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Métis Nation–Saskatchewan invests \$1.5 million in northern housing

March 14, 2023 – Recognizing the need for housing solutions in all Regions of the province, Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) is responding with an investment in Northern Region III (NRIII).

In an effort to meet some of the area's more immediate needs, MN–S will contribute \$1.5 million dollars to the NRIII Regional Housing Strategy. In partnership with Sakitawak Development Corporation, the Village of Ile-a-la-Crosse and Metis Local 21, MN-S will construct eight new affordable and accessible housing units in Île-a-la-Crosse.

MN–S President Glen McCallum made the announcement this morning during opening day of the *'Building Community – Saskatchewan Housing and Homelessness Conference'* in Saskatoon.

President McCallum said, "We hear from citizens in all regions of the province, north, central, and south, who tell us about the inadequate living conditions and housing shortages in their communities. Today's announcement is a step in the right direction but much more is needed. This conference is designed to bring all parties together to develop solutions and distinctions-based approaches to homelessness and housing that will provide a strong direction all governments can use."

Through the Village of Île-à-la Crosse, local work forces will be engaged for the construction of six tiny homes and two three-bedroom houses beginning this spring, due to be completed in 2024.

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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



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