



**This Protocol is effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2019.**

**BETWEEN**

**Métis Nation-Saskatchewan ("MN-S")**

**AND**

**The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Saskatchewan "F" Division ("RCMP")**

WHEREAS the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Saskatchewan "F" Division and Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) desire to develop a framework that will include strategies for creating goodwill between the RCMP and Metis communities and for addressing community safety concerns in partnership with the Métis communities.

AND WHEREAS the Protocol shall not be construed so as to abrogate or derogate from any Indigenous Rights of the MN-S and Saskatchewan Métis Communities within the meaning of Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 and the Supreme Court of Canada decisions recognizing and affirming these rights; AND WHEREAS the freedom of expression and freedom of peaceful assembly are among the fundamental freedoms enshrined in Section 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms;

AND WHEREAS the enhancement of public safety in Canada must include the participation of the MN-S and all Métis Citizens who strive towards healthy, safe and stable Communities in the present and for the future;

AND WHEREAS the history of relations between Métis peoples and the RCMP, though sometimes adversarial, reflects mutual assistance and respect;

AND FURTHER WHEREAS the future of our children, youth, women, men and elders requires safe, secure and stable communities.

NOW THEREFORE the Participants agree as follows:



## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE PROTOCOL**

The purpose of this Protocol is to establish trusting and reciprocal relationships among the Participants with the goal of resolving disputes at the Métis community level and preventing incidents that can potentially escalate into conflict situations. This will be achieved by subscribing to the following principles:

- 1.1** the enhancement of relations between Métis Citizens and Métis Communities and the RCMP;
- 1.2** the recognition of Métis Nation-Saskatchewan as a government for Métis Citizens;
- 1.3** the acknowledgment, and understanding of the roles and responsibilities of MN-S and those of the RCMP;
- 1.4** the enhancement of public, community, and police officer safety;
- 1.5** the need for ongoing communication and information exchange between the Participants so as to strengthen community policing partnerships; and
- 1.6** the sharing of timely and accurate information between the Participants.