



OFFICE of the PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT

SENT VIA EMAIL

April 17, 2024

Dear Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Citizens,

We hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits. It is with a profound sense of determination and commitment to our historical legacy that we write to you today.

For generations, the dream of a self-governing Metis Nation – Saskatchewan has echoed through our communities, confirming the ideals championed by Louis Riel himself. Our commitment to fulfilling this dream has guided our actions and decisions, leading us to work tirelessly with the federal government on the passage of Bill C-53, aimed at recognizing our inherent right to self-government.

Over the past year, MN-S has engaged in good faith with Canada, striving to reach an agreement that would honour our inherent rights and recognize our unique history and reality. However, it has become increasingly clear that the one-size-fits-all approach proposed by the federal government is fundamentally flawed and does not align with the aspirations of MN-S and our citizens.

Despite our diligent efforts, Bill C-53 has encountered significant challenges, including protracted parliamentary processes and political issues arising in other provinces that are beyond our control, particularly in Ontario and Alberta. These hurdles have stalled the progress of the bill, preventing it from moving forward as envisioned.

In honoring the legacy of Louis Riel and Gabriel Dumont, who fought and died here in Saskatchewan for our right to self-government, MN-S has made the difficult decision to withdraw our support from Bill C-53. Instead, we are embarking on a new path—one that allows us to pursue our own Treaty with Canada, tailored to the needs and rights of Metis citizens in Saskatchewan.

This moment marks an historic time for us, as we reawaken and reclaim our inherent rights as a distinct and self-determining nation. We are seizing this opportunity to cement these rights for all future generations to come, ensuring that the spirit of self-government and Métis empowerment endures within the Metis Nation - Saskatchewan.

We want to assure you that MN-S remains steadfast in our commitment to securing self-government. We will continue to engage with determination and diligence to ensure that our Treaty reflects the aspirations and values of MN-S citizens.



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Your support and engagement are crucial as we move forward on this important path. We encourage you to stay informed and involved in our collective efforts to achieve self-government, as your voices and contributions are integral to our success.

Together, let us honour the vision of Louis Riel, Gabriel Dumont, and the dreams of generations past. This is a pivotal point in Métis history. Finally, our people will take control of our own fate. Our Métis story has been one of resilience, as we move forward on the path our ancestors started, it will be a story of triumph.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glen McCallum". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Glen McCallum,
President
Métis Nation – Saskatchewan