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### **Advancing the rights of Saskatchewan Métis citizens, Ka tipaymishooyahk – We Who Own Ourselves**

**February 28, 2020 (Saskatoon, SK)** - Over the next two days, delegates attending the Métis Rights Conference will engage in spirited discussions led by experts in the field of land rights, citizenship, constitutional reform and harvesting rights.

“It is imperative our citizens understand their Métis rights and have the necessary assurances MN–S leadership will fully represent them at the table to secure those rights in Saskatchewan and in Canada,” said MN–S President Glen McCallum.

The MN–S gained a stronger voice with the signing of a Métis Rights and Self-Government Recognition Agreement (MRSGA) with Canada last June. It has empowered the MN–S to move forward on all core governance matters including government structures and financial accountability. Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) citizens are ready to enter the next phase of negotiations with Canada on the road to self-determination and self-government.

Much of the work began immediately after inking the MRSGA. Constitutional consultations have been held across Saskatchewan and citizenship has been on a steady incline. Métis-specific health partnerships have been formed and initiatives are underway. Education, housing and land rights have also been priorities of the MN–S’ democratically-elected leadership.

But there is still much to be done. That is, in part, why, earlier this year, MN–S joined with the other Métis Governments who have signed Métis Rights and Self-Government Recognition Agreements to work together to advance common interests and collaboratively further the process of reconciliation and recognition as Indigenous governments in Canadian law.



From remapping our Métis journey to land claim discussions to where MN–S is at in the constitutional reform process, the Métis Rights conference will offer citizens a chance to reflect and look to the potential ahead. And, there's an opportunity to kick-back with Friday's night's dinner and gala featuring keynote speakers Elder Maria Campbell and Cheryl Troupe, and music by the Dean Smith Band.

The Métis Rights conference will be live streamed beginning on 8:30am on February 28, 2020, and wrap up at 6:00pm Saturday, February 29, 2020. The live stream and full agenda are available on our website here:

<https://www.metisnationsk.com/2020/02/14/metis-nation-saskatchewan-rights-conference-feb-28-29/>

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