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## Voice of the People drives Métis Nation-Saskatchewan's Constitutional Reform

May 26, 2023 – Metis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) is holding province-wide constitutional reform engagements, scheduled to commence during the first week of June 2023. The primary objective is to gather input from Métis individuals throughout Saskatchewan on proposed constitutional changes as part of the Saskatchewan Métis Nation's on-going self-government and realization of Louis Riel's dream of self-determination.

MN–S Vice President Michelle LeClair is overseeing the constitutional reform process and said, "The process of reforming the *Constitution of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan* has been a long time coming. We want to ensure the changes reflect the wishes of our citizens for our self-governing Métis Nation and a strong and prosperous future."

The MN–S Constitution was ratified in 1993 and last updated in 2008. MN–S recognizes the importance of updating the Constitution to reflect the evolution as a self-governing nation and the values of the Métis in Saskatchewan.

Driving constitutional reform is the *Voice of the People* process. MN–S wants to hear from its citizens as the constitutional reform process moves forward and has committed to a transparent, methodical, and meticulous process. Beginning in June, in-person consultations will be held in Prince Albert, Regina, Saskatoon, and Buffalo Narrows, engaging Métis residents in the north, central, and south regions of the province. Virtual sessions, community-led sessions, and individual hearings will also be part of the process.

In 2019 and 2022, MN–S held engagement sessions across the province to gather input from Métis resulting in a new draft constitution that will be reviewed during the next round of consultations. The feedback gathered from these discussions will further inform updates to the MN–S Constitution and will be shared with delegates at the Fall 2023 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly. MN–S is committed to completing the Constitutional Reform process by the end of 2024.



Métis Nation–Saskatchewan is calling citizens to help shape the future of the Nation – an exciting opportunity for citizens to be the *Voice of the People* this summer.

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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 within Saskatchewan, MN–S works to advance Métis rights and strengthen capacity. MN–S represents the political, socioeconomic, cultural, and educational interests of the Métis in the province through an elected representative system at local, regional, and provincial levels. Social Media Links: @MNSask, @metisnationsask

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