



Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Métis Nation - Saskatchewan ("MN-S")

And

Saskatoon Wildlife Federation

(hereinafter referred to collectively as the "parties" and individually as a "party")

Preamble

WHEREAS the Métis Nation—an Indigenous people—emerged in the historic North-West of what is now Canada with its own collective identity, language, territory, laws, legal orders, self-government, institutions, national symbols, culture, arts, customs, way of life, and relationships to the land and other Indigenous peoples;

AND WHEREAS MN-S is the sovereign Indigenous government of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan and is rooted in Métis culture, language, values, and community, whose authority acts to protect the rights of MN-S citizens;

AND WHEREAS in 2019, Canada signed the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement, recognizing that the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan has the inherent right to self-government that is recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, which right is protected by section 25 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*;

AND WHEREAS the MN-S is mandated to represent the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan; and that the MN-S has been mandated by the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan to implement the collectivity's inherent right to self-determination, including the right of self-government;

AND WHEREAS the Saskatoon Wildlife Federation was founded in 1931 with the mission of supporting wildlife conservation and habitat preservation and encouraging responsible hunting, fishing and trapping;

AND WHEREAS the Saskatoon Wildlife Federation seeks to engage with individuals of all ages and from all backgrounds with the goal of teaching wildlife conservation and education, hunter safety, and encouraging the safe and responsible use of firearms;

AND WHEREAS the parties share a common goal of supporting and promoting a heritage of responsible firearms ownership, hunting, harvesting, and respect for nature;

NOW THEREFORE Métis Nation-Saskatchewan and Saskatoon Wildlife Federation enter this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), expressing the Parties' mutual desire to engage in activities promoting firearms safety education among Métis citizens in Saskatoon and area.

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING THEREFORE ESTABLISHES that the Parties express their intentions as follows:

1. Purpose

1.1 The primary purpose of this MOU is to formalize the relationship between the Parties and for MN-S to engage Saskatoon Wildlife Federation to assist with the provision of firearms safety and hunter safety training for MN-S citizens in Saskatoon and area. This MOU sets out the terms of understanding between the Parties and their representatives, regarding future cooperation on the implementation of firearms safety and hunter safety training.

1.2 The Parties will work together on firearm and hunter education and related issues, taking a collaborative approach that respects Métis traditional practices as well as western traditions for achieving the best outcome for the people they serve.

2. Principles

2.1 The Parties intend for the activities associated with this MOU to respect the mandate and rights of the other as set out and defined in the *Constitution Act, 1982* and the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, the Constitution of the MN-S, The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and other related statutes enacted by the Government of Canada, the Government of Saskatchewan, and the bylaws of the Saskatoon Wildlife Federation.

2.2 Initiatives will be shaped and developed through dialogue and collaboration. The Parties will conduct business with openness, transparency, and reciprocity.

3. Areas of Mutual Interest for Cooperation

3.1 The Parties express a desire to cooperate in the following areas of mutual interest:

3.1.1 coordinate to provide education to Métis citizens in Saskatoon and area to enable them to become fully licensed and legally compliant firearms owners as well as providing education on hunter safety.

3.1.2 promote firearms safety education and licensing.

4. Activities Associated with Areas of Mutual Interest

- 4.1 In coordination with the MN-S, Saskatoon Wildlife Federation is willing to assist with training classes by providing classroom space, access to instructors, and other support as may be needed for the effective provision of firearms and hunter safety education.
- 4.2 Saskatoon Wildlife Federation will assist with the training, integration and utilization of Métis harvesters as firearms safety instructors and educators.
- 4.3 The MN-S and Saskatoon Wildlife Federation will release a joint statement regarding cooperation on education and promotion of firearms safety and hunter safety training.
- 4.4 The parties agree to report annually on progress as required. The Saskatoon Wildlife Federation will report to the CEO or designate and MN-S may report to the Board of Directors of the Saskatoon Wildlife Federation, or any other mutually agreeable forum.

5. Funding

- 5.1 Each Party understands and concurs that there is no financial obligation to either Party as a result of entering into this MOU.

6. Duration

- 6.1 This MOU will come into effect upon the date of the last signature and will remain in effect for an indeterminate amount of time from this effective date.
- 6.2 This MOU may be amended in writing at any time with the mutual consent of the Participants.
- 6.3 Either Participant may withdraw from the MOU at any time, upon presentation of ninety (90) days prior written notice.

7. Legal Disclaimer

- 7.1 This MOU is not a contract and does not create any legally binding obligations between the Parties, but represents their desire to cooperate, collaborate and to promote firearm safety and education.

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