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SASKATOON, SK – Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) continues its vocal opposition of the *Saskatchewan First Act* and the lack of a meaningful, engaging, consultative approach with MN–S on lands and resource development. MN–S met with members of the provincial opposition to articulate its position and discuss a proposed solution developed by the Nation.

The MN–S government is of the firm view that the province must evolve its approach to natural resource development in collaboration with Métis across Saskatchewan. The *Saskatchewan First Act* does nothing to advance Indigenous rights and reinforces an unconstitutional consultation policy, which continues to minimize and marginalize Métis voices.

“Our voices are being systemically and purposely shut out of the *Saskatchewan First Act* and the selling of Crown lands. We have expressed serious concern on this piece of legislation - both on the statute itself and the provincial government’s continued practice of ignoring Métis voices. As Métis, we have inherent rights and we will use every means available to ensure members of the legislature understand that we are a culturally distinct and fundamental part of this province,” stated MN–S President Glen McCallum.

In November of 2022, MN–S held its Métis Nation Legislature Assembly where leadership was united in denouncing the *Saskatchewan First Act* and the assembly unanimously passed a motion rejecting the Act. MN–S has produced a [policy paper](#) that outlines a path forward that is inclusive of Métis voices in all aspects of natural resource development. This plan has been shared with all parties in the legislature, including the New Democratic Party of Saskatchewan and the governing Saskatchewan Party.

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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 organizational 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.

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