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Saskatchewan's Métis Youth use online polls to choose Métis Government representation in first province-wide election

November 6, 2021 – A new Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) Provincial Métis Youth Council (PMYC) President has been elected. Autumn LaRose-Smith will join the Saskatchewan Métis government at their Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting and Legislative Assembly (MNLA) later this month.

This marks the first province-wide election for PMYC president and the first time the Métis government in Saskatchewan held province-wide polls online.

Online polls provided a cost-effective and convenient way to vote while maintaining voting system standards and verification. Chief Electoral Officer, Gwen LaFond, said, “This was a fantastic option during a pandemic and provides a framework for other elections”.

The nomination period ran from October 16 to 21, 2021, and three Métis youth between the ages of 16 and 29 stepped up to let their name stand for President. Registered citizens in the same age group engaged in two days of online voting this weekend on November 5 and 6, 2021. Election details can be found at <https://mnselection.ca/>

The PMYC President assumes the full-time position for a four-year term and will be formally introduced at the Fall 2021 MNLA in Saskatoon on November 27 and 28, 2021.

There are currently 5,200 hundred registered Métis youth in Saskatchewan, between the ages of 16 and 29, eligible to run for and vote in the PMYC electoral process.

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