



MN-S OPPORTUNITY

POSITION: SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER
(CASUAL PART TIME)

CLASSIFICATION: PROFESSIONAL/SPECIALIST

DEPARTMENT: LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

JOB PROFILE

SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER

The intent of this process is to identify a short-list of candidates qualified to serve as Speaker or Deputy Speaker of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA). Appointment as Speaker or Deputy Speaker is subject to the will of the MNLA and this process is only intended to identify individuals for consideration and recommendation to the Assembly. Appointments are for a two year term. The MNLA is conducted using Robert's Rules of Order with some modifications. Typical duties would involve up to 10 days of work in a calendar year.

BACKGROUND

The Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) is the governing authority of the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan. The Métis Nation Legislative Assembly is composed of the Provincial Métis Council (including members of the Executive), four representatives of Métis Women, four representatives of the Provincial Métis Youth Council, and all presidents of locals across the province. The Métis Nation Legislative Assembly is to sit at least twice a year, where the power to enact legislation, regulations, rules, and resolutions that are necessary to govern the affairs of the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan Government.

To oversee the sitting of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly selects a speaker and deputy speaker, who will be responsible for overseeing the setting of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, including the procedures, rules, and debates, and maintaining the decorum of the sitting. They also have the authority to direct the Dumont's Scouts expel members or attendees from the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly if they do not follow the ruling of the speaker or otherwise disrupt the decorum of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly. The speaker and deputy speaker serve as the chairperson and co-chairperson for the Annual General Assembly. The speaker and deputy speaker serve for a two-year term, subject to reappointment.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Speaker assumes the position of highest authority in the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), represents the Legislature in all its powers and proceedings, presides over the sitting of the MNLA and enforces the rules, order and conduct of business. The Speaker controls debate in the MNLA and ensures that members follow the rules and practices of the MNLA as they ask or answer



questions, debate or vote. Key aspects of being Speaker are authority and impartiality. The Speaker does not take part in debates, ask or answer questions, or vote, except to break a tie. All questions and statements during a formal sitting must be directed through the Speaker. The Speaker officially acknowledges and welcomes visitors to the MNLA. When the Speaker cannot be in the MNLA, the Deputy Speaker replaces him/her. In carrying out his/her duties, the Speaker is assisted by the Clerk's Office. The Clerk is the chief procedural advisor to the Speaker and to Members of the MNLA. The Clerk is responsible for a wide range of duties relating to the proceedings and official records of the MNLA and its members.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

- ∞ Bachelors Degree

Experience, Knowledge & Skills:

- ∞ Be of Métis Ancestry, and Citizen of the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan;
- ∞ Experience working with Métis organizations;
- ∞ Knowledge of working with MN–S legislation, policies and governing structures;
- ∞ The ideal candidate will have an excellent understanding of Robert's Rules of Order and experience conducting meetings with it;
- ∞ Ability to chair meetings in a timely order and effective manner;
- ∞ Cannot be an elected official within the MN–S Government.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY noon on March 15th, 2022.

Please submit CV to:

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Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted

