



# MEMORANDUM OF Understanding

Between

Parks Canada Agency – Saskatchewan South Field Unit

And

Métis Nation - Saskatchewan

## Respecting Indigenous Peoples Open Doors Program

Prepared on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

BETWEEN:

The Parks Canada Agency – Saskatchewan South and Northern Prairies  
Field Unit, (referred to in the MOU as “Parks Canada”),  
represented by the Superintendent,

AND:

Métis Nation - Saskatchewan  
represented by  
President Glen McCallum

### 1. INTRODUCTION:

**WHEREAS** the mandate of Parks Canada Agency, a body corporate established under Section 3 of the *Parks Canada Agency Act*, is to protect and present nationally significant examples of Canada’s natural and cultural heritage and foster public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment in ways that ensure ecological and commemorative integrity for present and future generations.

**AND WHEREAS** Parks Canada and the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan share a common interest in protecting the natural and cultural resources of Batoche National Historic Site; Fort Walsh National Historic Site; Motherwell Homestead National Historic Site; Fort Battleford National Historic Site; Grasslands National Park and Prince Albert National Park located in the province of Saskatchewan.

**AND WHEREAS** the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan possesses a unique and significant connection to the lands comprising of the Batoche National Historic Site; Fort Walsh National Historic Site; Motherwell Homestead National Historic Site; Fort Battleford National Historic Site; Grasslands National Park and Prince Albert National Park located in the province of Saskatchewan.

**AND WHEREAS** Parks Canada is engaged in a process of inviting and welcoming Indigenous People to Parks Canada places to which they feel a connection or a desire to reconnect without undue requirements for purchasing passes, permits or identification.



## 2. UNDERSTANDING:

**NOW, THEREFORE, THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITNESSES** that the Parties record their mutual understanding as follows:

- I Parks Canada agrees will supply Indigenous Open Doors Passes for entry to Batoche National Historic Site; Fort Walsh National Historic Site; Motherwell Homestead National Historic Site; Fort Battleford National Historic Site; Grasslands National Park and Prince Albert National Park located in the province of Saskatchewan for distribution to Métis Nation-Saskatchewan citizens.
- II Métis Nation - Saskatchewan will implement a control process to ensure that only those individuals who are registered and/or entitled to be registered as Métis Nation - Saskatchewan citizens participate in the Indigenous Peoples Open Doors and its benefits.
- III The Indigenous Peoples Open Doors Pass does not authorize the bearer to among other things hunt, fish or trap within the National Parks/ National Historic Sites which are managed by Parks Canada and located in the province of Saskatchewan.
- IV The Indigenous Park Use Pass does not permit, among other things, the harvesting of plants and natural objects or removal of cultural objects.
- V The Indigenous Open Doors Pass does not override any general admission fees for attractions and services, including campgrounds and recreation, or any other levies associated with park use other than entry.

## 3. LEGAL EFFECTS:

This MOU is without prejudice to respective legal positions of either party and is not meant to define, create, recognize, deny or amend any rights or obligations of either party, including Indigenous title or treaty rights.

This MOU will not be construed as a treaty or land claim agreement within the meaning of Section 35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982 as amended.

This MOU is not a contract or legally enforceable as such.

## 4. DURATION OF THE MOU:

The effective date of this MOU shall be the date of the last signature appearing below, and extends until March 31, 2026 to allow for implementation and review.

## 5. AMENDMENTS:

This MOU may be amended from time to time by a written Amendment signed by both the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan and Parks Canada.



## 6. REVIEW, EVALUATION AND REPORTING:

An annual meeting will be convened by the signatories to this MOU or their representatives to review and revise this MOU as required. Métis Nation – Saskatchewan shall submit an annual report with information on:

1. The number of Indigenous Peoples Open Doors Program participants.
2. Other relevant statistics and information as determined by the Metis Nation – Saskatchewan.

## 7. CANCELLATION/TERMINATION:

This MOU may be terminated by either party upon receipt of 60 (sixty) days written notice of the other party's intention to terminate.

## APPROVAL:

Signed on this 17 day of July, 2020.

### Representing Parks Canada Agency:

Adriana Bacheschi - Sask South Field Unit

Name

Signature

### Representing Métis Nation - Saskatchewan:

President Glen McCallum

Name

Signature

Calvert Martin – Northern Prairies Field Unit

Name

Signature

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