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### **Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) partners to provide safe, affordable homes in La Loche**

**April 14, 2022** – Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) understands safe, healthy housing is essential to the well-being of our Métis citizens and communities. Affordable housing options are limited throughout the province and pose a particular challenge to Métis families in the north.

MN–S engages with all 12 Regions in the province to help identify community needs and close gaps that exist in housing and infrastructure. A more comprehensive Northern Housing Strategy is being developed to address the unique housing needs that exists.

On February 9, the MN–S Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure hosted a virtual community engagement session to share experiences and collaborate on best practices as they pertain to Northern Saskatchewan. From this session, citizens expressed a need for housing in a better state of repair and for a reasonable cost of living.

In response, MN–S partnered with Métis Local #39, Methy Housing Corporation, the Village of La Loche and the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation, for the La Loche Tiny Home project. The MN–S investment of \$883,000.00 went toward construction of 6 of the total 20 affordable, single dwelling tiny homes in the overall project.

MN–S President Glen McCallum said, “Our MN–S government works hard to create partnerships to benefit our Métis citizens and communities by addressing homelessness, overcrowding and the challenges of being a single parent. By securing safe, affordable housing, the tenants of these tiny homes and our citizens can focus on themselves, their families and their wellbeing.”

The Methy Housing Corporation and Methy Construction and Maintenance Corporation are not-for-profits owned by the municipality of La Loche. Corporation manager Doug Gailey said, “Partnerships with the Métis Nation and other governments are the best way to get houses built in our community.” More than the



project builders, Methy now provides the property and project management at the tiny homes.

20 residents of the Métis community of La Loche will call this Tiny Home Project home by the end of April.

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### **About Métis Nation–Saskatchewan**

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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