vision for the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan including your top three priorities over the next four years.

Self-Government: In the past four years we have made much progress. We have leveled the playing field and negotiated on a Government-to-Government basis. The first ever Métis Self-Government Agreements in the history of Canada. These agreements are based on the recognition of our inherent right to self-government. Moving forward, we must build upon existing momentum, continue to work on constitutional reform and remove ourselves from colonialist entanglements of the non-profit corporation world-embodied in provincial legislation such as the Métis Act of Saskatchewan.

Land Claims and Rights: We must continue to advocate for Métis Land Claims and prioritize the Rights agenda! Residents of the North will tell you we are blessed with a wealth of Natural resources, that has contributed to the wealth of this country, yet too many Métis are struggling. With a Métis Land we would not need to go knocking on the door of other governments seeking handouts from wealth that they have generated off of our lands. Harvesting rights for Métis in Saskatchewan is also a priority, we need to vigorously pursue negotiations

with Saskatchewan to conclude a province-wide harvesting Agreement.

Constitutional Reform: We must also work to cultivate positive and strengthened relationships based on the notion that everyone has a role to play in Nation building: regionally, locally and provincially, this includes women, youth and elders.

2. An important tenet of Métis self-government is preparing and hiring Saskatchewan Métis for work within your government. If elected what steps will you take to ensure that Saskatchewan Métis are given a priority and hired within the MN-S?

The overarching vision of the MN-S is to support Métis self-determination of the Métis Nation. As a government we must continue to prioritize the hiring of qualified Métis people based on knowledge and cultural competencies including awareness of the Métis peoples and communities. If elected I would promote a cultural recruitment and retention strategy to prioritize the employment of Saskatchewan Métis within the Métis Nation. This will provide community assurance that hiring of our staff is based upon cultural considerations and is representative of the Métis Community.

3. MN-S constitutional reform has been a topic of discussion for the past couple of decades, but with little to no movement toward change. If elected, what are your plans with respect to the MN-S Constitution?

Yes, the Constitution has seen little change since its enactment in 1993. It is important to remember that Constitutions of Governments are intended to be of an enduring nature! Canada's Constitution was enacted in 1867 and did not substantially change until 1982. Constitutional reform can take decades because the Constitution of a government is different from the Constitution of a non-profit corporation.

Gerald Morin

Is change needed and desired. Absolutely! In the past term the MN-S has engaged with the citizens in various forums to speak to constitutional change - and ultimately it is the people who will decide!

I continue to believe, all things being equal and fair, that the local and regional governance model is essential to advancing our rights and interests as Métis people! The heart of our Nation rests with all our citizens - and their voices must be heard!

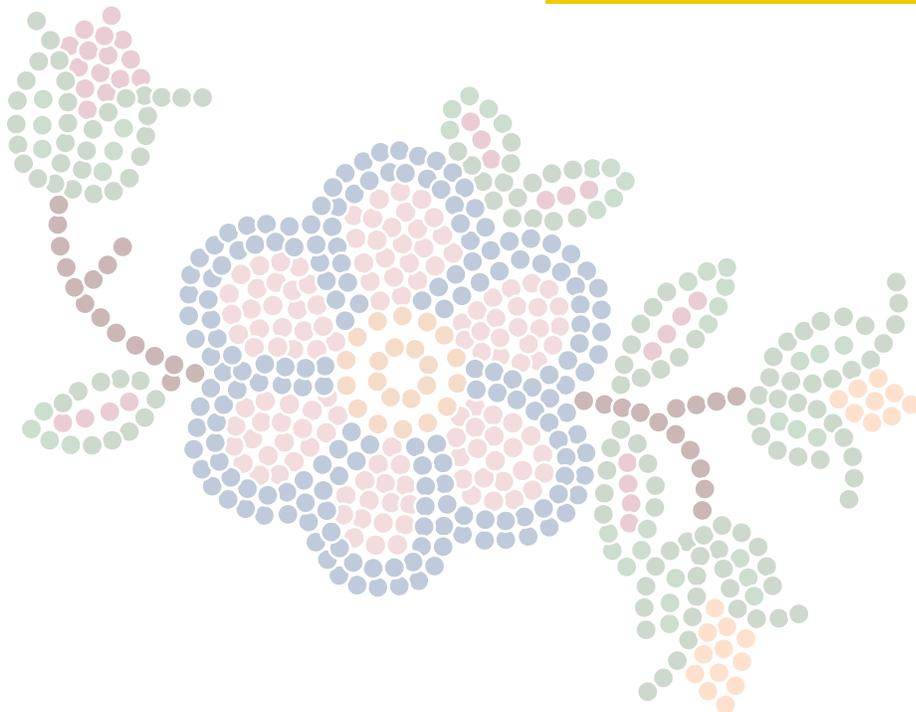
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President Candidate

I am a lawyer, writer, lecturer, and activist and have served in numerous Indigenous peoples' organizations provincially, nationally and internationally. I am a seasoned political figure and recipient of a Queen's Counsel distinction for my work in law. I have pushed the Métis Nation's rights agenda at various levels of Canada's judicial system and continue to provide counsel in on-going Métis rights cases. I have played an instrumental role in gaining programs and services for our people as evidenced by the over 3 billion dollars secured over the past three federal budgets.

1. Please describe your vision for the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan including your top three priorities over the next four years.

My goal is to restore democracy, accountability, respect and inclusiveness to the MN-S government based on our inherent right of self-government and the sacrifices made by those who came before us. I plan to restore the right of all Métis citizens to participate in our government and to receive program and service benefits, as well as the right of all MN-S Locals to participate in our governance institutions. I plan to establish a Land Commission which will consult throughout the province to determine what form of land claims settlement our citizens wish to see. I plan to work on social justice issues, including the residential school system, the 60s Scoop, the suicide crisis, the lack of services for person with disabilities and the denial of federal government health services to our citizens, especially our children, seniors and Elders.

2. In the 1980s Métis leaders established affiliates to provide programs and services to its citizens. In the last few years, the MN-S has reduced the number of affiliates from six to three. The MN-S has severed ties with Métis Family and Community Justice Services (MFCJS), Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF), and Provincial Métis Housing Corporation (PMHC).

Please provide your vision for the remaining three Métis affiliates: Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI), SaskMétis Economic Development Corp (SMEDCO), and Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan (MACSI).

I am a strong believer in decentralization. This is something I learned from leaders like Jim Sinclair, Jim Durocher and Nap Lafontaine in the 1970s and 80s which guided us over the years to establish the Affiliates the way they are now structured. This includes community-based autonomous Boards provided for under the 1993 Constitution. Our Constitution ensures that the Affiliates are accountable to our citizens through our governance system. This has worked and worked well! So why change it now?

With the existing three Affiliates, I will work hard to ensure that they continue to operate and provide services to our people as they have and continue to do. I will work hard to ensure that any future Métis government builds on the strength and dedication of our people and Locals and ensure that they continue to be strengthened and more involved and reverse the current trend of centralizing both governance and our institutions.

3. In 2002 the Métis definition was adopted by all members of the Métis National Council (MNC) general assembly for use throughout the Homeland. The Métis Nation Ontario has since expanded this definition to include others of "mixed ancestry." What impact will the recent formation of organizations like the tri-council, a political triumvirate of the MN-S, MNA, and MNO, have on the future of the MNC and national governance for the Métis, including the national definition?

The 2002 Métis definition went through several years of consultation before it was adopted. It reflects who we are as a people and nation, as well as our homeland. Over the past decade it has become absolutely clear that the MNO, while

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initially saying they were abiding by the 2002 definition have now clearly indicated that they are using the term Métis to cover anyone of mixed-ancestry who does not meet the 2002 definition.

The creation of the Tri-Council to ensure the political support of the MNO and secure their vote at MNC Board of Governors' meetings is unacceptable. Unless there is a change in the MN-S leadership, the MNO will be brought back into the MNC, which as a national representative body, can no longer say that it represents the Métis Nation.

The May 29th election is important for what is currently happening in Saskatchewan, but it is also important for the future existence of the MNC.

For more detail on these questions please refer to "For the People" a four (4) year action plan to be carried out by a Métis Nationalist Movement Saskatchewan-led government.



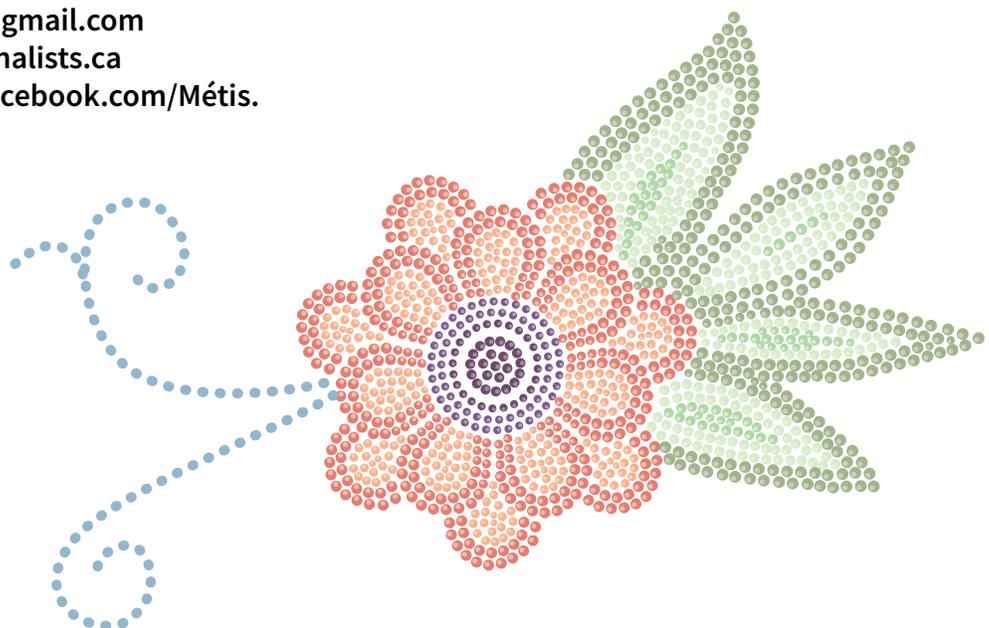
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President Candidate

Karen LaRocque is a daughter, sister, mother, auntie, friend, advocate, and strong proud Métis woman. Born in Lebret, Saskatchewan, she is the eldest daughter of Clifford and Rita LaRocque (nee Pelletier) and the single parent of Joshua, Jocelyn, and Randi.

Karen does all she does not for accolades because she believes she is here to serve. She managed Regina Métis Sports & Culture Inc. for almost 20 years. Karen was Regional Director MN-S WRIII from 2007 to 2012. She coordinated Back to Batoche 2016 and has been a member of AMNSIS, MSS and MN-S since she was 16.

1. Please describe your vision for the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan including your top three priorities over the next four years.

My vision is to give our Métis Nation-Saskatchewan back to the people. I will strive to build on the work that has been done by constructing a representative Métis political institution. The political construct must start at the grassroots rights bearing Métis communities, our locals, which are the foundation of the MN-S. These are our “homes”, we must invest resources to build the capacity of our locals while building a nation, addressing community issues and priorities.

Priorities: Métis Rights –exercise our inherent democratic rights and freedoms at the grassroots by upholding free and informed consent. Negotiate with both levels of government - STOP litigating and demand control of our rights. Accountability Systems-Internal control processes and legislation that regulates locals, regions, provincial and national to include dispute mechanisms and develop lawmaking protocols, procedures and reform required to govern effectively. Securing our identity and culture-addressing registry issues, elders, Veterans, language, Métis education and LGBTQ2S+.

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Children and youth are our greatest gift and are facing many challenges accordingly, CFS will be our number one priority. My vision for GDI is to build on the trust relationship and address student training resource amounts, retraining women returning to the workforce, Métis curriculum and ultimately a Métis school. MACSI must investigate research opportunities focusing on effective and efficient methods of addressing addictions. We should undertake annual reviews to ensure our affiliates are relevant in our communities and to our Métis people and negotiate additional resources. Times are changing as are our issues, so we must ensure our affiliates are meeting our needs.

I would recommend feasibility assessments of those affiliates that the MN-S has severed ties with and if warranted negotiate a renewed and invigorated relationship. As for SMEDCO, if the affiliate is on the verge of bankruptcy negotiate CCDF absorbing SMEDCO or dismantle the affiliate.

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The MN-S has a Constitution and our constitution and legislation do not reference the tri-council. The tri-council was formed without any input from or consultation with the Métis people of Saskatchewan. The Constitution specifies the members have supreme authority, I could not in good conscious continue that relationship without their free and informed consent. The effects these organizations would have on our national definition, I would have to assume none. The tri-council is an ad-hoc council that has not fulfilled the requirements for recognition via the MN-S Constitution or legislation and has no bearing on the MN-S.

We have witnessed membership be a basis of division within the Métis in our province when the AMNSIS split occurred. It set a precedent respecting the process for amending Indigenous nations' membership. In the case of AMNSIS a province-wide referendum was the resolve. If the tri-council is attempting to implement a change in the national definition it must cause a national referendum to not infringe on the meaningful exercise of the democratic rights and freedoms of the Métis in Canada.



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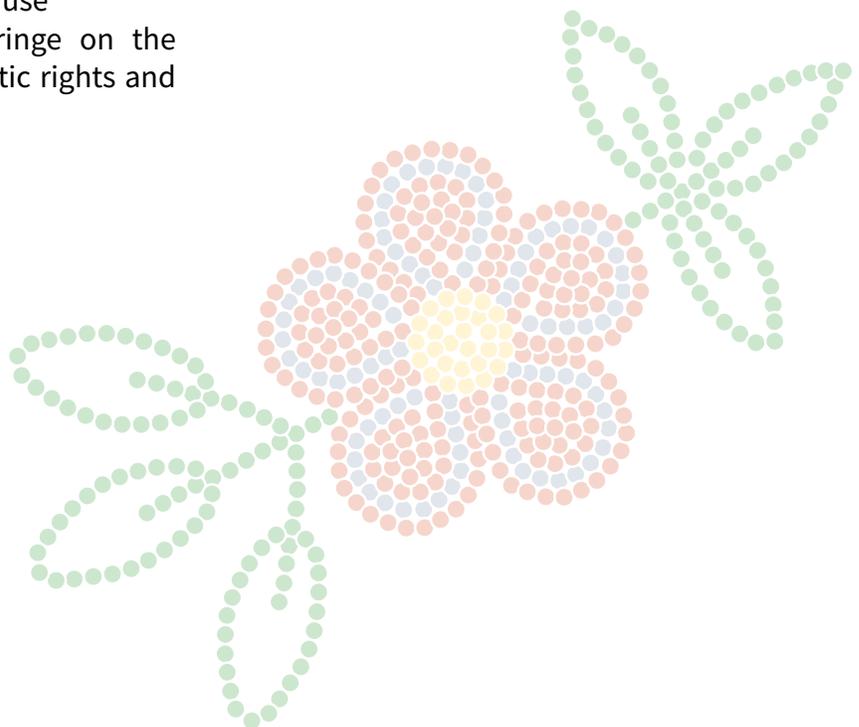
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President Candidate

My name is Mary Ann Morin (LaLiberte). The experience I have gained in the past four years as Treasurer, Métis Nation—Saskatchewan is invaluable. Working experience includes Director, Finance Manager, and 15 years Board experience. I am Vice President AFOA Saskatchewan and deliver Introductory Accounting in AFOA Canada. The knowledge gained working with many organizations include First Nations, SaskPolytech, Weyerhaeuser and Indigenous Northern Affairs Canada in administration will enhance my role of leadership as President Métis Nation Saskatchewan. I was raised in the third-oldest Métis community Green Lake and in the culture of my ancestors and believe in the rights, freedoms and independence of the Métis.

1. Please describe your vision for the Métis Nation—Saskatchewan including your top three priorities over the next four years.

My vision is your vision.

“We are many little streams, always moving in many directions. The job of any leader is to get all our little streams to move together in one direction, to create one roaring river; that can no longer be ignored! This is the vision, and in this vision we seek clarity, with clarity appears the decisions to be made!” For all to succeed, we have to invest in the rebuilding of family connections, sense of belonging and most importantly that understanding that we live under the law of Wahkootowin, we look after each other as relatives. This is very similar to the concept of social well-being, health, education and then economic prosperity to build healthy lives.

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My vision goes beyond the three remaining affiliates, we need to strengthen these three affiliates. We also need to review affiliates that went to the curb and re-establish to revitalize them where possible. My vision includes creating additional affiliates as the need arises and identified to better serve all Métis people.

The strength, courage and wisdom of past leaders led us to the establishment of affiliates based on past knowledge of history. Each of the affiliates have shown their commitment to Métis Nation Saskatchewan citizens and persevered through many challenges to continue to provide quality services to the people and communities. This is enhanced if leaders recognize the distinction between roles and responsibilities of governance and administration.

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This question makes assumptions that are not based on reality. Firstly, the current members of the Métis National Council and their weighted votes are as follows:

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British Columbia	5 Votes
Alberta	15 Votes
Saskatchewan	15 Votes
Manitoba	15 Votes
Ontario	5 Votes

For a total of 55 votes. The Métis Nation Council President does not have a vote. Secondly, there is no such thing as a tri-council, only provinces that push forward, in spite of the paralysis of the Métis Nation Council.

Thirdly, I am seeking the office of President of Métis Nation Saskatchewan and what other provinces do in their respective governments is up to them and they will answer to their respective voters. I will answer to the Métis People of Saskatchewan. You will note in Métis Nation Saskatchewan Constitution, the citizenship requirements is met by the community Local President signing the paperwork after the criteria is confirmed. This paperwork is sent to the registration office for registration. I would like to mention the issue of “60s Scoop,” and the lack of registration of citizens which has should allow the local President’s to use oral history to maintain the Métis Local membership.

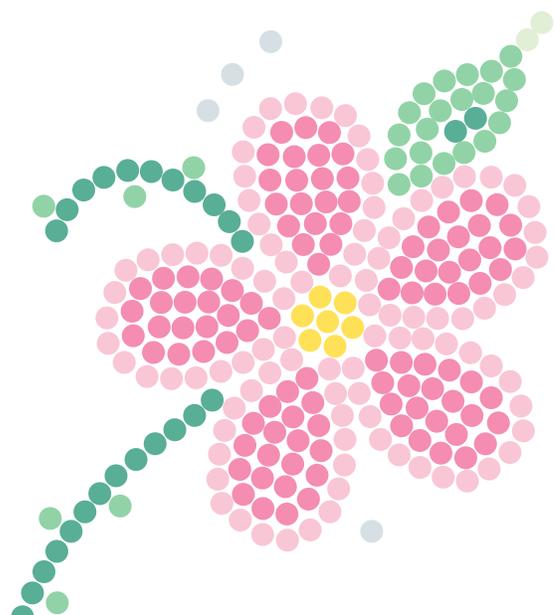
Finally, it seems the writer of these questions is crossing the line from being a service delivery affiliate to “dipping their toes” in the Politics of M.N.S., that is a road down to hell paved with good intentions.

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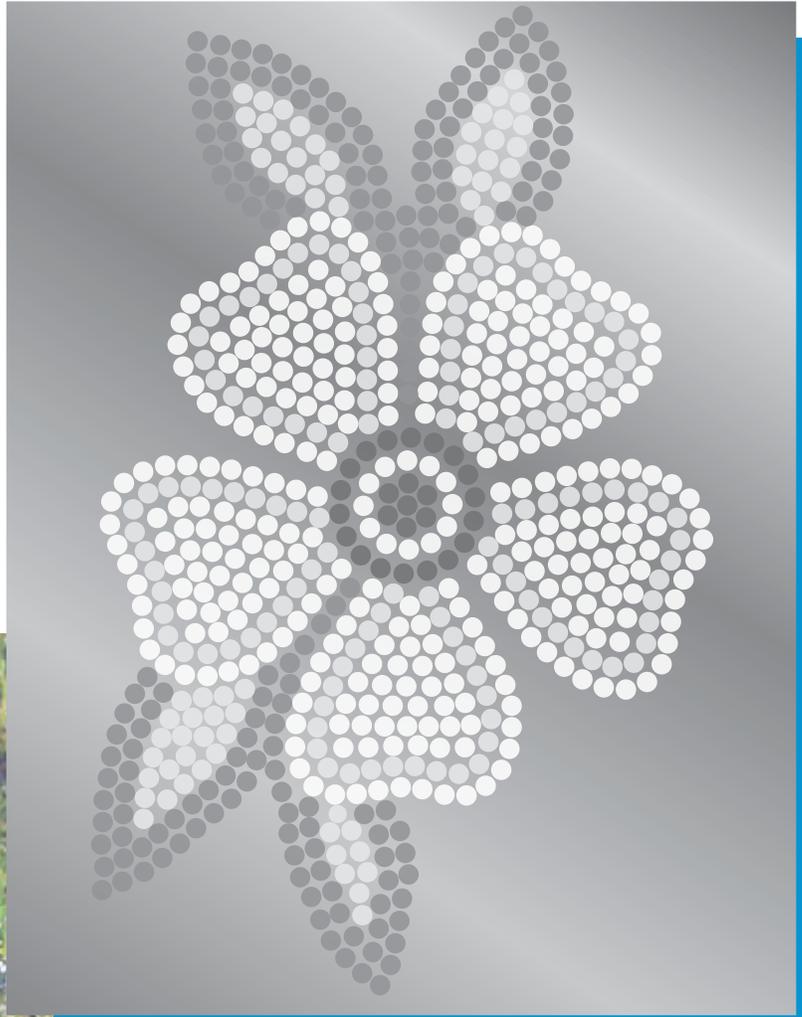
The New Nation magazine reached out to presidential candidate Glen McCallum on multiple occasions at all known email addresses and cellphone numbers, including reaching out to a close family member in an effort to determine the best method for contacting the candidate.

All messages and invitations to participate in this special election issue were unanswered.

As a result, no submission is available from this candidate at time of publishing.



Glen Hector McCallum



Voting Locations & Times*

*All information on voting locations and times is taken from the Métis Election for Saskatchewan 2021 website and is subject to change. Please check the website for the most up-to-date information. <https://mnselection.ca/>

Unless otherwise noted in the voting location's information below, voting dates and hours are as follows:

Voting at the Regional Returning Office is from May 14th to May 21st (Closed May 16) from 10:00am to 6:00pm

Voting at Advance Polls is on May 22nd from 12:00pm to 8:00pm

Voting at Mobile Polls is on May 22nd during the hours listed below

Voting on Election Day - May 29th is from 9:00am to 8:00pm

Region	Poll Type	Mobile Hours	Location	Address
NR1	Regional Returning Office		LaRonge	408-412 LaRonge Ave
	Advance Poll		LaRonge	408-412 LaRonge Ave
	Mobile Poll	1:00pm to 5:00pm	Weyakwin	Mochikun Hall
	Mobile Poll	1:00pm to 4:00pm	Uranium City	Ben McIntyre School
	Mobile Poll	1:00pm to 4:00pm	Stoney Rapids	Stoney Rapids School
	Election Day		LaRonge	408-412 LaRonge Ave

Region	Poll Type	Mobile Hours	Location	Address
NR2	Regional Returning Office		Buffalo Narrows	1204 Buffalo Street
	Advance Poll		Buffalo Narrows	Buffalo Narrows Friendship Centre - 500 Buffalo St.
	Advance Poll		LaLoche	Community Hall - Montgrand St.
	Mobile Poll	1:00pm to 4:00pm	Turnor Lake	Community Food Centre
	Election Day		Buffalo Narrows	Buffalo Narrows Friendship Centre - 500 Buffalo St.
	Election Day		LaLoche	Community Hall - Montgrand St.

Region	Poll Type	Mobile Hours	Location	Address
NR3	Regional Returning Office		Beauval	CIPI Boardroom
	Advance Poll		Beauval	BDI - 308 Lavoie Street
	Advance Poll		Green Lake	Green Lake Community Hall - 315 North Street
	Advance Poll		Ile-a-La Cross	Sakitawak Events Centre
	Advance Poll		Pinehouse	Pinehouse Arena - L1 Hilltop Ave.
	Mobile Poll	12:00pm to 3:00pm	Jans Bay	Northern Hamlet of Jans Bay, Board Room - Corrigan Street
	Mobile Poll	4:30pm to 7:30pm	Cole Bay	Cole Bay Community Hall, Colebay, SK.
	Election Day		Beauval	BDI - 308 Lavoie Street
	Election Day		Green Lake	Community Hall - 315 North Street
	Election Day		Ile-a-La Cross	Sakitawak Events Centre
	Election Day		Pinehouse	Pinehouse Arena - L1 Hilltop Ave.

Region	Poll Type	Mobile Hours	Location	Address
ER1	Regional Returning Office		Denare Beach	1700 Wigwam Drive
	Advance Poll		Cumberland House	Vetran's Memorial Hall
	Election Day		Cumberland House	Vetran's Memorial Hall
	Election Day		Creighton	North Sask Seniors - 401 Main Street

Region	Poll Type	Mobile Hours	Location	Address
ER2	Regional Returning Office		Nipawin	210-2nd Ave. E.
	Advance Poll		Hudson Bay	St. Patrick's Anglican Church - 218 Churchill St.
	Advance Poll		Wadena	Community Legion Hall - 254 Main Street North
	Advance Poll		Tisdale	Tisdale Alliance Church 1321 96th St. Tisdale, SK
	Mobile Poll	12:00pm to 5:00pm	Norquay	NICE Hall - #12 Railway Ave. West
	Election Day		Porcupine Plaine	Sunset Club - 207 McAllister Ave.
	Election Day		Melfort	Melfort Legion - 101 McLeod Ave. East
	Election Day		Nipawin	Nipawin Fish & Game League (by Regional Park) - #10 Gordon Street

Region	Poll Type	Mobile Hours	Location	Address
ER2A	Regional Returning Office		Yorkton	38 Smith St.
	Advance Poll		Yorkton	Yorkton Public Library North (Back Entrance) - 93 Broadway St. West
	Mobile Poll	12:00pm to 5:00pm	Melville	Melville Community Works Building - 800 Prince Edward St.
	Mobile Poll	12:00pm to 5:00pm	Esterhazy	Town Office Council Chambers - 600 Summer St.
	Election Day		Yorkton	Yorkton Public Library North (Back Entrance) - 93 Broadway St. West
	Election Day		Langenburg	Langenburg Community Centre - 101 Carl Ave. West

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ER3	Regional Returning Office		Indian Head	430 Grande Ave.
	Advance Poll		Estevan	South East College - 532 Bourquin Rd.
	Advance Poll		Weyburn	South East College - 633 King St.
	Advance Poll		Carlyle	Carlyle Legion 319 - 5th St. West
	Advance Poll		Moosomin	Moosomin Armoury - 709 Mark Ave.
	Advance Poll		Lestock	Lestock Community Hall - 322 Touchwood Hills Ave.
	Election Day		Indian Head	Indian Head Heritage Club, 505 Otterloo St. Indian Head
	Election Day		Lebrett	Village of Lebret Senior Room - 12 Place D'Eglise
	Election Day		Weyburn	South East College - 633 King St.
	Election Day		Estevan	South East College - 532 Bourquin Rd.
	Election Day		Moosomin	Moosomin Armoury - 709 Mark Ave.

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WR1	Regional Returning Office		Meadow Lake	307 Centre St.
	Advance Poll		Meadow Lake	Senior Citizens Activity Centre - 406-5th Ave West
	Advance Poll		Leoville	Senior Centre - Main St.
	Advance Poll		North Battleford	Frontier Mall (Old Dollarama) - 11426 Railway Ave. East (to help accommodate residents of Cochin)
	Mobile Poll	12:00pm to 5:00pm	Loon Lake	Loon Lake Seniors - 502 Railway Ave.
	Mobile Poll	12:00pm to 5:00pm	Dorintosh	Dorintosh Hall - 101-2nd Ave SW.
	Mobile Poll	12:00pm to 5:00pm	Pierceland	Josie Britton Centre, 198 First Ave. S. Pierceland, SK.
	Election Day		Meadow Lake	Senior Citizens Activity Centre - 406-5th Ave West
	Election Day		Turtleford	Good Shepherd United-Anglican Church - 235 Main St.

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WR1A	Regional Returning Office		North Battleford	Frontier Mall - 11426 Railway Ave. East
	Advance Poll		North Battleford	Frontier Mall (Old Dollarama) - 11426 Railway Ave. East
	Advance Poll		Lloydminster	Lloydminster Royal Candian Legion 4505 - 49th Ave.
	Advance Poll		Unity	New Horizon Senior Center - 420 Main St.
	Mobile Poll	12:00pm to 5	Frechman Butte	Frenchman Butte Seniors - Main Street
	Mobile Poll	12:00pm to 5	Maidstone	Maidstone United Church - Corner of 1st Ave. East and 2nd St.
	Election Day		North Battleford	Frontier Mall (Old Dollarama) - 11426 Railway Ave. East
	Election Day		Lloydminster	Lloydminster Royal Candian Legion 4505 - 49th Ave.

Region	Poll Type	Mobile Hours	Location	Address
WR2	Regional Returning Office		Prince Albert	Bay 5 - 1499 10th Ave. East
	Advance Poll		Prince Albert	Prince Albert Exhibition Centre (Board Room) - 815 Exhibition Drive
	Advance Poll		Big River	Big River Community Centre - 606 1st. St. North
	Advance Poll		St. Louis	St. Louis Community Hall - 179 3rd St.
	Advance Poll		Duck Lake	** location TBD **
	Advance Poll		Shellbrook	Shellbrook Legion 102 - 2nd Ave. East
	Election Day		Prince Albert	Prince Albert Exhibition Centre (Board Room) - 815 Exhibition Drive
	Election Day		Birch Hills	Birch Hills Legion 114 - Bellamy
	Election Day		Duck Lake	** location TBD **
	Election Day		St. Louis	St. Louis Community Hall - 179 3rd St.

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WR2A	Regional Returning Office		Saskatoon	61-300 Confederation Drive
	Advance Poll		Saskatoon West	Confed Shopping Centre Unit 42 - 300 Confederation Mall
	Advance Poll		Saskatoon East	Market Mall - 32-2325 Preston Ave.
	Advance Poll		Martensville	Heritage Centre - 416 6th Ave. South.
	Advance Poll		Warman	Brian King Centre - 202-8th Ave. North
	Mobile Poll	12:00pm to 5	Watrous	Watrous Civic Centre (Heritage Room) - 404 Main St.
	Mobile Poll	12:00pm to 5	Kindersley	Canalta Hotel, 1302 15St. West. Kindersley, SK.
	Mobile Poll	12:00pm to 5	Bigger	Westwinds Motor Hotel - 126 Main St.
	Election Day		Saskatoon West	Confed Shopping Centre Unit 42 - 300 Confederation Mall
	Election Day		Saskatoon East	Market Mall - 32-2325 Preston Ave.
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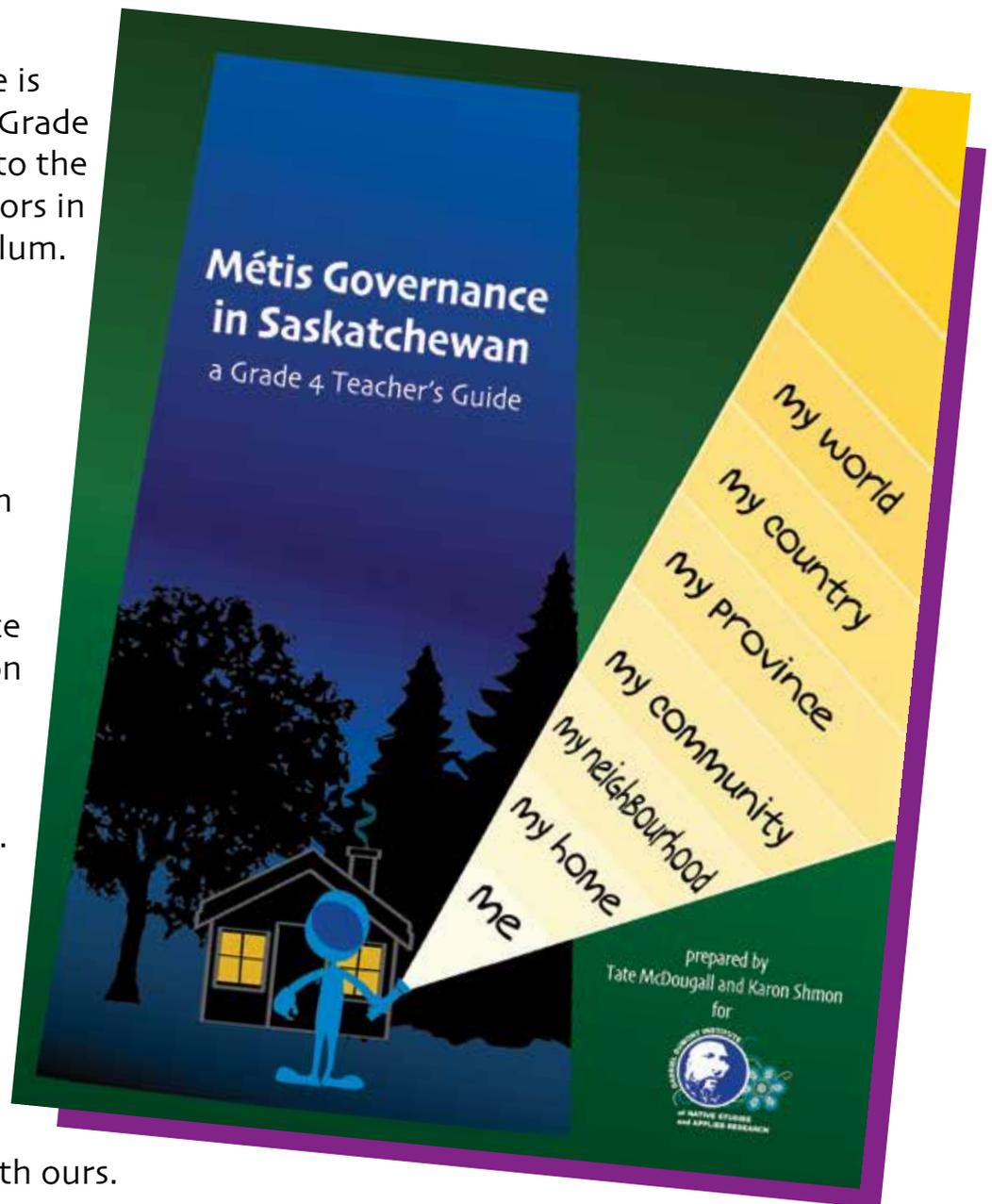
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WR3	Regional Returning Office		Regina	2745 Elphinstone St.
	Advance Poll		Regina	Victoria Square Shopping Centre - 26-2223 Victoria Ave. East
	Advance Poll		Regina	Northgate Mall, Unit 46 - 489 Albert St. North
	Advance Poll		Moose Jaw	Heritage Inn
	Mobile Poll	12:00pm to 8pm	Swift Current	Lt. Colonel Clifton Centre - 350-6th Ave NE
	Mobile Poll	12:00pm to 5	Maple Creek	Maple Creek Elks Hall - 521 5th Ave.
	Mobile Poll	12:00pm to 5	Assiniboia	Prince of Wales Cultural Recreation Centre - 201 3rd Ave. West
	Election Day		Regina	Victoria Square Shopping Centre - 26-2223 Victoria Ave. East
	Election Day		Regina	Northgate Mall, Unit 46 - 489 Albert St. North
	Election Day		Moose Jaw	Heritage Inn

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∞ Jim Brady ∞