



January 24, 2020

Re: Tri-Council Meeting between the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation of Ontario and Métis Nation of Alberta

To our Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Elected Officials and Citizens:

Last week, the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan held a historic tri-council meeting with our counterparts in the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) and Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA). This was the first meeting between representatives of our fellow governments since we signed the Recognition and Self-Government Agreements with Canada last summer.

As your representatives, our goal is to continue advancing Métis issues and rights, including the right to self-government and self-determination.

Despite claims to the contrary, the real purpose of this meeting was on identifying common priorities, mutual beneficial opportunities and enhancing collaboration and cooperation between the three Métis Governments. This meeting last week was a productive one, ending with a joint resolution calling for more transparency and accountability from the Métis National Council (MNC) and affirming that negotiations must take place between Canada and the Métis Governments, not MNC.

Let me explain more about the joint resolution that we've agreed to.

MN-S has agreed alongside MNA and MNO that implementation of the self-governance agreements with Canada, as well as the federal Métis Claims Policy, will be conducted through the respective Métis Governments, not the MNC.



We further agreed that a working group will be organized, with other Métis Governments invited, to discuss how to reform, improve, or even to replace the MNC with a new national structure that might better represent the interests of Métis Governments and Métis people at the national level. At the very least, we need MNC to operate under improved rules for transparency and accountability. We also hope to prevent MNC funds from being spent on court cases that are counter to our interests as Governing Members of MNC.

In addition to committing to this productive resolution, we also agreed on a Joint Declaration recognizing the new and distinct status of the Métis Governments and committed to future cooperation in order to work around the dysfunction and lack of accountability from MNC.

The Métis Governments will continue to work together at the national level. Our priorities going forward include implementing the self-governing agreements signed with Canada last June, developing a mutually agreeable Federal Recognition Legislation, co-developing a Federal Métis Claims Policy to support ongoing negotiations about Métis lands, and stable, long-term financial agreements to address the pressing socio-economic needs of our citizens and communities.

I encourage you to review the [Joint Declaration](#) and [Joint Resolution](#) for yourself. We look forward to bringing you further information when it becomes available.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glen McCallum". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

President Glen McCallum, Métis Nation Saskatchewan