



MÉTIS NATION-SASKATCHEWAN (MN-S)

RESOLUTION

MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

DATE: NOVEMBER 23, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2019-7

TITLE:

Proof of Citizenship of Voters

SUBJECT:

Proof of Citizenship of Voters

MOVED BY:

Adam McInnes
Office: President, Local #126 Saskatoon

SECONDED BY:

Wayne Whitford
Office: President, Local #105 Ruthilda

WHEREAS: Article 10 of the Constitution of the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan reads:

1. CITIZENSHIP DEFINITION (amended January 2004)

- a) Métis means a person, who self identifies as Métis, is distinct from other Aboriginal peoples, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry and is accepted by the Métis Nation.
- b) “Historic Métis Nation” means the Aboriginal people then known as Métis or Half-breeds who resided in the Historic Métis Nation Homeland.
- c) “Historic Métis Nation Homeland” means the area of west central North America used and occupied as the traditional territory of the Métis or Half-breeds as they were known.
- d) “Métis Nation” means the Aboriginal people descended from the Historic Métis Nation which is now comprised of all Métis Nation citizens and is one of the “aboriginal peoples of Canada: within the meaning of s.35 of the Constitution Act 1982.
- e) “Distinct from other Aboriginal peoples” means distinct for culture and nationhood purpose

WHEREAS: Section 6 of the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007 reads:

Right to vote for Executive Member

6. (1) Every person has a right to vote in an election for an Executive Member if, on election day, the person is
- a) a Métis citizen;
 - b) at least 16 years of age;
 - c) not registered as a member of a First Nation or other group of Aboriginal peoples; and
 - d) a resident of Saskatchewan.

Right to vote for Regional Representative

- (2) Every person has a right to vote in an election for a Regional Representative if, on election day, the person is

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- a) a Métis citizen;
- b) at least 16 years of age;
- c) not registered as a member of a First Nation or other group of Aboriginal peoples; and
- d) a resident of the Region for which the Regional Representative is a candidate.

WHEREAS: Section 12, Subsection 2 of the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007 reads:

- (2) A person who wishes to register to vote must
 - a) go to a place for registration listed in Section 11;
 - b) provide documentary evidence of the voter's name, current address and signature for inspection by the election officer, which entitles him or her to vote; and
 - c) sign and swear, or affirm, the voter registration form in Form 1 of the Schedule.

WHEREAS: Chapter 9: Jurisdiction for Citizenship, under the section titled Register of Citizens, of the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement between Métis Nation – Saskatchewan and Canada reads:

- 9.04 As of the Self-Government Implementation Date, the Métis Government shall maintain a Register of Citizens. The Electors will be listed on the Register as Citizens. No Citizen may be removed from the Register unless as provided for in a Métis Government Law.
 - 9.05 For greater certainty, following the Self-Government Implementation Day, no individual may be added to the Register unless they have applied for citizenship with the Métis Governments and met the requirements set out in the relevant Métis Government Law
- And

WHEREAS: There are no requirements for a person who wishes to be a candidate for an elected office to prove that they are a registered citizen of the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan; now, therefore, be it

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

1. That a person who wishes to register to vote in all Métis Nation – Saskatchewan elections must provide a citizenship card to demonstrate that they are a registered citizen of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, or provide a letter that includes an embossed seal from the Registry stating that they have applied for citizenship.
2. That Section 12, Subsection 2 of the of the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007 be amended to read:
 - (2) A person who wishes to register to vote must
 - a) go to a place for registration listed in Section 11;
 - b) provide documentary evidence of the voter's name, current address and signature for inspection by the election officer, which entitles him or her to vote;
 - c) sign and swear, or affirm, the voter registration form in Form 1 of the Schedule;

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- d) provide documentation to prove that they are, or are in the process of becoming, a registered citizen of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; and
 - e) provide their current Saskatchewan Health Card.
3. that Form 1, the Voter Registration Form, in Schedule of the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007 be revised to include a section for documenting the voter's proof of citizenship in the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan.

IN FAVOUR 58
OPPOSED 19
ABSTAINED 4

RESOLUTION CARRIED

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Quintal", written over a large, light blue infinity symbol background.

Richard Quintal, Clerk of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 23rd day of November, 2019 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.