

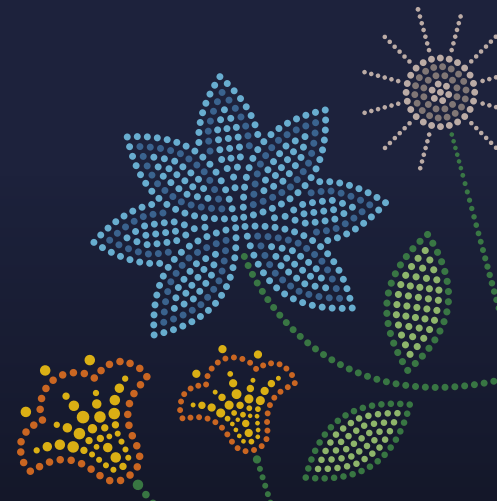
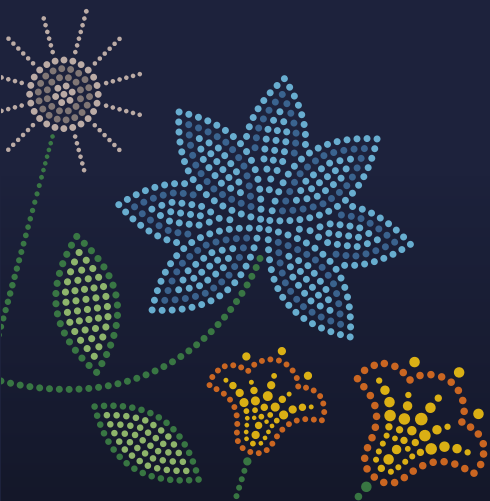


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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Welcome to the Spring 2018 Metis Nation Legislative Assembly. It is a historic time to be a part of the Metis Nation. As many of you know, I am on a Government to Government interchange from the Department of Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs within the Federal Government, as your Interim Chief Executive Officer. (CEO) I have been a public servant for 15 years and I can honestly say that this time that I have spent as a public servant to the Metis Nation - Saskatchewan has been the highlight of my career.

In November 2017, your Provincial Metis Council established a transition team to assist the council in the hiring of senior staff and to build the foundational systems and processes of your government. I would like to take the opportunity to recognize the leadership, professionalism and dedication of Dale LeClair and Carrie Liu (MNC), Geordy McCaffrey (GDI), Michael Campbell and Evan Shoforost (EY) and Louise Simard. As time goes on we will all transition out as the Secretariat rebuilds.

In a short timeframe, long term sustainable funding has been negotiated; operating policy and procedures have been developed and implemented; Standing Committees for Registry, Human Resources, Urban Indigenous Peoples Programs have been established; a governance training workshop has been delivered to the local Presidents, the Metis Women and Youth; Section 35 workshops have commenced in the North and are being planned for the Central and South of the province; and two Nation wide recruitment processes were undertaken for CEO and CFO, resulting in the hiring of a new CFO.

The Metis Nation-Saskatchewan has a mandate to pursue Metis social, cultural, civil, political and legal rights, to pursue self-determination and implement self-government. In order to deliver strong governance, build capacity and to be accountable and transparent to you, the Metis people; the following five priorities have been set within the 2018-19 work plan passed at the March 2, 2018 meeting of the Provincial Metis Council.

1. GOVERNANCE:

GOAL: Fully functioning MNS starting at the head office and moving into the regions and locals.

DELIVERABLES:

- Standing committees appointed
- Executive political staff hired
- CEO hired
- CFO hired
- Finances housed at MNS and fully functioning and accountable finance department with protocols and procedures for authorizing purchasing and meeting and other expenditures
- Ministers appointed
- Portfolio Directors hired
- Administrative staff in head office hired
- Fully functioning HR department with HR manual and classification system setting wages and job descriptions etc.
- New premises with more room

2. CITIZENSHIP:

GOAL: A functioning, streamlined registry.

DELIVERABLES:

- Review of the registry as it stands with a view to improving or streamlining
- Review of different models of delivering registry services
- Communications strategy to enhance the MNS image and encourage registration of Metis citizens
- The registration of 2,000 additional Metis citizens

3. SELF GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS:

GOAL: Meaningful and comprehensive preparation for negotiations both Provincially and Federally.

DELIVERABLES:

- Hold meetings with Local Presidents, Regional Directors and MNLA to consult and get advice on aspirations and to discuss possible recommendations.
- Receive a comprehensive set of recommendations from the Negotiators and a strategy for negotiations based on MNS values.
- Ensure proper approval and consultation takes place on the recommendations and strategy proposed by the Negotiators
- Revise and modify recommendations as needed
- Prepare a detailed report on the process and recommendations for MNLA 2019.

4. CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM:

GOAL: Improved, fair and efficient MNS Constitution and Related Legislation that makes it easier to achieve self determination and self-government.

DELIVERABLES:

- Determine MNS's Vision and Mission (based on MNS values) through full and meaningful consultation with Local Presidents and Regional Directors
- Hold a series of meetings throughout the province with specific questions on vision and mission and the constitution
- Call for written and verbal briefs to inform the Executive and PMC
- Prepare a report with recommendations for PMC in the spring of 2019 and subsequently to MNLA.
- If MNLA agrees, prepare and draft constitutional and legislative amendments to be brought to PMC and MNLA.

5. COMMUNICATIONS PLAN:

GOALS: MNS credibility is strong, its public image is good and members are proud of MNS and Metis people want to join MNS, register as Metis and participate in Nation building.

DELIVERABLES:

- An increase in registrations
- Successful PMC and MNLA meetings
- A positive response to a poll of members on their attitude to MNS; showing Member confidence in the Nation and showing that members are feeling consulted and involved in Nation building
- Positive media press.

Progress on our 2018-2019 work plan will be regularly reported at meetings of the Provincial Metis Council. An update will be delivered at the fall 2018 Metis Nation Legislative Assembly.

Working together as a collective, we will re-build this Nation and create something bigger than ourselves.

I wish you all a great assembly.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Richard Quintal
Interim Chief Executive Officer



Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Area Director, Report
MNS NR3 Regional Council Meeting
Saturday March 24, 2018 - ICSI RADIO STATION - BOARD ROOM

As you will see in regard to Nap and Vince’s upcoming presentation concerning the s35 framework, we will be able to start gaining capacity and will be able to start acting on and sustaining the motions you have made at previous Northern Region 3 Council meetings, as well as the ones you will make at these meetings in the future.

The work currently being done is for the Métis people today and for generations to come, so we are doing our best to make sure we have all our bases covered. We can be sure that the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan has some of the best people working with them. Together our skills and abilities give us the capacity to develop a strong and productive Métis Nation with a sound infrastructure to support the development of sustainable programs and services.

Also, the transparent excellence our legal advisors are providing helps us to address issues concerning the Ministry of Environment’s Duty to Consult, SERM’s land disputes, as well as other legal issues. It’s good to know that as these issues arise, we now have the legal capacity to have our rights protected. So, I encourage you to continue letting me know when these issues come up, and I will continue to have them addressed.

When negotiations begin, my next steps will be to take your motions forward to the negotiating table, such as:

- independence and control of education;
- the protection of traditional knowledge for future generations and for the advancement of Métis Nation rights, including for negotiations purposes and culture and protection of the environment;
- the capacity to support a Roundtable where Métis experience, history, and knowledge can be shared and safely documented;
- the infrastructure to support commercial and subsistence traditional fishermen;
- the capacity to develop an engagement mechanism regarding provincial and federal legislation that affects Métis people;
- the capacity to engage with governments and corporations to influence and negotiate policies and practices that harm Métis lands and/or limit Métis lifestyles and traditional practices;

- the capacity to sustain natural resources, specifically the land, water, and species;
- and the capacity and infrastructure to support and sustain a traditional way of life and a land base.

In regard to governance training, some concerns have come to my attention about the way the current governance training is being done and I need to know what you want in terms of governance training. If you want to develop a Metis specific governance model, we need to engage and discuss certain things, such as what would help your locals to become fully functional? What would help them to be sustainable organizations? What services and/or supports do you need?

Currently am waiting for computers at the office, so I can put up the NR3 website, where we can have a newspaper to keep the Metis Citizens informed about Regional activities, as well as items that have a political, economic, or other impact on the Region. It will have an interactive section for people to forward questions and concerns.

While there is currently a gap in Northern Region 3 regarding the capacity to follow-up on many opportunities, I am hopeful that you will see the value in having an extra support person to help move MNS Northern Region 3 Regional Council initiatives forward.

Thank you for your guidance in these matters.



Back To Batoche 2018

Minister: Sherry McLennan



Batoche Days 2018

Minister: Sherry McLennan

Deputy Minister: Sheri Soll

Board of Directors: Derek Langan, Ryan Carriere, Corinne Isbister, Rhonda Hueser, and Bonnie Vandale

Board Advisor: Troy Cooper – Saskatoon Police

Coordinator: Shawna Desjarlais was hired out of 15 applicants. It was a unanimous decision that Shawna be hired as the Batoche Coordinator. She started the Coordinator position on February 1st, 2018. The position will be a four-year term. Please call Shawna at 306-552-8696.

Activities:

The Batoche committee has set up sub committees for the following:
Golf Tournament- Glen McCallum, Geordy McCaffery, Glen Lafluer and Geoff Despins.

Ball Tournament: Billy Kennedy (Minister of Sports), Mel Parenteau, Brian Reichenberg.

Voyageur Games: Tex Bouvier and Felix Merasty.

Elders Village: Sherry Soll

Volleyball: Bonnie Vandale

Horse Shoes: (open)

Entertainment: each province on their day.

Talent Show: Shawna Sayese/Loretta King

Jam Sessions: Loretta King

Kareoke: Shawna Sayese

Jigging: Marlene Bear

Square dancers: Marlene Bear

Demonstrations: Elton Soll

Learn to jig lessons: (open)

Arts and Crafts: Barb Morin (beading) Painting (Leah Dorion)

Earrings

Women's Competitions:

Children's Activities (Sports day activities)

Children's mini fair (checking into)

Chuck wagon and Chariots (in process)

Stories by the fire

Veterans: Ryan Carrier

Mass: Bonnie Vandal
Gospel Jamboree: Ivan Chartrand
Naming of the lanes at Batoche
Mr. Mrs Batoche
Youth King and Queen Contest: Verna McCallum

Tenders: Tenders are for the following:

1. Gate
2. Security
3. Washrooms>Showers
4. Garbage
5. Wood
6. Water
7. Entertainment

All tenders will be sent to the coordinator in a sealed envelope and be opened on May 6, th at a special called Board meeting.

Rental Sites: People have started booking sites for Batoche. To book a site, please call 306-552-8696.

Vender applications: for selling of crafts on website, download and print, email back to address, backtobatoche@gmail.com

Community Agency Application: back to batoche website.

Website/email

Please check the Batoche To Batoche website on Facebook.
Email: backtobatoche2018@gmail.com

Problems we are facing:

Incorporation Process: It was a nightmare trying to get incorporated for the 2018 Batoche Days. No Financials from last year.

Charitable Designation: Have been asking to get a charitable arm for months.

Sponsorship Packages – are ready to be sent out to Industry. No financials can't get incorporated so can't send out sponsorship.

CCDF Infrastructure

Ball fields are a priority for Infrastructure this year, we will be concentrating on getting to ball diamonds built with fencing and shale and everything that is

need for the ball tournament. We are looking at 16 teams at least for the ball event. Each ball field will cost a total of \$30,000 each.

Fire Suppression unit has to be changed in the food booths before we can use the kitchens this year. This is another priority for the Infrastructure.

Another outdoor stage is looking to be built for the 2018 Metis Voice. We are looking into the possibility of the winner getting a recording and make a sound track. The stage can be used for bands, individuals to jam out or maybe even have a youth dance.

We will need to build new bleachers for ball, bleachers for chuck wagon/chariot/rodeo/. The bleachers may be built by a carpentry program that GDI could possibly start.

Volunteers will be accepted from all provinces, Our Metis families are encouraged to get involved, and participate in activities throughout the week. Please register on the fb page or at the administration office during Batoche days.

The possibilities of using our Batoche traditional land is endless. We are given the opportunity to expand our Batoche grounds and use it to the best of our abilities. Conference centre, more cabins, youth camps, Elder gatherings, Metis Jamborees.

IF YOU NEED INFORMATION ON ANYTHING EITHER CALL MYSELF OR SHAWNA.

Respectfully,

Sherry McLennan
Minister of Batoche



A Report to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
By Dr. Earl Cook, Minister of Education
Métis Nation–Saskatchewan, and
Chair, Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Governors
March 27, 2018
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Email: earlcook@mns.work

Greetings

Please receive greetings from the students, staff, and the board of Gabriel Dumont Institute. It is my honour to present a report on the Gabriel Dumont Institute of Native Studies and Applied Research.

Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) is a Métis-owned post-secondary and cultural institution headquartered in Saskatoon, with offices and program delivery centres in 13 communities across Saskatchewan.

Governance

The Institute is affiliated with the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S), and is governed by a 13-member Board of Governors, comprising one representative from each of the 12 MN–S Regions, plus a Chairperson who is also the MN–S Minister of Education. The Board members are Métis who provide an interface between the Institute and the local community. They all go through a three-step process for appointment that includes nomination at a Regional Council meeting, ratification and approval by the Provincial Métis Council, and approval by the Saskatchewan Minister of Advanced Education.

- ∞ The GDI Board of Governors oversees the Institute's direction and appoints a chief executive (Executive Director) to be directly responsible for the implementation of policy and the day-to-day management and operations of the Institute.
- ∞ In the last fiscal year, the GDI group of companies had a total revenue of \$30,057,437 —a 3.8% increase from the previous year.
- ∞ Gabriel Dumont Institute has a total of 207 full time employees. Of these, 110 (or 53%) are self-declared Métis, and 71% are women.
- ∞ During the 2016-2017 last academic year, the Institute had a total enrolment of 991 students. Another 930 Métis clients accessed the Institute's training and employment programs.
- ∞ The Institute offers our citizens an opportunity to gain a culturally sensitive education preparing them for meaningful participation in the Saskatchewan economy. Some of the highlights include:

Facilities Operations and Development

Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) is in the process of expanding its current Central Office building at 917 22nd Street in Saskatoon with a 8,200 square foot addition. We have engaged the services of a Métis architect from Laurentian University to

make the building a visibly Métis creation (please see an exterior architectural rendering below). Updates on the progress of this initiative will be provided to the Council in the future. GDI owns 16 adjacent lots in the area it is developing on 22nd Street.

A rendering of the GDI Central Office building expansion



La Loche Building Update

GDI applied for and received funding from the Federal Strategic Investment Fund to expand the La Loche Campus. Construction on a \$1.6 million expansion of the La Loche programming building, and a new faculty housing unit have been completed. A public event to celebrate the opening of the new facilities will be held sometime in summer.

Gabriel Dumont Institute Training and Employment

GDI Training and Employment was established in 2006 to assist Saskatchewan's Métis looking to improve their education and employment outcomes. It has service delivery sites in 13 communities across the province and supports staff travel to outlying area communities to ensure that all Saskatchewan Métis people have reasonable access to services.

Over the years, GDI Training and Employment programming and services have been delivered through a variety of federal funding agreements, including the Aboriginal Human Resources Development Strategy, Aboriginal Skills and Training Strategic

Investment Fund, Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy, Skills and Partnership Fund, and a Western Economic Diversification Canada grant.

GDI Training and Employment has been delivering ASETS for the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) over the last 11 years. In fiscal 2016-2017, GDI Training and Employment delivered \$13.1 million in programming to Métis communities across Saskatchewan.

In 2016-2017, GDI Training and Employment served 930 Métis clients across all the 12 Métis Nation–Saskatchewan regions.

Over the past three years, 2,176 Métis clients accessed GDI Training and Employment programs. Of these, 1,546 (or 71%) got employment after completing the interventions, while 529 (or 24%) returned to school for further education.

I have been participating in national meetings dealing with the renewal of the ASETS program. The new strategy, Indigenous for Indigenous Skills, Employment and Training Strategy (ISETS), is expected to be announced later this year by the federal government. ISETS will follow a Nation-to-Nation approach in its operation.

GDI Indigenous Apprenticeship

GDI Training and Employment's Indigenous Apprenticeship is one of the most successful apprenticeship programs in the country. With strong partnerships with the industry and the federal government, the Skills and Partnership-funded GDI Apprenticeship (2011-2014) created 223 new jobs for Indigenous participants and exceeded all its targets. Its successor, the Western Economic Diversification Canada GDI Apprenticeship Project (2014-2017) created 407 new jobs at a time when Saskatchewan's economy was struggling.

Because of the success of the Institute's apprenticeship programming, the federal government announced a new \$19.4 million GDI Indigenous Apprenticeship program in 2017 with the federal Skills and Partnership Fund investment of \$5.2 for 2017-2021.

Driver Training

GDI Training and Employment has invested resources in a new vehicle for the delivery of Class 5 driver training program. A strong focus will be in the North, with some programming occurring in other parts of Saskatchewan. Driver training program has been held in Saskatoon and Meadow Lake, and will be offered in Fort Qu'Appelle and La Ronge in the spring and summer.

GDI Métis Entrepreneurship Project

On March 13, 2018, the federal government announced a \$1.16 million funding to create a Métis entrepreneurship program at Gabriel Dumont Institute. The

Institute's \$2.9 million proposal, *Métis Entrepreneurship Project: Developing Capacity for Métis Entrepreneurship in Saskatchewan, 2017-2020*, had recently been approved by the Western Economic Diversification Canada. The program will provide supports for Métis entrepreneurs across Saskatchewan. Project partners, including, Clarence Campeau Development Fund, Dumont Technical Institute, Pinehouse Business North, and the SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation are also providing funding.

Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program (SUNTEP)

SUNTEP is a 4-year Bachelor of Education program offered by GDI in partnership with the University of Regina and the University of Saskatchewan. When SUNTEP was started in 1980, there were just eight Indigenous teachers in Saskatchewan's urban schools. To date we have had 1,238 graduates. The program operates out of Saskatoon, Regina and Prince Albert.

Northern Teacher Education Program (NORTEP), a program offered in La Ronge and not affiliated with GDI, ceased its operation in 2017 and its funding was directed by the Government of Saskatchewan to Northlands College. Although existing NORTEP students had the option of transferring to Northlands College, 24 of the students chose to continue their studies at GDI. These included the entire Fourth Year class of 17 students. To make the transition from NORTEP to SUNTEP smooth for the Fourth Year class, GDI is offering the Fourth Year class in La Ronge.

So, at SUNTEP graduation this summer, we expect to have one of the largest graduating classes in recent years. Many of the graduates will take up teaching jobs right here in Saskatchewan and will be impacting lives of thousands of Indigenous students.

Last September, GDI released its latest research report *SUNTEP: An Investment in Saskatchewan's Prosperity*. Authored by University of Saskatchewan economist Eric Howe, the report points out that "SUNTEP graduates are worth over ten million dollars each in bringing about a prosperous future for our province." Noting that SUNTEP graduates provide over \$13 billion in benefits to Saskatchewan, Professor Howe wrote that "SUNTEP's very existence helps guarantee the prosperity of our province." The full report is available at <https://gdins.org/about/reports/research> (hard copies are also available at GDI Central Office in Saskatoon or rhonda.pilon@gdi.gdins.org)

Gabriel Dumont Institute Publishing Department and Cultural Development

A key component of the mission of Gabriel Dumont Institute is the renewal and development of Métis culture. The Gabriel Dumont Institute Publishing Department plays a central role in achieving this goal. The award-winning Department is the

world's only Métis-specific publisher, curriculum developer, and cultural resource producer. Being community-owned, the Gabriel Dumont Institute Publishing Department works closely with Métis Elders, artists, authors, and illustrators. The Department produces visual, audiovisual, print and multimedia resources, which range from preschool to post-secondary levels, and is committed to the publication and development of Métis-specific cultural, literary, and educational resources for both Métis and non-Aboriginal peoples of all ages. Through this focus, the Institute is also able to produce Michif-language resources for the K-12 system and the Métis community.

Last year, GDI Publishing Department received funding from the National Indian Brotherhood Fund to work on a Métis Atlas of North West Saskatchewan. As well, the Métis National Council recommended GDI to Canadian Geographic. We are providing Métis content and perspectives for an Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada. We will also be providing content and guidance for the special edition magazine and the teacher resources.

Métis Veterans

GDI Publishing Department recently released an app which enables users to search names on the National Métis Veterans' Memorial Monument with Android and iOS devices and on the web at The Virtual Museum of Métis History and Culture <http://www.metismuseum.ca/metisveteransmonument/>. The Monument, located at the Batoche Memorial Garden, has over 7,000 names of Métis veterans from across Canada who served our country during the South African ('Boer') War (1899-1902), World War I (1914-1918), World War II (1942-1945), and the Korean War (1950-1953).

Michif

GDI is participating with Métis National Council personnel to develop feedback which will assist the Federal Government in drafting legislation dealing with Métis, First Nations, and Inuit languages. GDI has developed an application for Michif and has a large network of speakers to assist with the completion of this important work.

Dumont Technical Institute

Programming

Dumont Technical Institute offers Adult Basic Education and skills training programs to Métis students across the province. In general, the programs incorporate a Métis cultural component. Last year, DTI delivered 35 programs in 15 different communities across Saskatchewan. It had a total enrolment of 667 students.

The Institute is the second largest practical nursing training provider in Saskatchewan, with most of the nursing graduating securing employment within three months of graduating.

Gabriel Dumont Scholarship Foundation

Gabriel Dumont Institute has been administering scholarships for Saskatchewan's Metis since early 1980s through the Gabriel Dumont Scholarship Foundation II. The scholarship is based on a \$2.5 million capital investment. Over the years, the Institute has partnered with several organizations to establish scholarships for Metis students. In 2016-2017, 331 scholarships worth over \$222,000 were awarded to Metis students. GDSF also awarded \$50,000 in bursaries to seven Métis students who are pursuing graduate studies. While other colleges run their scholarship programs through external partners, Gabriel Dumont Institute handles its scholarship program in-house.

The 7th Annual Gabriel Dumont Scholarship Foundation Golf Tournament will be held on May 25, 2018 at Moon Lake Golf & Country, Saskatoon. Last year's Tournament was a success, raising a record \$41,715 towards scholarships.

Community Needs Assessment

Each year, GDI conducts needs assessments at each of the 12 MN-S regions. The needs assessments identify industry and employer opportunities which the Institute uses in its decision on training programs to offer. In conducting the needs assessments, GDI representatives hold meetings with MN-S regional directors, employers, professional groups, and community members. GDI also prepares labour market reports for the regions.

Gabriel Dumont College

Founded in 1994, Gabriel Dumont College, delivers several accredited postsecondary education programs through affiliation agreements between the Gabriel Dumont Institute and the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina. These include non-degree programs, the first two years of a University of Saskatchewan four-year Bachelor of Arts and Science degree, and a community-based Master of Education program.

Gabriel Dumont Institute also encourages and supports Metis-specific graduate studies. The Institute launched the Gabriel Dumont College Graduate Student Bursary Program in 2006 to encourage Saskatchewan Metis to pursue full-time graduate studies, to conduct research in areas related to Metis people, and to increase Metis employment in Saskatchewan and within the Institute. The Graduate

Student Bursary Program is funded by GDI with a \$50,000 annual contribution for the Gabriel Dumont College.

Gabriel Dumont Institute Strategic Direction

Last year marked the third and final year of the Gabriel Dumont Institute Strategic Plan 2014-2017, *Nurturing Our Culture Preparing Our Future* (Available online at www.gdins.org/about/reports/businessplans). Last December, GDI held a strategic planning session to chart the future course of the Institute. Last month, the Institute sent out the strategic planning discussion document to stakeholders. Preparation of a new strategic plan is on-going based on input from stakeholders including community leaders, students, staff and members of the board of governors.

Conclusion

In closing, I want to state that whenever I travel across Saskatchewan and beyond, I hear positive things being said about GDI. Employers who are happy with their partnership with GDI in the apprenticeship program; individuals who are the first in their family to earn a high school diploma or post-secondary education because of GDI, and generations of families who have gone through GDI.

Under the Executive Director Geordy McCaffrey and his senior management team, GDI is getting stronger each year. In 2010-2011 fiscal year, GDI had total revenues of \$25.7 million. Last year, we had revenue of \$30 million. Since 1986, GDI has given over \$2.2 million in scholarships to Métis students.

The Institute is in good financial standing and is registering increasing enrolments. The future looks good. But there is still work to be done. I encourage you to take a copy of the latest GDI Annual Report. Thank you.

Ministry of Health

Metis Nation Legislative Assembly

April 14 & 15th, 2018



A Year of Building Relationships

Minister's Message and Accountability Statement



As the Minister of Health, it is my pleasure to present an Annual Report for the Ministry of Health as required by the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly.

Our Government is committed to ensuring that Metis citizens both now and in the future have access to quality health services – services that are effective, appropriate, safe, accessible and acceptable. This includes a shared, cross-sector commitment with health authority partners and other governments to providing patient-centered care, in which care is about the individual and responsive to their individual needs and values.

The Ministry of Health has positioned itself to deliver on its mandate and contribute to our government's vision of a strong commitment and secure tomorrow. While we have been successful in building relationships and securing funding for core capacity and operations, our challenge now is to sustain our growth, control spending and ensure that health of our citizens is part of our overall strategic plan.

This year we are building on a foundation with a refreshed strategy and priorities to drive meaningful change across healthcare systems and ensure value for Metis citizens. The successful achievement of our strategic priorities includes engagement and collaboration with health authorities, health care providers, and other stakeholders, in shaping and implementing key actions. This collaborative approach will focus on Metis healthcare needs and priorities based on consultation with Metis communities and individuals.

We are focused on supporting the most vulnerable; persons with disabilities, children in care, our seniors, those with chronic diseases and those affected by mental illnesses and substance use issues.

By participating in the dialogue both federally and provincially for Metis health priorities, we stay focused on improvements, inclusion and creating sustainable systems that will remain strong for our children and grandchildren.

I am accountable for the results as reported.

Respectfully submitted



Marg Friesen
Minister of Health
Metis Nation Saskatchewan

April 14th, 2018

Purpose of the Ministry

The Ministry of Health (the Ministry) has overall responsibility for ensuring that quality, appropriate, cost effective and timely health services are available for all Metis citizens. Working in conjunction with health authorities, health care providers, agencies and other organizations, the Ministry guides and enhances the Province's health services to ensure that Metis citizens are supported in their efforts to maintain and improve their health. The Ministry provides leadership, direction and support to health service delivery partners and sets province-wide priorities, goals, standards and expectations for health service delivery by health authorities.

The Ministry of Health seeks to improve, promote and protect the health and wellbeing of Metis citizens through:

- its leadership
- advising the government, on health and disability issues
- providing health sector information to all stakeholders, partners and governments with a vested interests in Metis health
- the Ministry works in partnership with other public service agencies and by engaging with people and their communities in carrying out these roles
- Participate in research activities for collecting health data to support request for resources Metis Health Data Collection: There is a lack of comparable data on Metis health, funding for data processes and administrative operations which makes it difficult to build evidence-based research.

The Ministry leads the health system and has overall responsibility for the management and development of that system. It steers improvements that help Metis citizens live longer, healthier and more independent lives.

Strategic Context

There continues to be significant differences in health outcomes between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in the province, with considerable gaps still remain. These elements point to the importance of the social determinants of population health addressed through the role the health care system plays.

The key to understanding how best to deliver care to Metis citizens is an in-depth understanding of the care requirements of the people themselves. The Saskatchewan government has made meaningful progress in improving services across a range of areas over the past several years. However, despite significant efforts, challenges persist in a number of service areas. Key populations include: seniors, particularly the subset requiring residential care services; those with complex chronic conditions; and the population with severe mental illness and/or substance use.

MN-S believes that comprehensive upstream policies and programming, including positive early interventions from pregnancy and beyond, are needed to mitigate or minimize many of the adult health problems Métis Nation people are experiencing in that region. The early years in a child's life (pregnancy through to the age of 6) are considered the most important developmental phase of a child's life. It is the time when the foundation for a

Ministry of Health

healthy mind and body is laid, or alternatively, the time during which adversity can increase the likelihood of negative health and wellness outcomes and risky behavior in adolescence and adult life. Upstream health and wellness interventions and programming in this important area are therefore a high priority for MN-S.

The likelihood that a person will have at least one chronic condition or life-limiting illness increases significantly with age and, as a result, their need for health services rises. However, while seniors need more health services than other populations, only a subset of seniors require high cost services such as residential care.

With an aging demographic, the prevalence of chronic illnesses is on the rise. Chronic illnesses have multiple causes varying over time and include hereditary factors, social and economic status, lifestyle (e.g., poor diet, lack of exercise, smoking and/or alcohol consumption, stress, etc.), exposure to environmental factors, and physiological factors. There are a wide range of chronic illnesses (including arthritis, asthma and lung disease, chronic pain, congestive heart failure, diabetes, high blood pressure, and stroke) that require both sustained and coordinated medical and non-medical management over time.

While mental health and substance use conditions represent a relatively small proportion of health system resources, they come at a high personal cost to patients and their families. Fortunately, the majority of Metis citizens with mild to moderate mental health and/or substance use problems can be effectively supported through low-intensity community-based services. However, a small subset of individuals experience more complex conditions that require higher-intensity supports and services. These conditions represent a high burden of disease in the population because of the early age of onset (typically before age 24) and the need for ongoing treatment and support across the lifespan. The consequences of untreated or inappropriately treated severe mental illness and substance use extend beyond the health system to areas such as social services, housing and criminal justice.

Key Actions

- In collaboration with health systems and governments implement a plan for a Metis specific focus that includes building capacity for change and ensuring accountability.
- Support the strategic direction for Saskatchewan Health Authority and ensure that all health authorities benefit from its results in addressing the delivery of quality and sustainable healthcare services across the province.
- Implement data collection model
- Meet with other governing members and research other models for data collection
- Partner with researchers to develop projects to address gaps in services, barriers to health services etc.
- Support evidence based research specific to Metis health
- Metis representative appointment with Saskatchewan Health Authority
- FN and Metis Health Advisory role with Saskatchewan Health Authority
- Participate with Metis National Council Health Committee

Ministry of Health

Summary

1. Ministry of Health indicated we wish to progress work in specific areas to help to develop and achieve health priorities with Metis specific strategy.
2. One area of work is the Metis governance data collection model. Ministry of health wishes to pursue this as a priority.
3. Research in areas of interest and alignment with Metis Nation National Health Committee, a 10-year Metis Nation Health Policy Framework to serve as the basis of charting out Canada's working relationship with Metis Nation in the area of health such as development of health and wellness policy, program development and service delivery.
4. Improve government to government relations with Government of Saskatchewan to improve the coordination, continuity and appropriateness of health services for Metis people.
5. Hire a Director of Health to navigate the initiatives, projects and monitor progress working with the Minister of Health, CEO, CFO and other staff.

Next steps for advancing these two areas of work

1. Propose with capacity funding from Public Health Agency of Canada and Health Canada, post, interview and hire by May of 2018
2. Access funding grants and other monies to develop research priority areas
3. The table below sets out the next steps for process and a proposed timeframe.

The proposed timeframe should allow sufficient time for actions to be completed and reported back to governing structures of MN-S.

Action	Timeframe
Director of Health position	March 2018
Interview process	April 2018
Recommendations for Hire	April 2018
Successful candidate offer of employment	May 2018
Research partner engagement	April/May 2018
MOU with CPAC partners	April/May 2018
CPAC proposal submission	June 2018



Re-opening the Registry

September 11, 2017 to March 31, 2018

Metis Nation- Saskatchewan Provincial Secretary, Lisa McCallum, and Minister of Registry submitted a work plan for funding to get the registry up and running after a three and half year closure. To undertake this large project Tammy Vallee was contracted to begin the re-opening. Tammy Vallee, the former Genealogist and head of the Genealogical and Archival Center, brought with her the corporate knowledge MN-S registry and operations. Her extensive genealogical training and knowledge in addition to her work on the CSA Standard ensured that all the key components of the registry would be handled by an experienced person.

Setting up the offices

By mid-September the set-up of the Registry's Provincial office at 209- 2121 Airport Drive, Saskatoon was underway. Work began with contractors to prepare the office for staff, starting with reassemble of the filing systems. Next in the set-up of the office was arranging the return of all the MN-S furniture and supplies from storage. The delivery of 1000 boxes, 500 contained the Registry files, and server from Iron Mountain. The advertising and hiring for the offices took place and by December 2017 offices were opened with full time staff in across the province to serve the Metis citizens of Saskatchewan.



Auditing the files

An audit of the files took place to ensure that each was still intact and contained all the information needed to receive a card. All citizenship cards have a photo expiry date and by December 2017 approximately 2200 photos had expired. Staff began phoning applicants to have them come in to renew their photos and update their information. It was determined that by March 31, 2019 almost every card printed (except for 278 the youth certificates) will have expired photos. During the closure 1500 files were discovered that had come in by mail and had been placed in boxes. Two data entry clerks were hired in 2018 to begin inputting all new applications in the Registry database. The cards are ordered from a company in Winnipeg to ensure the security of the cards. The card was updated by removing the president's signature and replacing it with the applicant's signature.



Staff and Training

As the Registry to transition from set-up into daily operations Tammy Vallee stepped into the role of Director of Operations. She has been working to reconnect the Registry with past partners in government, churches, archives, and other provincial Registry offices. With all new staff hired to work in the Registry training staff, development of policies, and ensuring the CSA standards are

being met are given top priority. Two staff began the first stage of genealogy training to allowing them to work toward certification genealogical standards that is required for processing applications. All other staff worked to process applications and provide front line support for clients.

Information Technologies (IT)

Significant IT work was required to bring the server back online and to secure new computers and equipment for staff. In house, IT support was contracted to assist with the continuing IT issues that plagued the Registry from the out of date systems. The IT contractor and Anchor Management Services are working to address the issues and determine the best methods to

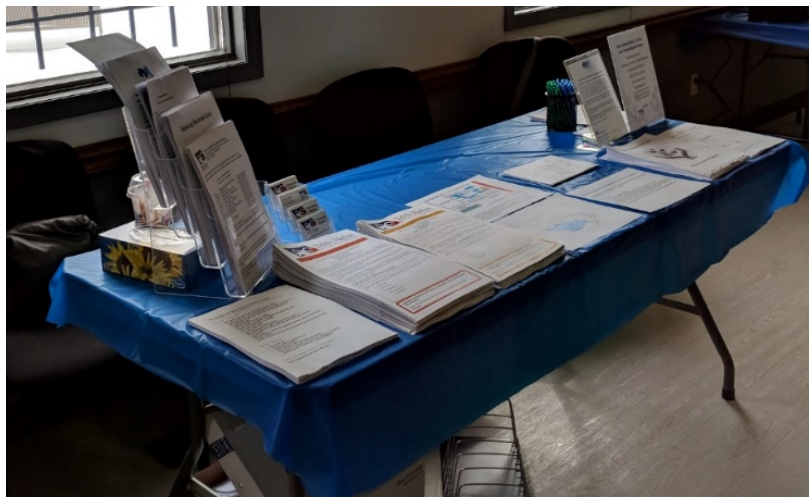


resolve the problems going forward. The IT contractor traveled to the remote location to install new equipment and provides guidance on equipment use to the staff. The IT contractor and the Director are working together to ensure the highest level of IT securing for the registry.

The Registry encourages all Metis citizens who have applied in the past to contact the provincial office to update their contact information.

Public Interest in the Registry

Public interest in the Registry has grown as word spreads the provincial and regional offices are open. The Registry encourages all Metis citizens who have applied in the past to contact the provincial office to update their contact information. Staff have been working with first time clients, the people who applied between 2009-2014, and those who mailed in their applications during the closure. Registry staff traveled for five mobile intake sessions in the province. They attend an event hosted in Saskatoon as mobile intake and information table.



Highlights of activity from December 2017 to March 2018

- Each month the number of incoming calls regarding Registry exceeds 800 across the province.
- Intake Clerks in Saskatoon are seeing, on average, a 120 people a month.
- The regional offices are seeing, on average, 425 clients a month (combined total from all regional offices outside of Saskatoon).
- The Data Entry Clerks have entered in 579 new applications and 282 updated applicants.
- There were 164 renewal cards ordered.
- Over 500 new and old files have had the historical research completed but are waiting on the applicant to complete the rest of the process.
- The genealogies of 155 files have been verified for clients who have completed the process and are ready for card order.

Coming in 2018-2019

- Mobile intake will be available in more areas across the province. Arrangements can be made with the near regional office or by contacting the provincial office.
- A new screening process with INAC to ensure quicker turnaround time on searches for treaty status.
- Genealogy workshops to be held across the province and larger event in the fall.

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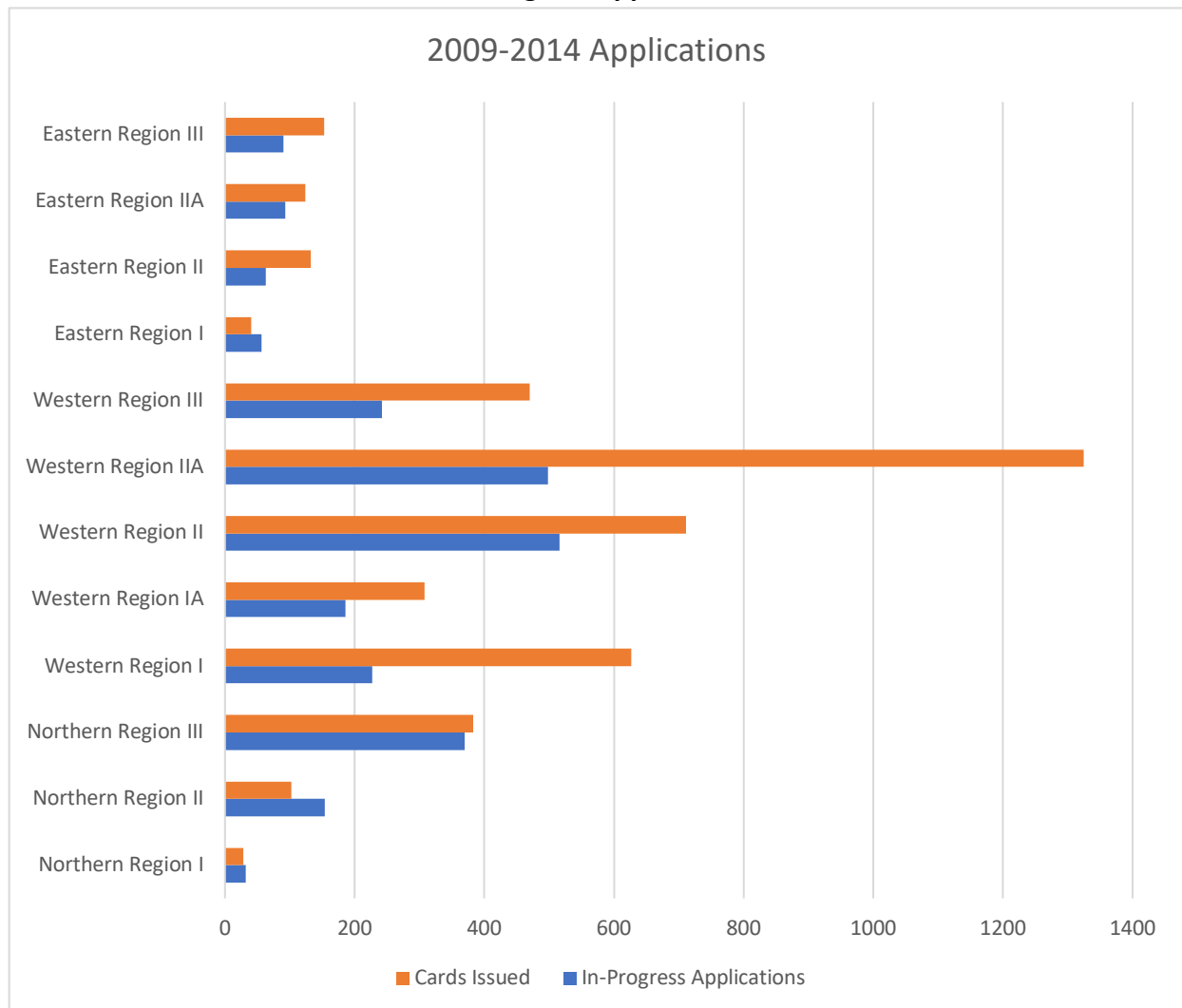
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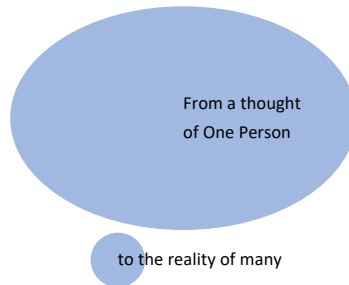
Background of the Metis Nation -Saskatchewan Provincial Citizenship Registry

2008-2017

The Provincial Citizenship Registry operated under the Metis Nation- Saskatchewan(MN-S) Powley funding starting 2008. The first staff were hired in 2009 to begin work on developing a Registry system and a genealogical collection of records. From 2009-2014 the Registry issued **4430 card numbers** to citizens who met the criteria and had **denied 472** who could not meet the criteria and **had approximately 2500 files in-progress**. The Registry took part in the development of the CSA standard Z710-15 Metis Nation Registry Operations and developed partnerships with the other provincial registries. Working with the other MN-S departments of Health, Education, Genealogy, Intergovernmental Affairs, and Harvesting the Registry offered support and guidance. Mobile intake officers, contracted by the Registry, offered mobile intake sessions across the province each year. On March 31, 2014, all MN-S Registry and Genealogy staff were laid off.

Card holder and In-Progress Applicants at March 31, 2014





Regional Report for Eastern Region II
Regional Director – Sherry Soll

If you would of asked me 2 years ago if I ever thought I would be where I am today I would of said NO. I got a call one day asking me if I would allow my name to stand in running in this election; first reaction "NO" second reaction "YES" I believe if change is wanted you have to step up and do something about it; and I was lucky enough for others to stand up for change as well. Since being elected in May of 2017 it has been a long challenging journey. Yet everyday there is a change moving in a forward motion Provincially and Regionally. We as a Nation have moved onto a course which brings us into a motion of Historic proportions. We have those who want to remain in the old Metis Society with less regulations and for some honour. Today we can be proud that we are working hard to build a Nation we can all be proud to call our Metis Nation Saskatchewan. I am very thankful for the support from our PMC, the Executive and the training I have received since joining for I am new to the world of Politics.

In Eastern Region II we have opened a new Regional Office in Porcupine Plain. My reasoning for opening the office in Porcupine is that there are no active locals in that whole area of the province for people to be a part of and to feel like they belong to our Metis community. Other areas have locals and local presidents they can contact and to be involved with. Since Opening our office we have a new local who has started up, had their election and are being brought forward to this MNLA for ratification and to be a new family member to Metis Nation Saskatchewan.

Our Regional office has a fulltime person who is available to help those who venture into our office with researching of education and work endeavours, resume writing assistance, and we offer income tax preparation for low income people year around for free. We also are working with Public Health to renew and bring some new programs forward. We also are working on

some fundraising to hold a family camp coming up in August. I am looking forward to working with locals in my area for building communities with opportunities for our Metis people.

I have attended many PMC meetings and apart of the Finance Committee for MNS. We have gone to Ottawa recently for an Education Conference; working united with the other 4 provinces to build our education system for our people to give opportunity where there has not been adequate access. This last week we were in Winnipeg at the Child and Family Services Summit it was a humbling experience to hear the horrific stories of what our people have gone through and continue to go through. Many great ideas were shared on how we can move forward with our policies to make positive change. I also had the opportunity to attend a Ministers meeting with The Federal Government and our Metis Leaders from across our country and personally observed them working very hard for our rights.



Ministers Meeting March 24, 2018

Yes; we have issues in our region as many of you have observed for yourselves. We as a Regional Council have some members who have come together to work hard for their locals and others are working very hard on agendas that may not be in compliance with the rest of the council. So here publicly I give thanks to those who have stepped up to work toward a region we can be proud of. We will come out for our community to be the support they need and want. I will continue to learn and work very hard for MNS and look forward to accomplishing many of the goals that our grassroots members bring forward as their needs. Thank you for this opportunity.



Hello METIS Nation Legislative Assembly,

It is a pleasure to report to the MNLA on the Les Fille de Madelaine Secretariat History.

I was elected into office in 2013 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. We tried to incorporate but we had another party claiming to be the elected board of Les Fille de Madelaine. So, corporation decided that we would have to take it to a court of law to rule who was the elected body. Since neither had resources to do this we laid in limbo with no corporation papers no funding.

In the past METIS Women was out there but not heard from. There were no conferences no workshops and was run by a board of four. In 1998 Provincial METIS Women ran into financial problem and the organization funding ceased and the organization closed. This is when Les Fille de Madelaine was organized and is the recognized Metis Women's organization recognized by the MN-S.

So, with no resources I decided to still move ahead and start gathering women and I did this with my cell phone. There with the help of Regional Directors from the MN-S, I was able to contact them and start gathering women in their regions. We started chapters and these chapters will go under the umbrella of Les Fille de Madelaine.

I can proudly say that these women welcome Les Fille de Madelaine in their regions to help move the women's mandate forward. Listening to the women's concerns and their passion about their regions. They need programming dollars to help their communities in the fields of Education, Justice, Health etc. With these chapters across the province they can partner with their respected regional directors and get programs that is needed in their communities. In some regions they are incorporated and are starting to get programming going, to help their communities.

Les Fille de Madelaine is part of the Women of the Nation Board of Directors. This board is made up from the five provinces. Saskatchewan, Alberta, B.C, Manitoba and Ontario. There, the board of five is either their president or spokesperson for their provinces. The National Leader for the Women of the

Nation is Melanie Ohemino. Our office is based out of Ottawa, but Melanie is from Edmonton. Once a year we have our AGA and every year a different province holds it. The 2017 conference was hosted by Saskatchewan. Each province is allowed ten delegates that is chosen from the province either board or President. I had been very fair for the last three years I take turns with our board so I know everyone of my board members has attended this conference. I did not pick friends or relatives but my board of the directors are the chosen one. So, the fifty women every three years elect our national president. This is election year for the national level and Ontario will be the host province.

Since the funding was frozen before this election of the MN-S in 2017 we could not access any funding. Until the MN-S was up and running we could not get any assistance. Since the 2017 MN-S election we are able now to sit down with our Government the MN-S and Federal Government and start lobbying dollars for the women's chapters across the province. So, an appointment was made to meet with Cheryl Baynham to discuss core funding to the regions women chapters. There I was told that the only monies funded for METIS Women across Canada is being directed to the National level. The National Level receives around \$140,000.00 a year that is to pay for Melanie's wage and office core. So that means that the Women across the Nation receives nothing this is unacceptable, and I will continue to Lobby with the help of the MN-S to get core funding for my regions of Les Fille de Madelaine. I stated to Ms. Baynham that the First Nation and Inuit women get funding. Ms. Baynham has stressed that there is lots of program dollars out there that we can access. So, once I find out about how the UPIP dollars are distributed, I will be submitting a proposal to MN-S to hire proposal development officers to help our regions access dollars.

On February 4, 2018, I was able to secure funds to have a leadership conference for the Les Fille de Madelaine Secretariat board of directors. The women from the regions have not gathered for over twenty years, so we were all excited when the funding came through. Twenty-four women came together in Saskatoon and we had a governance leadership conference that was facilitated by Louise Simard. Louise Simard was a MP in the Romanow government. It was nice to see the face that belong to name, I have spoke with these women regular and I didn't know what they looked like, now I do. It taught the Women on how the government is run and the in fighting must stop for us to move forward. On the second day it was a social meeting with all us listening what the women would like to see in their region and we must work together as a board and lateral

violence and attacks from our own board and the MN-S will not be tolerated. We are working together and the more women and regions that work and build our Nation the stronger we are, so we welcome all Metis women to get in touch with your rep in your region and start getting involved.

A conference call on April 4, 2018 will set our Les Fille de Madelaine provincial election. The four seats slated for election is President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. This election will be set by the Le Fille de Madelaine Secretariat board of directors for May 5, 2018 to be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Please contact your women's rep for more details. Notices will be going out to all regions and will be posting in major papers around the province.

In closing I would like to thank the METIS Nation-Saskatchewan Board of Directors for their constant support to Le Fille de Madelaine Secretariat.

Including the women in all decision making and assisting us to gather, it shows that the women's voice is needed for we are the caretakers of our families and the Nation.

Sincerely,



Tammy Mah

President, Les Fille de Madelaine Secrétariat

