



## **Memorandum of Understanding**

Between

**Government of Saskatchewan ("GOS")**

And

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

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) sets out the terms of understanding between the Government of Saskatchewan and the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (the Parties), and their representatives, regarding future cooperation on the implementation of the *Saskatchewan Firearms Act* ("the *SFA*") and community engagement and education on the same.

### **Background**

Federal government changes to firearms rules such as the Order-in-Council of May 1, 2020, and Bill C-21 will lead to the unnecessary criminalization of firearms owners and the diminishing of individual firearms owners' property rights to own and use their firearms for sustenance hunting, sport, and recreation.

With Bill C-21 and the closing of the OIC amnesty period, citizens of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan and other indigenous Canadians could be subject to high levels of firearm seizures and prosecution due to lack of knowledge of regulations and varied levels of licensing.

Through the *SFA* the Government of Saskatchewan seeks to address concerns of lawful firearms owners regarding overreach by the federal government by ensuring firearms owners will receive appropriate compensation in a reasonable manner for any seized firearms.

### **Purpose**

The MN-S and the GOS will coordinate to provide education to Métis citizens on existing and incoming firearms laws and to encourage and facilitate members in becoming fully licensed and legally compliant firearms owners.

The Parties affirm the following areas of alignment:

- Promotion of education and licensing of as many community members as possible.
- Minimizing unnecessary criminalization of individuals for regulatory offences.
- The need for appropriate compensation for seized firearms.
- Protection of gun owners' current and future privileges.

In coordination with the MN-S, the GOS is willing to provide training & educational materials for MN-S community centres.

Potential opportunities:

An agreement between MN-S & GOS for a liaison/community educator position to champion the education & compliance with *SFA*, promote licensing and education around other firearms regulations. Funding for the agreement would be provided by GOS and limited to a maximum of \$50,000.00 per fiscal year and subject to appropriation.

Training days – 1 day “get your PAL” (Possession and Acquisition License) course hosted by Saskatchewan Firearms Office staff for MN-S citizens, providing Canadian Firearms Safety Course training and Possession and acquisition Licence application forms as well as assisting to complete documents.

The GOS supports fee waivers for MN-S citizens who require firearms to hunt or trap to sustain themselves or their families. The GOS is supportive of and willing to assist with applications for licensing under *Aboriginal Peoples of Canada Adaptations Regulations (Firearms)*.

The GOS and MN-S will release a joint statement re: cooperation on education and implementation of the *SFA*.

Meeting between President/Minister of Inter-Nation Relations of Métis Nation - Saskatchewan and the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety and Minister Responsible for the Firearms Secretariat for Saskatchewan as public indication of parties' alignment on firearms issues.

## **Funding**

GOS will provide funding for an agreement for a position within MN-S aimed at community education, increasing licensing and compliance with firearms regulations & laws. The funding will be limited to a maximum of \$50,000.00 per fiscal year, subject to appropriation.

GOS will also provide materials or funding for educational materials and training for citizens.

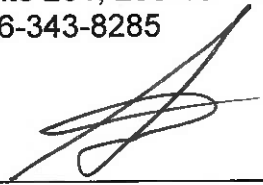
**Duration**

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from the MN-S and the GOS. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from the MN-S and the GOS and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent. In the absence of mutual agreement to terminate or otherwise modify the term of the MOU by the authorized officials from the MN-S and the GOS, this MOU shall end on January 1, 2025.

**Contact Information**

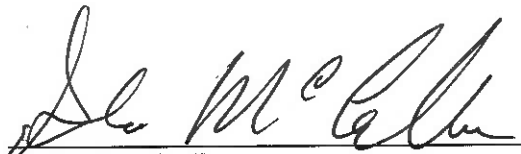
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