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Métis Nation-Saskatchewan elected sworn into office at Batoche ceremony

June 17, 2021 – With the historic Batoche Festival Grounds as the backdrop, members of Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) swore their Oath of office today in accordance with the MN–S Constitution 2008.

Elected officials were joined by Elders, local presidents and loved ones from across all MN–S Regions to witness this event, launching the important work elected officials will undertake on behalf of Métis citizens over the next four years.

Delivering his inaugural address MN–S President Glen McCallum said, "Métis citizens have given us a mandate to continue to build on the gains we have made over the past four years and move forward in an accountable and transparent way."

President McCallum said, "It's encouraging that a total 54 Métis citizens in the province put their names forward for the 2021 MN–S election. That shows a strong, democratic process is in place and the people are engaged." He went on to say, "Those individuals who take office today will be asked to work together to make important decisions that will positively impact the lives of Métis citizens, families and communities for generations to come. It is a great honour and a great responsibility and I look forward to getting to work to keep strengthening our government, our people, and our future."

Today's ceremony was capped off with some traditional Métis music provided by the respected Father and son duo, Phil and Dalls Boyer.

Métis Nation–Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council is comprised of a fourmember Executive,12 Regional Representatives and appointees for women and youth.

The swearing-in ceremony was an invitation-only event at the Batoche grounds. To be COVID-19 secure, attendance was limited. Health protocols were adhered to, including temperature checks and COVID-19 rapid testing on-site provided by Staff from Métis local 165. The event was staged with the support and partnership of the Saskatchewan RCMP and Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA).



A complete list of the MN–S Provincial Métis Council and Regional Representatives is available <u>here</u>.

A copy of the Oath is <u>here</u>.

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About Métis Nation–Saskatchewan:

Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) is built on a foundation of Métis identity, culture, values and language. Incorporated in 2000 and empowered by the Métis citizens of Saskatchewan, MN–S works to advance Métis rights and strengthen organizational capacity. MN–S represents the political, socioeconomic, cultural and educational interests of more than 80,000 Métis in the province through an elected representative system consisting of an Executive,12 Regions and approximately 132 Locals. Social Media Links: @MNSask, @metisnationsask

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