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## Métis Nation–Saskatchewan concludes its Spring 2022 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly

**June 5, 2022 –** Over a hundred delegates came together this weekend at the Spring Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) to move the Métis Nation government in Saskatchewan forward for its citizens.

The MNLA is the governing body of Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S), and delegates are elected leaders from across the province.

MN–S President Glen McCallum said, "Our Métis Nation Legislative Assembly is committed to doing what is the best for our Métis citizens, Elders, families and communities. Our MNLA comes together to give our government direction to pursue our goals for Métis in Saskatchewan, based on our identity, culture, values and language."

An Honoured dignitary at the MNLA, Métis National Council (MNC) President Cassidy Caron, said, "I am from Saskatchewan, so I always love coming home. I'm particularly proud to see the strengthening of the MN–S government and the increasing pride of its citizenry. That is a testament to the hard work that is being accomplished." President Caron added, "As a nation, it is important to see our leaders come together and work collaboratively for their citizens."

Dignitaries to the 2022 Spring MNLA also included Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) Vice Chief Aly Bear, Saskatoon Tribal Council (STC) Tribal Chief Marc Arcand, Elder Wayne Semaganis from Little Pine First Nation, Member of the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Melfort Todd Goudy and Saskatoon Mayor Charlie Clark.

MN–S President Glen McCallum said, "We thank our friends and dignitaries for attending and welcoming our assembly members. Their supportive remarks are evidence of our government continuing to develop relationships and partnerships that are important to our success. We also thank our Elders for joining the Assembly to guide and support our elected with their experience and knowledge."



Reports to the MNLA highlighted these successes, including in our medical transportation program, housing, Indigenous language programs, education, and the 50th in-person annual Back to Batoche festival scheduled for July 21-24, 2022.

The MN–S Registry has reached a milestone of 22,000 citizens, with further applications for Métis citizenship in-process. Community engagements on Constitutional Reform and the establishment of an independent Métis Judicial Tribunal have been launched. Financial and legal updates were presented with a focus on the legal progress made with Self-Government, harvesting and land claims.

From increasing government capacity to providing opportunities for young Métis citizens and families, MN–S continues to introduce programs to support Métis in Saskatchewan.

At its Fall 2021 session, the MNLA directed the Métis Government of Saskatchewan to appoint a commission to review MN–S locals and governance structure. After a broad search, MN–S has selected a Commissioner to complete the Métis Local review process. The commission will consult with communities and Métis leadership to develop recommendations on issues related to the definition and function of Locals in the MN–S government.

The live stream from this weekend will be available in the archive of past MNLA sessions <u>here</u>.

MNLA documentation will be available in the MN-S online library here.

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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. Empowered by the Métis citizens of Saskatchewan, MN–S works to advance Métis rights and strengthen 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 at local, regional and provincial levels. Social Media Links: @MNSask, @metisnationsask

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