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## **Métis Nation – Saskatchewan makes great strides toward settling outstanding historical land claims**

**February 28, 2020** (Saskatoon, SK) - Indigenous peoples are inherently and spiritually attached to the land. It is with that sense of pride that Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) President Glen McCallum announced a significant development in the area of outstanding, historical Métis land claims in the north, south and central sectors of the province.

MN-S is contributing \$750,000 to advance the mapping process pertinent to moving discussions with Canada forward on the outstanding land claims. The monies will be evenly distributed three-ways to address issues throughout Saskatchewan.

In making the announcement, MN-S president McCallum said, “This is about Métis people throughout Saskatchewan to address and reconcile lands inherently belonging to our Métis citizens under our Section 35 rights”.

“This investment will kick-start the research process that will provide evidence of historic Métis land use that we need to be able to seriously negotiate a settlement with Canada”, said McCallum.

The agreements signed by the MN-S and Canada last year (2019), including the Métis Government Recognition Self-Government Agreement (MGRSA) and the Framework Agreement, were designed, in part, to acknowledge and redress the long overdue provisions under scrip.

The Métis Rights conference, hosted by the MN-S, that took place this week at the Saskatoon Inn, provided the opportune backdrop for dialogue that led to today’s announcement.

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