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Métis Nation-Saskatchewan holds Provincial Métis Youth Council election

September 30, 2021 – A province-wide youth election will decide the next President of the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) Provincial Métis Youth Council (PMYC).

"Our youth are a valuable asset at the decision-making table of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC). Being engaged in the full democratic process will empower the next generation of young Métis leaders and will strengthen all of our government," says MN–S President Glen McCallum.

To be eligible to run as a candidate or vote in the Provincial Métis Youth Council Presidential election, you must be between the ages of 16 and 29 and be a card-carrying citizen of the Métis Nation government of Saskatchewan by October 16, 2021.

Chief Electoral Officer Gwen LaFond says, "This is a full-time opportunity for Métis youth to become involved in the process of government from nomination to voting. We have 5200 young people that are eligible to lead the next generation of the MN–S and advocate for programs and opportunities that matter."

The President of the PMYC will be responsible for representing youth at PMC meetings and work with youth from all 12 MN—S regions of the province to build membership and encourage participation. Travel is likely required as the PMYC President has input in all PMC decisions and leads the youth delegation to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA). The PMYC President presents an amazing opportunity to promote Métis youth to other levels of government and outside organizations.

The Chief Electoral Officer will host online zoom sessions in early October to help interested youth find out what it takes to be President of the PMYC. The first is October 3, 2021, from 2-3 pm, and the second is October 4, 2021, from 6-7 pm. Find out more or sign up at www.mnselection.ca.

Nominations for the 2021 MN—S PMYC open on October 16, 2021, and run till Thursday, October 21, 2021. Campaigning can begin anytime. Nomination forms



are available at www.mnselection.ca and can be filled out online, emailed to info@mnselection.ca, or delivered to the Chief Electoral Officer in Saskatoon during the nomination period.

The provincial vote for the President of the PMYC is over two days in early November. Young MN–S citizens are encouraged to get involved and let their voices count by voting. The online polling process begins at 7 am on Friday, November 5 and continues through Saturday, November 6, 2021, until 7 pm that evening.

For more information, go to www.mnselection.ca, email info@mnselection.ca, or call 306-955-5599.

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About MN-S

Métis Nation—Saskatchewan (MN–S) is the recognized government of the Métis Nation in Saskatchewan. MN-S is built on a foundation of Métis identity, culture, values and language. MN–S works to advance Métis rights and recognition. MN–S represents the political, socioeconomic, cultural and educational interests of more than 80,000 Métis in the province through an elected representative system at local, regional and provincial levels.

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