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## MN-S congratulates new Otipemisiwak Métis Government President in Alberta

**September 20, 2023 –** Métis citizens in Alberta have elected a new president, Andrea Sandmaier. Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) congratulates President–elect Sandmaier, who replaces outgoing president, Audrey Poitras.

President Poitras served the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) for nearly three decades. During her leadership, President Poitras helped move MNA into a position of self-government. Last November, the new Otipemisiwak Métis Government was ratified by citizens in an overwhelming 96% favourable vote.

MN–S President Glen McCallum said, "On behalf of MN–S, I would like to congratulate President-elect Andrea Sandmaier on her election. I look forward to working with President-elect Sandmaier and the exciting changes as she leads the Otipemisiwak Métis Government. This is a time of significant transformation for Métis citizens, and when we come together to work as one Métis Nation, we build on the dreams of our ancestors and realize them for all our citizens."

"I extend my deepest thanks to President Poitras for her tireless leadership and stewardship of the Nation," McCallum said.

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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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