



## **MÉTIS NATION-SASKATCHEWAN AND PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN RE-COMMIT TO NEGOTIATION OF A PROVINCE-WIDE MÉTIS FOOD HARVESTING AGREEMENT**

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SASKATOON, SK – Today, the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan and the Government of Saskatchewan signed a Memorandum of Understanding to re-commit to the negotiation of a province-wide agreement on Métis Food Harvesting. Food harvesting is an integral element of Métis culture and protected as Aboriginal Rights within the meaning of s. 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982. The negotiations will officially determine, recognize, and respect Métis Food harvesting rights.

The signing ceremony was held at the Remai Modern Art Gallery in Saskatoon where Métis citizens, members of the public and the media gathered to witness and mark the historical event.

Saskatchewan Environment Minister Dustin Duncan and Métis Nation – Saskatchewan President Glen McCallum both provided remarks following the signing. They praised the collaborative efforts between the Government of Saskatchewan and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan to work together to advance this vital initiative.

The Memorandum of Understanding will be available at [metisnationsk.com](http://metisnationsk.com) later this week.

### **Quotes:**

“The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to collaborate on this important agreement. The signing of this memorandum of understanding is an important step in furthering our relationship with the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan. It will focus on recognizing the food harvesting rights of Métis people, while supporting the principles of conservation in our province.”

The Honorable Dustin Duncan, Minister of Environment



“Today is about taking steps to develop an agreement that will ensure that Métis people across the Province can exercise their rights. But it is also about doing so in a thoughtful and responsible manner so that everyone in Saskatchewan can win. We believe that this signing marks an important moment for our two governments to recognize how we can continue to work together in a spirit of collaboration, partnership and reconciliation.”

President Glen McCallum, Métis Nation - Saskatchewan

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