

Métis Nation–Saskatchewan

2023-24 Annual Report – *too lii zaan wiihta*



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Weaving Our Future, Together



The 2023-24 fiscal year was one of the most progressive in the history of Métis Nation-Saskatchewan. With increased capacity, our leaders and staff focused on engaging in community, negotiating the advancement of our rights, and improved service to thousands of Métis Citizens across the province. Through MN-S' program delivery, the government heard the same message; people have never seen so much movement in the Métis Nation. Métis people are coming home to the Nation – to register as MN-S Citizens, to work for our government, to be served and represented. Our Citizens are excited to be a part of what we are building.

Much of this unprecedented growth is the result of our government successfully negotiating agreements and creating meaningful partnerships that directly benefit our Citizens. The 2023-24 MN-S Annual Report – *too lii zaan wiihta* (telling about all the years) is an opportunity to know us, to know the good work of our government, and to share in life-changing success stories from our Citizens and communities.

The outcomes in this report represent a massive social and economic benefit not only to our Saskatchewan Métis Nation, but to the province and Canada. For more than 250 years, the Métis have been here shaping and contributing to the economy across the Métis homeland. Every MN-S partnership results in a progressive step toward fulfilling Louis Riel's dream of self-government. Métis identity, culture, values, and language are the foundations of the MN-S government, built by citizens, for citizens.



A Message from President Glen McCallum

Tansi, Hello,

When this government first took office eight years ago, we were essentially starting from scratch. We immediately began working to rebuild relationships and reestablish trust within our communities, with the province, and with Canada.

Since that time, we have become the recognized government for Métis people in Saskatchewan. Our citizenship has grown to more than 34,000 and we're making record investments in programs and services that matter to our families. From housing to safe havens, treatment facilities to environmental monitors, education for our little ones and post-secondary opportunities for our youth. This Métis Nation government is built by Saskatchewan, for Saskatchewan. That was our promise eight years ago and remains our mandate today.

In the spirit of transparency, we are proud to share a report with you this year that not only reflects the real investment made by this MN-S government but the impact it's had on our citizens in the north, central, and south.

Thank you, Ekosi, Maarsii,



President Glen McCallum



A Message from Minister of Finance Marg Friesen

Hello,

As Minister of Finance for the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan government, it gives me great pleasure to present this annual report that indicates record investments in our province and the impact they've had on our Métis citizens.

Over the last number of years, I have served as your Minister of Finance and have had the honour of watching our budget grow into the hundreds of millions. Over the years, we have shared our financial reports with you, and you have seen the numbers. We have come from a place of virtually nothing, to be able to offer programs and services that deliver tangible results for our citizens. Throughout this report, you will see how our citizens have come forward to share what a strong MN–S government has meant to them and their communities.

We are proud of where we have come from and how bright our future as Métis people in Saskatchewan looks. Enjoy the read.

Thank you,

Marg Friesen



Minister of Finance

Tanishii



A Message from Chief Executive Officer Richard Quintal

Good day,

When I joined MN–S more than eight years ago, I did so because I saw a team of dedicated individuals, determined to realize the dreams of our ancestors and achieve self-government to secure the future of our Nation.

Today, we continue down that path, having established solid partnerships with Canada, Saskatchewan, First Nations, and communities throughout the Homeland. Today, programs and services are being used by our citizens in increasing numbers and our young people are finding opportunities in further education, learning the Michif language, improving their homes and their lives.

It is with great pride that we present a different type of financial report to our citizens here. One that reflects their involvement and their appreciation of what the MN–S government is achieving with our partners.

We hope you find the report educational, and the citizen success stories empower others to participate in the programs that can provide better outcomes for everyone.

Thank you,

Richard Quintal



Chief Executive Officer

Vision, Guiding Principles & Strategic Priorities

Our Vision

MN-S is a healthy, self-sustaining, sovereign nation that is rooted in Métis culture, language, values, and community. Our government will act in solidarity to protect and advance our traditional homeland and the rights of our citizens.

Guiding Principles

- Kaa ishi Pimaatishiyaahk (The Way We Live)
- Family Oriented & Nurturing of the Next Generation
- Kishaywaatishihk (Good Heart)
- Loyalty
- Shared Prosperity & Reciprocity
- Environmental Stewardship & Connectedness to the Land
- Spiritual Connectivity
- Resiliency
- Respect for the Leadership Role of Women in the Community

Strategic Priorities

Strategic priorities help shape our direction and areas of focus. It is the work we focus on first to help us support our vision. These priorities were set by the Provincial Métis Council in 2021 and are essential for ensuring that we effectively address the needs and aspirations of our Métis citizens.



Introductions to Elected Officials



President Glen McCallum
Minister of Post-Secondary/(K-12) Education,
Minister of Inter-Nation Relations



Vice President Michelle LeClair
Minister of Lands and Environment, Minister of
Justice, Minister of Inter-Nation Relations



Provincial Secretary Lisa McCallum
Associate Minister of Constitutional Reform



Billy Kennedy
Western Region 1A
Minister of Sports



Sherry McLennan
Western Region 2
Minister of Early Learning Child Care



Laura Burnouf
Northern Region 1
Minister of Language



Leonard Montgrand
Northern Region 2



Mervin 'Tex' Bouvier
Northern Region 3
Minister of Veterans



Ryan Carriere
Eastern Region 1
Minister of Culture & Heritage



Kathie Pruden Nansel
Western Region 3
Minister of Child and Family Services



Wendy Gervais
Western Region 2A
Associate Minister of Post-Secondary/
(K-12) Education



Brent Digness
Eastern Region 2
Minister of Economic Development & Tourism



Tim Roussin
Eastern Region 2A



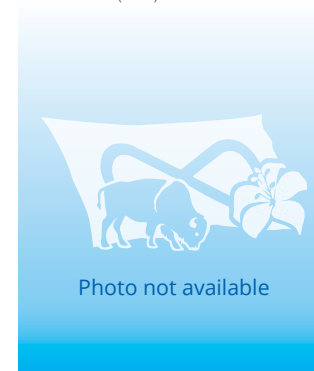
Marg Friesen
Eastern Region 2
Minister of Finance, Minister of Health



Loretta King
Western Region 1
Minister of Housing & Infrastructure



Autumn Laing-LaRose-Smith
Minister of Youth, President -
Provincial Métis Youth Council



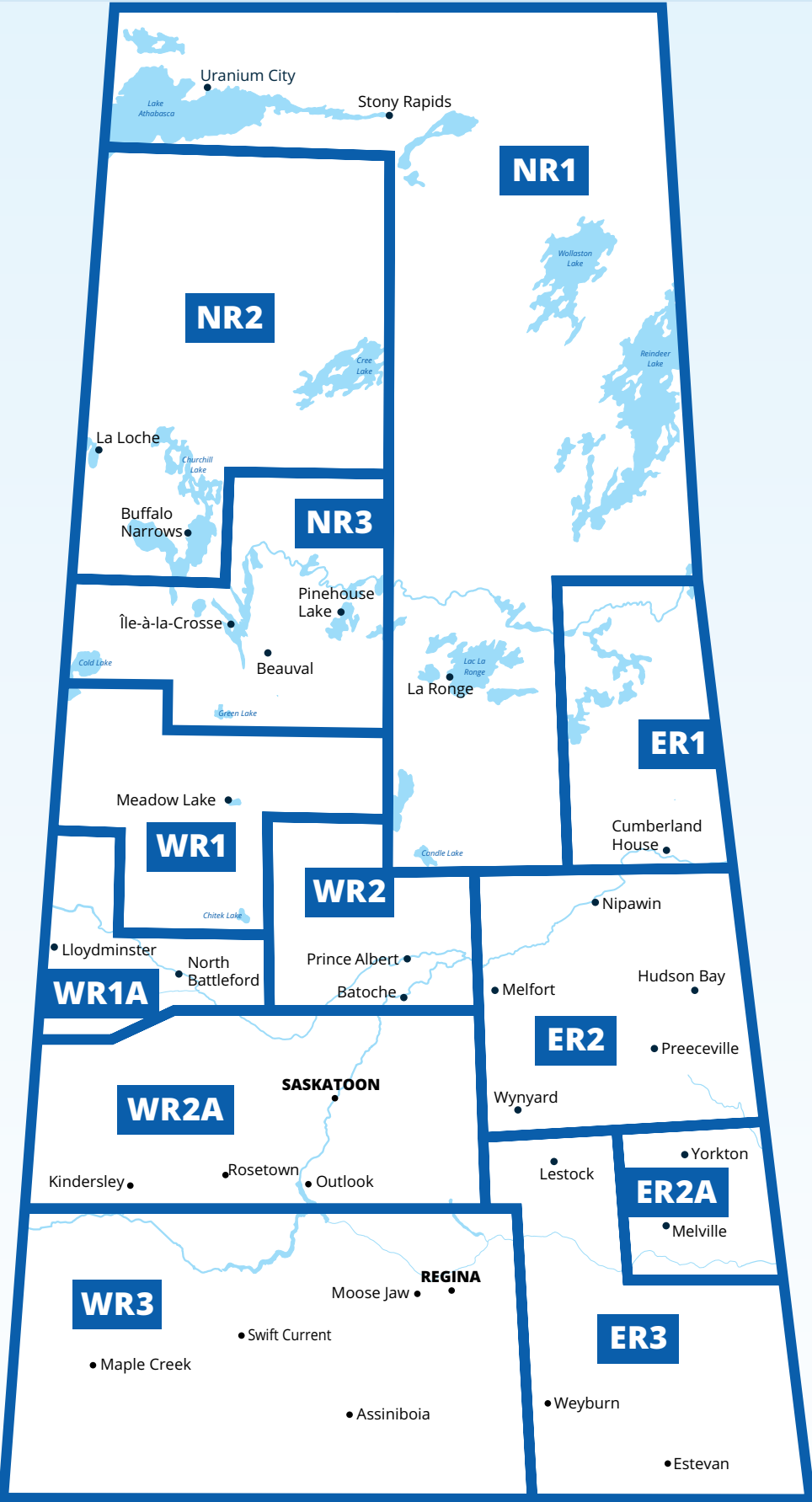
Darlene Langan
Métis Women of Saskatchewan

Role of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC)

The Provincial Metis Council is integral to the governance structure of MN-S and forms the cabinet of our government. The PMC provides strategic guidance for the portfolios they hold and ensures that the government has the resources necessary to enable it to operate effectively by reviewing and approving annual budgets, expenditures over \$1 million, and policies delegated to that level.

The PMC is composed of four executive members, 12 elected Regional Representatives, one representative from the Métis Women of Saskatchewan (Les Filles de Madeleine), and one representative from the Provincial Métis Youth Council, totalling 18 members.

MN-S is the government that represents Métis citizens in Saskatchewan. Interests of Métis citizens are represented through an elected representative system at local, regional, and provincial levels. Under the leadership of the PMC, MN-S's mandate is to pursue the advancement of the rights, socio-economic and cultural well-being of the Métis of Saskatchewan.



Métis Nation-Saskatchewan / Province of Saskatchewan



Regional Map

NR1 NORTHERN REGION 1

- 16 Weyakwin
- 19 La Ronge
- 20 Timber Bay
- 50 Uranium City
- 80 Stony Rapids

NR2 NORTHERN REGION 2

- 39 La Loche
- 40 Turner Lake
- 62 Buffalo Narrows
- 65 Michel Village
- 70 St. Georges Hill
- 156 Bear Creek
- 162 Black Point

NR3 NORTHERN REGION 3

- 5 Green Lake
- 9 Pinehouse
- 21 Île-à-la-Crosse
- 37 Beauval
- 38 Jans Bay
- 41 Cole Bay
- 67 Dore/Sled Lake
- 82 Patuanak
- 174 Canoe River
- 176 Sapawgamik

WR1 WESTERN REGION 1

- 31 Meadow Lake
- 64 Leoville
- 71 Pierceland
- 72 Livelong
- 75 Glaslyn
- 91 Rush Lake
- 97 Chitek Lake
- 118 Brightsand
- 136 Spiritwood
- 161 Midnight Lake

WR1A WESTERN REGION 1A

- 76/18 Lloydminster
- 106 North Battleford
- 30 Battlefords

WR2 WESTERN REGION 2

- 7 Prince Albert
- 10 Duck Lake
- 28 St. Louis
- 43 Kinistino
- 51 Batoche
- 59 Big River
- 61 Debden
- 77 Leask
- 81 Shell Lake
- 83 MacDowall
- 109 Nordale
- 113 Marcelin
- 269 Sask Rivers

WR2A WESTERN REGION 2A

- 11 Saskatoon
- 11a Saskatoon
- 53 Biggar
- 55 Cando/Willowfield
- 85 Fiske/D'Arcy
- 126 Saskatoon
- 105 Ruthilda
- 165 Saskatoon
- 1885 Allen

WR3 WESTERN REGION 3

- 17 Willow Bunch
- 29 Regina Beach
- 33 Riel Métis Council
- 34 Queen's City
- 35 Swift Current
- 160 Moose Jaw

ER1 EASTERN REGION 1

- 42 Cumberland House

ER2 EASTERN REGION 2

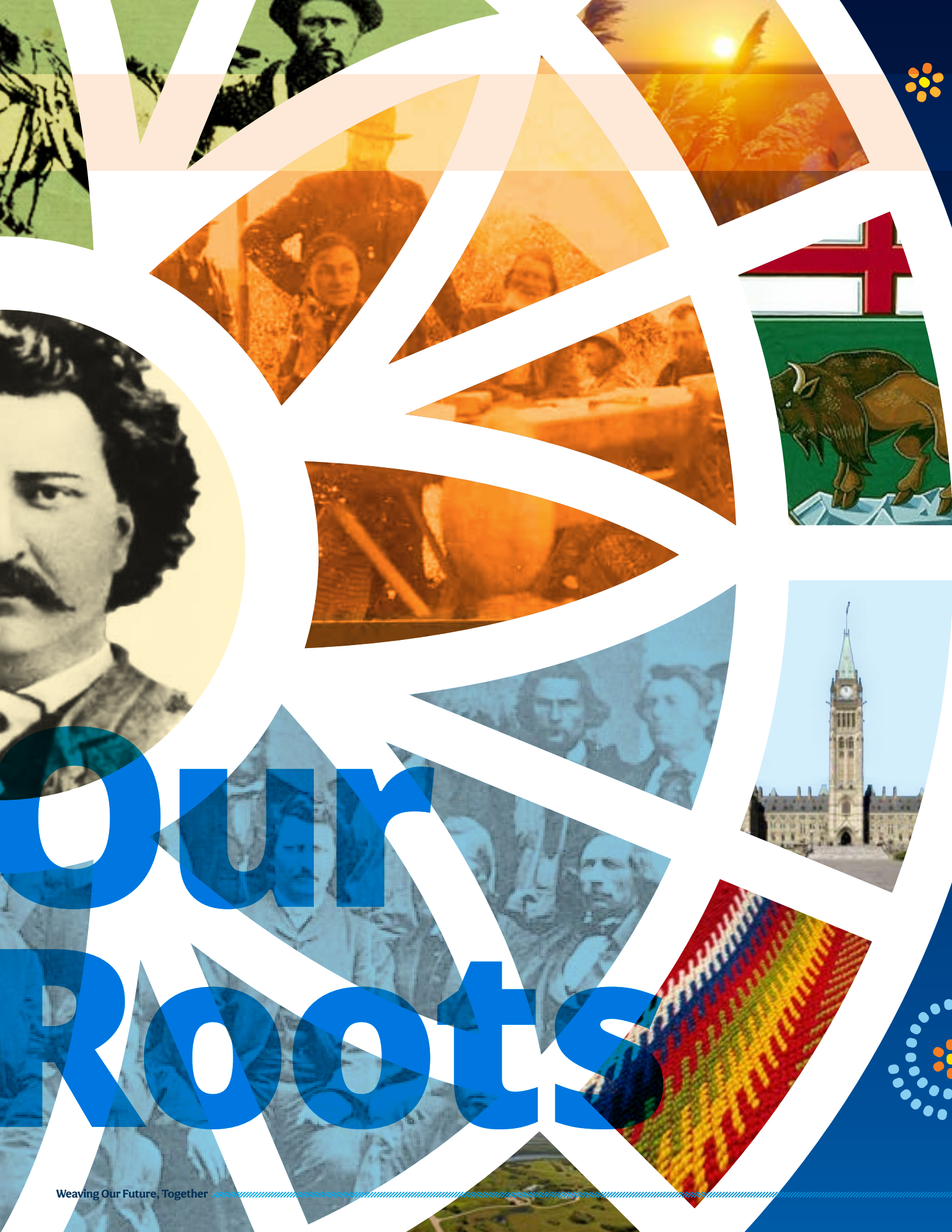
- 22 Melfort
- 58 Archerwill
- 114 Hudson Bay
- 116 Wynyard
- 134 Nipawin
- 137 Carrot River
- 138 Sturgis
- 222 Tisdale

ER2A EASTERN REGION 2A

- 13 Yorkton
- 15 Melville
- 47 Crescent Lake
- 163 Togo

ER3 EASTERN REGION 3

- 6 Fort Qu'Appelle
- 8 Lestock
- 25 Estevan
- 44 Moosomin
- 48 Lebret
- 87 Weyburn
- 103 Sintaluta
- 135 Rocanville
- 182 Moose Mountain



The History of Our Nation

MN-S has a rich and varied history, marked by significant events that have shaped its political, social, and cultural landscape.

The journey of MN-S is a testament to our resilience and strength. This timeline chronicles important events and milestones that have defined and advanced the cause of the Métis in Saskatchewan, emphasizing our ongoing pursuit of recognition and governance.

1600s - 1700s:

Métis people emerge as a distinct group in the early fur trade era, primarily through unions between European (mostly French) fur traders and First Nations women.

1776:

Île-à-la-Crosse officially settled by the Métis.

1869:

Louis Riel emerges as a leader of the Métis, opposing the transfer of Rupert's Land to the Canadian government without Métis consultation.

1885:

Louis Riel returned from exile in Montana to lead the Métis, establishing the Provisional Government of Saskatchewan and starting the North-West Resistance.

1943:

The Saskatchewan Métis Association was formed to represent Northern Métis, demonstrating growing political awareness and mobilization among Métis communities across the province.

1774:

Cumberland House became the first Métis settlement in Canada, laying the foundation for a thriving Métis presence.

1817:

Louis Riel Sr., father of Louis Riel is born in Île-à-la-Crosse, SK

1872:

The Council of St. Laurent was formed with Gabriel Dumont as president, serving as the administrative, judicial, and military body for the Southbranch Settlement communities. This marked the first organized Métis governance in the region, providing a foundation for self-determination and community leadership.

1935:

Joe Ross established the Half-breeds of Saskatchewan, later renamed the Saskatchewan Métis Society, marking the beginning of formal Métis political organization in the province. This event laid the groundwork for future political advocacy and representation for Métis people in Saskatchewan.


1967:

The Métis Association of Saskatchewan and the Métis Society of Saskatchewan merged to form the Métis Society of Saskatchewan. The merger unified the Métis political voice in Saskatchewan, strengthening our ability to advocate for our rights and interests.

1982:

The Constitution Act, 1982, recognized and affirmed the Treaty and aboriginal rights of the aboriginal peoples of Canada. Aboriginal peoples of Canada include Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples.

1993:

The Métis Nation of Saskatchewan is formed and after extensive consultations and research, the MN-S constitution passes and becomes law. This recognizes and demonstrates we are a self-determining people with the inherent right to establish our own government and laws.


2002:

The Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. was established under The Métis Act. The establishment of the Secretariat provided a structured and formalized entity to manage Métis governance and affairs.

1975:

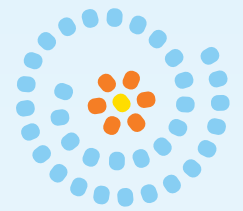
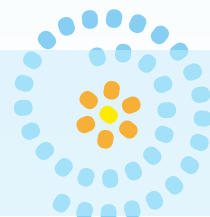
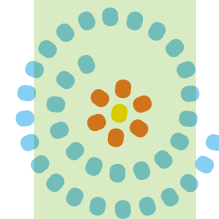
The organization was restructured as the Association of Métis and Non-Status Indians of Saskatchewan (AMNSIS).

1988:

The AMNSIS held a referendum to limit its membership to citizens of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan only, which referendum passed, and the organization returned to the name of the Métis Society of Saskatchewan.

2000:

The organization was renamed Métis Nation-Saskatchewan and adopted the National Definition of Métis. This rebranding and adoption of a national definition helped to solidify a unified identity and framework for Métis people in Saskatchewan.


2016:

The Daniels v. Canada decision led to improved relations and recognition of Métis rights. This landmark Supreme Court decision was a significant victory for Métis rights, affirming our status as Indigenous peoples under Canadian law.

2018:

The Framework Agreement for Advancing Reconciliation was signed between MN-S and Canada. This agreement further solidified the partnership between MN-S and the federal government.

July 2022:

Parks Canada transfers 690 hectares of Batoche to MN-S in recognition of the cultural, spiritual and historical significance of Batoche to the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan.

2019 through 2024:

MN-S continues to advance self-government for Métis people in Saskatchewan.

2003:

The Supreme Court of Canada's decision in R. v. Powley establishes the framework for establishing Métis rights under Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, strengthening the legal recognition of Métis rights. [The elements of this framework are consistent with the National Definition.]

2017:

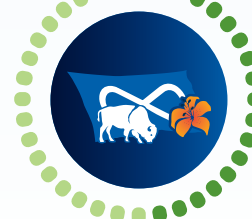
The Canada-Métis Nation Accord was signed, furthering recognition of Métis rights. This accord represented a commitment from the federal government to work collaboratively with the Métis Nation on issues of mutual concern, promoting reconciliation and partnership.

2019:

MN-S signed the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement with Canada. This agreement was a major milestone, affirming the Métis' right to self-government and recognizing our authority to govern our own affairs.

February 24, 2023:

MN-S signs an enhanced self-government, recognition implementation agreement with the Government of Canada.



About MN-S

Métis Nation—Saskatchewan (MN-S) is the democratic government of the Métis Nation in Saskatchewan - a unique and distinct rights-bearing Indigenous people, recognized as one of the three Indigenous groups in Canada under subsection 35(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982, with rights affirmed in Section 35.

Representing over 30,000 registered Métis Citizens across Saskatchewan, MN-S works to advance the socio-economic and cultural well-being of all Métis in Saskatchewan.

Métis Nation—Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. was incorporated as a non-for-profit Indigenous organization in 2000 and since then has worked towards implementing Métis self-government through litigation and strategic partnerships with all levels of government.

Under the leadership of the Provincial Métis Council, the MN-S is the recognized governing body representing Métis citizens in Saskatchewan, and functions as both the administrative and service delivery arm of our government, providing comprehensive programs and services targeted to meet the needs of Métis people in Saskatchewan.

Meet our Senior Management Team



Richard Quintal
Chief Executive Officer

Reporting directly to the PMC, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is the highest-ranking executive at MN-S and serves as the primary liaison between the PMC, MNLA, and public service operations.

Richard's areas of oversight include self-government, legal services, public affairs & communications, and registrar.



Matt Vermette
Chief Operating Officer

Reporting directly to the CEO, the Chief Operating Officer (COO) oversees the operations and administration of the MN-S. Matt's areas of oversight include programs & services, infrastructure, administration, human resources, and finance.

39.1

Average Age
of MN-S Staff

266 Female Staff
83 Male Staff
Located Across SK

30%

Increase in Staff
2023-2024

Deputy Chiefs



Darryl Bazylak
Deputy Chief,
Programs & Services



Dorothy Myo
Deputy Chief,
Self-Government



Hilary Peterson
Deputy Chief,
Legal Services



Kelly Pruden
Deputy Chief,
Infrastructure



Tammy Vallee
Deputy Chief,
Administration

Ministry of Child & Family Services

Our Ministry of Child & Family Services is dedicated to ensuring the well-being of Métis children, youth, and families in Saskatchewan. Our model of care is shaped by the citizens and communities, reflecting Métis culture, values, and traditions. Our government is working with our communities and citizens to affirm our jurisdiction for Métis children in care in Saskatchewan and design a Métis-distinct child and family services system.

Métis Nation – Saskatchewan has started the process of establishing Child and Family Services for Métis children in Saskatchewan. This is done through Bill C-92: An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families.

Throughout 2023 a small team was formed which spent the fall conducting extensive consultation with Métis Citizens on the current state and need for future Métis led services throughout all 12 Regions. In total 35 engagements were held, with one provincial wide conference. The Provincial MN-S Child and Family Services Conference in November 2023 was highlighted by the participation of 179 attendees, showcasing a robust community engagement and commitment to addressing child and family welfare issues.

These consultations are a big step towards understanding and meeting the unique needs of the Métis citizens and communities. The first year of consultations has been very valuable, allowing us to talk directly with citizens and gather their insights and feedback. This process is important to make sure the services we create are culturally relevant and effective. Consultations will continue until at least 2026-27, and possibly until 2028-29, to ensure everyone is involved.



Based off of the engagements 9 key findings were identified:

1. Program delivery needs to be comprehensive, built up incrementally, and capacity increased.
2. Cultural continuity is needed for Métis children, as it is in the best interest of the children, families, and communities. This needs to be foundational to the Ministry, including any services and programs.
3. Substantive equality is needed to promote equal outcomes and opportunities for all children
4. Accessible treatment for mental health and addictions is needed as this issue contributes directly to risks for children and families.
5. Youth ageing out of care require specific services to address the increase in challenges with being a young person leaving the Child and Family Services system.
6. Prenatal care needs special priority to prevent apprehensions at birth and to support both the child and parents.
7. Addressing the root causes of poverty is necessary to build capacity and to provide services that will meet all social determinants of Métis health and wellness.
8. Timely Collaborative resolution process for child welfare disputes are needed based upon Métis views and values.

Our goal is to create a strong framework that meets the immediate needs of the Métis and promotes long-term family stability and well-being. We look forward to continuing these consultations and rolling out our service delivery model, showing the collaborative efforts of the Ministry and Métis citizens.

These efforts are part of a broader commitment to reconciliation and the promotion of equity and inclusion within the educational system.



5,656

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO
FAMILIES IN NEED**

Our Department of Education has many programs to help Métis children and families grow and develop, including:

- **Childcare Subsidy Program:** MN-S invests more than \$2M of the Childcare Subsidy Program, which lowers childcare costs to \$10 per day or \$218 per month for children aged 0 through 12. This helps parents work, study or take care of family needs while ensuring kids receive affordable childcare.
- The **Ni Pamihaanaanik Nutr Faamii** program funds childcare for children aged 5-12 during school breaks, allowing them to attend camps.
- **Amachiwayhaataak Let's Soar Program:** Provided more than \$167K in financial support for Métis children aged 0 through 8 with special needs, covering services like therapy and specialized equipment. This helps children get the services they need for educational success.
- **Gear Up for School Backpack Program:** Gives registered Métis children aged 3 through 13 backpacks with school supplies and Walmart gift cards for school essentials. More than 3,200 backpacks were distributed to children across Saskatchewan in 2023-24.
- **Lii Bufloo Cultural Packages Program:** Offered 2,500 cultural packages to Métis children (0-12) to help them connect with Métis heritage.
- **Enn list dooshihtanaan We're Making a List Program:** Provides more than 5,600 Christmas gifts to Métis children aged 0 through 12, helping families throughout the holidays.

Ministry of Post-Secondary Education / K-12 Education

Our Ministry of Post-Secondary Education is dedicated to investing in Métis citizens. We work with schools and universities to provide access to skills training and university programs.

We provide endless opportunities to help develop future leaders. Citizens from all 12 MN-S regions have an equal opportunity to access post-secondary education. The Métis Nation University Sponsorship Program aims to help Métis students with tuition, textbooks, and living expenses.



You've always got choices. One is to give up, and one is to keep going. You feel awful at the time, but if you give up, how much worse will you feel down the line?

Kyle Gordon

Kyle's Story

Kyle is a dedicated single father who overcame challenges and contributed to move forward to improve the lives of his family, including his epileptic son.

"You've always got choices. One is to give up, and one is to keep going. You feel awful at the time, but if you give up, how much worse will you feel down the line? I've been trying to remember that your windshield in front of you is always bigger than your rearview mirror. But you can't sacrifice family. You never sacrifice family. You don't know how long you'll have them.

For his accomplishments, remarkable perseverance, resilience, and commitment to both his family and community, Kyle was recognized as the 2024 recipient of the Gabriel Dumont Institute's Perseverance Award at the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission's Apprenticeship Awards in December. After exploring careers in mechanics and farming, Kyle discovered his passion for carpentry and enrolled in a training program supported by the Indigenous Skills and Employment Training (ISET) program through financing provided by MN-S as the program's administrator. The support provided through ISET allowed Kyle to pursue his education while fulfilling his responsibilities as a father.

He said the "program really gave me that kick in the pants. I know you guys are investing in me to get this trades education, and that keeps me motivated. Assistance like that keeps you in there."

Kyle's determination and hard work have created a stable, brighter future for his family, while his journey inspires others to overcome their challenges.

His success reflects the strength of MN-S programs in empowering citizens to build fulfilling careers and strengthen the resilience and self-sufficiency of our Nation.



Ministry of Health

Department of Mental Health & Addiction

Our Department of Mental Health & Addictions provides specialized mental wellness and crisis support to our Métis Citizens, striving towards improving mental wellness for Métis Citizens through innovative programs and dedicated support services. We provide 24-hour phone-based support, in-person support in Saskatoon, Regina, and Prince Albert, and mobile emergency major crisis support throughout the Province. Our goal is to develop Métis-specific programming to enhance support and diminish stigma through various projects, research, engagements, and collaborations.



We offer several critical services aimed at addressing mental health and addiction challenges, including the [Wiichiheew Li Moond](#) / Mobile Outreach Program, which provides support to vulnerable populations on the streets of Regina, Saskatoon, and Prince Albert. Outreach vans have been added to the program fleet to ensure citizen needs are met quickly, with culturally appropriate care, sensitivity and discretion.

Additionally, the Métis Mental Health & Addictions Support Line offers culturally safe support for adults, youth, and families in both English and French, in person and virtually.

Citizen Stories:

Respecting the confidentiality and dignity of our clients is paramount. With that in mind, we are sharing the stories of anonymous citizens with their consent, to highlight the meaningful work we do.

Finding Home: A Path to Recovery

One of our clients had been living in an encampment with her friends and partner, struggling with homelessness and substance use stemming from childhood trauma. Desperate for shelter, she reached out to us for help. The Wiichihew Li Moond staff worked tirelessly to find, view, and secure housing for her. They also connected her with counselling services to address her unresolved trauma and collaborated with community partners to provide household belongings to help her settle in.

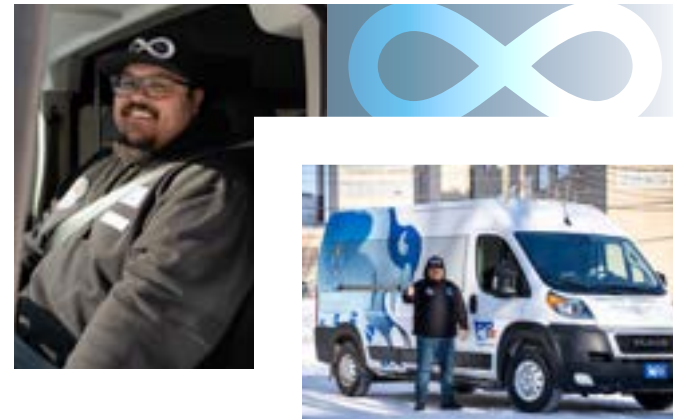
Today, she keeps in touch with our team regularly and is happy to report that she is continuing her healing journey. Her story is a testament to the positive impact of our work and the hope that comes with finding a safe, supportive home.

Support and Care: A New Beginning

We met one of our clients sleeping on the streets. She had been restricted from all available shelters and was in desperate need of mental health support, including proper medications. Wiichihew Li Moond (WLM) Outreach helped create a care plan and connected the client to a psychiatrist who was able to assess her medication needs. With the support of WLM Outreach and after a number of successful appointments, the clinic re-instated the client's mental health and social worker. She is now receiving weekly treatments and continues to set and achieve her goals. She has taken legal steps to re-engage with her children and is living in transitional housing. This individual was able to be fast-tracked into treatment and continues to engage with outreach for mental health support.



Success in Community Partnership: Andrew's Story



Our newest project, the Reintegration Support Program, in collaboration with Correctional Services Canada, is focused on the reintegration of incarcerated Métis Citizens by supporting them in their reintegration journeys. We are also working on the development of a transitional housing program for Métis Citizens transitioning from crisis situations and a Land Based Healing Facility to provide traditional and culturally relevant healing practices for Métis Citizens.

We are rapidly expanding our capacity and services to meet the needs of Métis Citizens across the province. From those experiencing homelessness to individuals living with addictions, our team is connecting individuals with community support.

Andrew Love is the Executive Director of Pine Lodge Addiction Recovery in Regina. Andrew believes in the importance of meaningful connections in the journey toward healing. Through Pine Lodge's relationship with the MN-S Mental Health & Addictions Mobile Outreach Program, Andrew knows that Métis clients entering Pine Lodge will receive the culturally relevant support they need. This relationship ensures individuals not only receive addiction recovery services but also have access to MN-S programs that connect them to their culture and community—key factors in long-term healing, well-being, and success.

Andrew says his experience accessing MN-S programs has been seamless. The communication provided by the MN-S Outreach team is clear, responsive, and proactive, making it easy for Pine Lodge to refer Métis clients to the services that best suit their needs. He recognizes MN-S truly understands the people of Saskatchewan, particularly our Métis community, meaning the programs are designed to be accessible, timely, and relevant. This is particularly important given the complexities of mental health and addiction recovery.

Where many different approaches exist, MN-S stands out for its deep, distinctive understanding of the demographic it serves.

Andrew also sees the immense value MN-S services provide by connecting his clients to resources to help them beyond the scope of Pine Lodge's practices. He understands that sustainable recovery requires more than just treatment; it requires access to broader support systems that address long-term well-being. MN-S programs fill this critical gap by ensuring that Métis individuals continue to receive the care and assistance they need even after leaving Pine Lodge.

Andrew's personal connection to the Métis community runs deep—his wife and two children are proud Métis citizens, reinforcing his appreciation for the role MN-S plays in fostering cultural identity and resilience in recovery.

The relationship between Pine Lodge and MN-S is built on trust and shared commitment. Andrew considers MN-S a valued ally in his mission to improve the lives of people in Saskatchewan struggling with mental health and addiction challenges. He has seen firsthand how MN-S programs not only provide essential support but also create pathways for individuals to reconnect with their heritage, identity, and sense of belonging—elements that are critical in fostering resilience and recovery. A strong connection to culture has been shown to increase the chances of someone succeeding in recovery, underlining the importance of MN-S's approach.

Additionally, Andrew highlights the effectiveness of MN-S's (Mental Health and Addictions) Street Outreach and transport teams. Unlike other service providers, MN-S has structured its transport team's hours to reflect the actual needs of the community, ensuring that people receive timely assistance when they need it most. He also notes the visible presence of the MN-S Street Outreach team in the community, making a tangible difference in the lives of individuals facing hardship. This consistency and compassionate presence reinforces the impact of MN-S programs in creating lasting, positive change for Métis citizens.

Through its collaboration with Pine Lodge, MN-S continues to demonstrate its dedication to supporting Métis citizens in Saskatchewan by providing culturally relevant, accessible, and impactful services. By fostering connections to culture and community, MN-S programs ultimately improve the quality of life for those they serve, helping individuals on their path to healing and hope.

Department of Health

Our Department of Health promotes Métis health and wellness. Programs like Medical Travel Assistance, Nicotine Replacement Therapy, and Reimbursement helped many citizens last year. Monthly online Tea & Talks presentations and Q&As are ongoing, and Métis guidebooks are in development. An immunization-awareness campaign and videos of citizens sharing their healthcare stories are also in progress.

Other health promotion activities include planning for tobacco reduction, community health weeks, and creating content on chronic disease, nutrition, and sexual and reproductive health.

Current research projects focus on understanding health experiences and needs, including cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and more. We support Métis data sovereignty and are working on a data-sharing agreement with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health.

Collaborations with various health organizations continue, and several grants have been secured to support initiatives like anti-Indigenous racism, trauma-informed care, tobacco control, and health and wellness.

\$1.2M

FOR MEDICAL TRAVEL ASSISTANCE FOR CITIZENS



4,322

MEDICAL TRAVEL APPOINTMENTS SUPPORTED



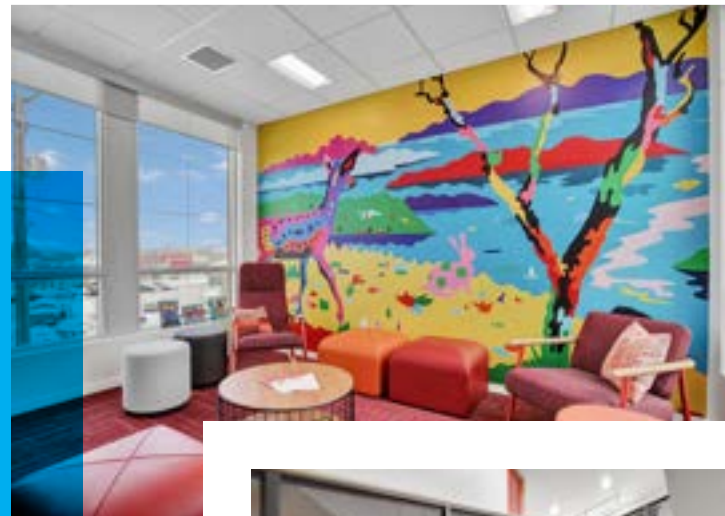
Demi's Story

After years of having to undergo kidney dialysis, 32-year-old Big River resident Demi Lamothe has been given a new lease on life. After finding out they were a perfect match, Demi and her mom underwent kidney transplant surgery December 10, 2024.

Prior to that, the excruciating dialysis sessions in Saskatoon and Prince Albert meant Demi was unable to maintain a full-time job. At three times a week, the frequent travel coupled with each session felt like a 10-hour workday without breaks. Two and a half years ago, the MN-S Ministry of Health introduced the Medical Transportation Program (MTP) – a “lifesaver to her”, said Demi’s mother and kidney donor, Wendy Neufeldt.

While Demi’s road to recovery is still before her, she credits the MTP with helping her navigate the journey thus far. Despite surgery earlier in the month, Demi made it home for Christmas and is recovering with the support of her family.

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Trini's Story

One of the recipients of funding through our Emergency Repair Program is Trini Caplette. Trini, who uses a wheelchair, had difficulty accessing her bathroom. She received \$25,000 through our Emergency Repair Program (ERP) to upgrade the room and install a wheel-in shower, allowing her to regain independence from two years ago. This support from the ERP demonstrates the role of MN-S programs in assisting citizens to live with dignity and autonomy.

Trini expressed her gratitude, saying, "If I didn't have the funding, I wouldn't have been able to get the work done. It was a lifesaver, and the MN-S team was so accommodating and wonderful to work with through the application process."

Interestingly, Trini is a recent MN-S citizen who is now helping others obtain their Métis cards, including her eight-year-old foster son. Trini says she has nothing but good things to say about the people, programs and services offered by the MN-S government.

"If I didn't have the funding, I wouldn't have been able to get the work done. It was a lifesaver."

Trini Caplette

Department of Infrastructure

Our Department of Infrastructure is responsible for building the physical infrastructure of our Nation. From governance buildings to Ma Faamii service centres and ELCC Centres, we ensure that our citizens have access to high-quality physical spaces where they can access programs and services. We handle infrastructure planning, external funding applications, property management, and project management.

We are focused on closing the physical infrastructure gaps between Métis citizens and non-Indigenous Canadians in Saskatchewan, as well as addressing disparities between the northern regions and the rest of the province.

- **5 projects** completed including Bison Ranch and Dumont Lodge
- **9 projects** initiated including the Prince Albert Early Learning and Childcare Centre of Excellence and Ma Faamii service centres in Yorkton, Beauval and North Battleford

Bison Back at Batoche: A Cultural Win

A recent success we celebrated was the development of the Bison Ranch, a project that included both new capital builds and asset management. This initiative began in the spring of 2023 and involved constructing the necessary infrastructure to welcome the bison back to the Batoche Festival Site. Through inter-ministerial collaboration and an excellent relationship with Parks Canada and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, the bison have returned to Batoche. The project included constructing a high-quality perimeter fence, a corral complex with a state-of-the-art hydraulic bison-handling system, a new well and pumphouse, and four-season heated water bowls. On December 7, 2023, the bison were delivered to the site, marking a triumphant event that touched the hearts of all in attendance and those who witnessed the release on social media.

The return of the bison to MN–S lands around Batoche holds enormous cultural significance. It is seen as a tangible demonstration of Métis tradition and values, providing invaluable land-based education for the youth and contributing to the economic stability of Métis families. This project exemplifies the power of collaboration and the importance of preserving cultural heritage while fostering community growth and development.

WELCOME HOME
MAARSII LI
BOON JHEU.
MANITOO,
KIIHTWAAM LII
BUFLOO AEN
PAYKIIWAYCHIK.



Strengthening Métis Infrastructure & Community

2023-24 marked a record year of investment by the MN–S Ministry of Infrastructure. From multiple Ma Faamii locations throughout the province, daycare facilities, transitional housing, and the Dumont Lodge, the department put \$216,500 back into the province and our Métis people.

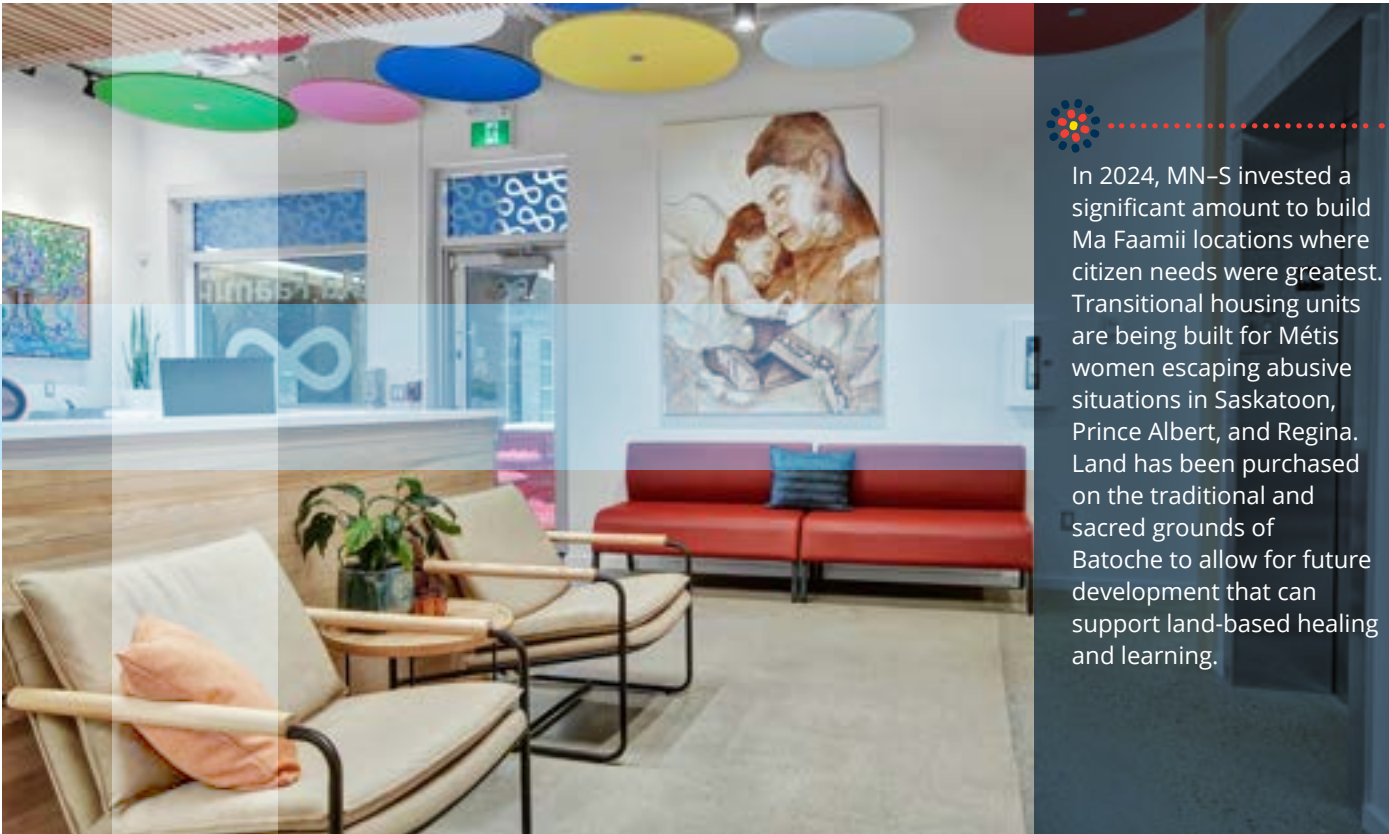
Empowering Regions, Locals, and engaging Métis-run businesses across the north, central, and south, is a priority for the department. The Community Infrastructure Grant (CIG) supported seven Métis Locals with projects that vary from building inspections to foundation and wall repair and mold remediation.

“The MN–S involvement was excellent because they knew how important it was and how much work our building needed,” says Big River Local #59 President, Wanda Neufeldt. “The application process itself went smoothly after that. The CIG program was great, and I hope it comes back for other Locals to access.”

The Local building was a source of revenue for #59 through the rental of the hall, office space, and living quarters. However, in the spring, the aging structure was compromised, and the building was condemned. A Big River Elder was displaced, and the Local was left scrambling for alternatives. Despite keeping up with insurance payments for the last 25 years, those funds were unavailable. Wanda said she “was getting pretty upset. We thought all was lost.”

In 2023, MN–S introduced the CIG. Big River was among the seven Locals and Regions to qualify for up to \$40,000 in funds from the MN–S CIG. The building received some much-needed work and is back up and running for use by the entire community. And the Elder has moved back home.

The project has been vital for the government, with the Local stating it “allowed us to save our building.” Key impacts include the successful repair of the building’s crumbling foundation walls, which had posed a threat to the safety and housing of Métis Elders living in the upper-level apartment. The foundational repairs restored the building’s safety and structural integrity, ensuring it remains a vital community hub for Métis people in the area. The financial contribution also helped secure a contractor willing to take on the challenging repair work, ultimately guaranteeing safe housing for the Elders and preserving the facility for future use by the community.



In 2024, MN–S invested a significant amount to build Ma Faamii locations where citizen needs were greatest. Transitional housing units are being built for Métis women escaping abusive situations in Saskatoon, Prince Albert, and Regina. Land has been purchased on the traditional and sacred grounds of Batoche to allow for future development that can support land-based healing and learning.

Ministry of Lands and Environment

Department of Environment

Our Ministry of Lands and Environment is dedicated to fostering a sustainable environment that harmoniously integrates traditional cultural practices. As a sovereign nation, we are committed to being stewards of the land, ensuring a rejuvenated ecosystem for future generations. Our strategic goals include making MN-S climate-positive by 2035, protecting Métis citizens from the impacts of climate change, and promoting eco-friendly homes and businesses.

One of our key initiatives is Indigenous Climate Leadership, which involves leading climate action initiatives that reflect Indigenous values and knowledge. We are also focused on conservation efforts, such as habitat management and cultural camps, to preserve biodiversity and cultural heritage. Additionally, we actively involve Métis citizens in regulatory changes and environmental decision-making, ensuring their voices are heard and respected.

Our programs include training for Métis Guardians to protect and manage natural resources, distributing energy efficiency kits to promote sustainable living, and supporting projects that encourage sustainable practices within the community. These efforts are designed to empower our citizens and foster a culture of environmental stewardship.

Recently, we have been engaged in ongoing negotiations with the Province of Saskatchewan regarding Métis food harvesting rights. To inform these negotiations, we have conducted citizen surveys and revived the Harvesting Advisory Working Group. We are also advancing climate action, biodiversity conservation, and Indigenous community-based monitoring projects.

In addition to these efforts, we have signed contributing agreements with partners for projects related to climate change, conservation, and environmental monitoring. We are also engaged in co-management negotiations with Parks Canada for the Batoche National Historic Site. Through these collaborative agreements, we aim to strengthen our environmental initiatives and ensure the sustainability of our lands for future generations.

Through these comprehensive efforts, the Ministry of Lands and Environment is committed to advancing our environmental goals and creating a sustainable environment where traditional cultural practices can flourish.

- **Held 5 successful climate change engagements** across the province
- **Broadcasted the 1st ever braided rug speaker series** to viewers across the Métis homeland
- **Engaged commercial fishers and harvesters** from Buffalo Narrows on conservation policy and data collection

Harvesting has been a Métis tradition for century. Métis voyageurs passed down best harvesting practices that are still used today. Harvesting was and continues to be an economic driver in Métis communities, employing citizens and creating spin-off businesses that have major, positive impacts on the way of life.

In 2023, Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) reinstated the Harvesting Advisory Working Group (HAWG), a carefully selected panel representing all 12 MN-S Regions in the province, covering north, central, and south. The group is mandated to provide meaningful insight and guidance to MN-S leadership that will help steer the harvesting conversation with the province of Saskatchewan to ensure Métis identity, culture, values, and traditions, focus on the conservation of wildlife and resources in any new legislation. MN-S hosted a conference in October 2024 that brought all HAWG members together with the interested citizens for further conversations.

The MN-S government is actively pursuing a Harvesting Rights Agreement with Saskatchewan, guided by the work of HAWG.



Key programs implemented by the Ministry of Lands and Environment:

- **Climate Change:** Indigenous Climate Leadership Policy, Low Carbon Economy Fund, Métis Guardians Program.
- **Conservation:** Uranium mining oversight, habitat management, cultural camps.
- **Consultation and Engagement:** Supporting Métis citizens in engaging with project proponents and regulatory changes.

Initiatives launched:

- Métis Guardians training and workshops.
- Energy efficiency kits and home solar projects.
- Harvesting surveys, disease monitoring, and species-at-risk listings.
- **Li Mushkeg ni Piskaapahtaynaan** program, focusing on advocacy, education, and capacity building to better conserve culturally relevant peat bogs (or 'mushkeg').
- Blueberry Monitoring pilot project, providing citizens with materials and training to monitor blueberry health and density in traditional harvesting spots.

Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region II Signs Impact Benefit Agreement With NexGen Energy



MN–S Northern Region II and NexGen Energy Ltd. signed the single largest Métis Impact Benefit Agreement (IBA) in Canadian history on June 15, 2023. NexGen's Rook I Project is located in the Métis Homeland on lands subject to the Northwest Saskatchewan Métis land claim. Negotiations started in 2019 and were advanced under a "One Voice" model where the seven Locals of NR II defined the negotiation objectives while MN–S supported and collaborated throughout negotiations.

The Benefit Agreement defines the environmental, cultural, economic, employment, and other benefits to be provided to the Citizens of NR II communities covering all phases of the Rook I Project. This landmark agreement has set a new standard for Métis engagement, participation, and partnership, in projects on the traditional homeland of Métis people.



“This agreement is a milestone in the history of the Métis Nation. It not only recognizes the Métis as a rights-holding people with strong ancestral connections to the land but also provides a mechanism for continuous engagement on a breadth of important topics, including environmental and social concerns, human resources, and support for Métis businesses. After a century of our lands being developed without consideration of our people, it was important to come together as one Region and one Nation to change the status quo and become a partner in the development of the Rook I Project. NexGen's commitments in the IBA will set a new standard for how industry recognizes Métis rights and engages with the Métis Nation.”

Leonard Montgrand, Regional Director, Northern Region II



Ministry of Youth

Department of Youth

Our Ministry of Youth is dedicated to representing and addressing the needs of Métis youth aged 16-29 across Saskatchewan. We ensure youth voices are heard and develop tailored programs and services, including educational support, cultural preservation, and leadership development. We advocate for youth rights, encourage community engagement, and provide support services for challenges like education and mental health. By fostering partnerships and collaborations, we aim to empower Métis youth to become active, informed, and engaged community members.

- **Supported 101 athletes** with up to **\$1500** each through the Anti-Tobacco Youth Athlete Sponsorship
- **Held 65 Summer Youth Gatherings in 2024**

Ministry Overview:

1. **Youth Representation:** We ensure that the voices of young Métis are heard at the PMC table. An elected Métis youth serves as the Minister of Youth and represents young Métis in decision-making processes.
2. **Provincial Métis Youth Council (PMYC):** We collaborate with the PMYC, which consists of Regional Youth Representatives. Together, they identify the priorities and needs of young people in their communities.
3. **Youth Programs and Services:** We develop and implement programs and services tailored to the unique needs of Métis youth. This includes educational support, cultural programs, and initiatives aimed at promoting mental and physical well-being.
4. **Leadership Development:** We focus on fostering leadership skills among Métis youth. They provide opportunities for young people to engage in leadership training, mentorship programs, and community involvement.
5. **Cultural Preservation:** We promote the preservation and celebration of Métis culture and heritage among youth. This includes organizing cultural events, workshops, and activities that help young Métis connect with their roots.

Ministry Overview (cont.):

6. **Advocacy:** We advocate for the rights and interests of Métis youth at various levels of government and within the broader community. We work to ensure that the needs of young Métis are considered in policymaking and program development.
7. **Community Engagement:** We encourage active participation and engagement of Métis youth in their communities. They organize events, forums, and consultations to gather input and feedback from young people.
8. **Support Services:** We provide support services to help Métis youth navigate challenges such as education, employment, and mental health. This includes access to resources, counselling, and referral services.
9. **Partnerships and Collaborations:** We collaborate with other organizations, both within and outside the Métis community, to enhance the programs and services available to Métis youth.
10. **Youth Empowerment:** The overarching goal of the Ministry is to empower Métis youth to become active, informed, and engaged members of their communities. They strive to create an environment where young Métis can thrive and contribute positively to society.

Shaden's Story

When the National Aboriginal Hockey Championship was held in Grande Prairie, Alberta last May, MN-S partnered with the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) to ensure our Saskatchewan Indigenous youth could lace up. MN-S proudly sponsored all 24 elite Métis players on both the U18 men's and women's squads, including MN-S citizen and left-winger from the Yorkton region, Shaden Duliak who says, "It meant a lot. I was able to go and just play, focus on the game and not how I was going to pay for it."

With players between the ages of 15 and 17, both Saskatchewan U18 men's and women's teams did the MN-S proud, with the men bringing home silver. Duliak says the experience was amazing. "I didn't know anyone on the team when I went and we're still buddies today."

The MN-S is committed to supporting our Métis youth in sport not just for the exercise and fun of it, but for good mental health, teamwork and growth, and positive lifestyle outcomes.

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Shaden Duliak



Jill's Story

Jill, a proud MN-S citizen from Eastern Region II, knows how important it is for her children to stay active and connected to their community. Her son, an aspiring hockey goalie, and her daughter, who is enrolled in a learn-to-skate program, both share a love for dance as well. Like many parents, Jill understands the value of extra-curricular activities in building confidence, and friendships. She also knows that affordability can be a significant barrier for families looking to provide these opportunities to their children.

Thanks to the MN-S Let's Play program, Jill was able to access funding that helped with the costs of registration, equipment, and other expenses associated with her children's activities. This support has made a meaningful difference, allowing her kids to develop their skills, stay active, and build relationships within the community. For Jill, knowing that her children can participate without worry is a huge relief and a reminder of the value MN-S programs bring to its citizens.

Jill makes it a priority to stay informed about the many programs and services offered through MN-S. She regularly visits the MN-S website and reads the citizen newsletter to explore new opportunities that can benefit her family and ensure they remain connected to their Métis community. Whether it's cultural initiatives, education support, or recreational funding, she appreciates the role MN-S plays in enhancing the well-being of Métis families across the province.

Beyond supporting her children's activities, Jill is deeply involved in her community. She volunteers at the local elementary school, sharing Métis culture and traditions with young learners. Passionate about preserving her heritage, she is also learning to bead and recently secured a grant through the Centre for Sustainable Innovation at Southeast College to develop an app dedicated to teaching, learning, and preserving the cultural significance of Métis beadwork. For Jill and her family, MN-S programs are more than just financial support—they are a gateway to community, belonging, and cultural pride.

Policy & Self-Determination

MN-S has made significant strides in advancing self-government and policy and research initiatives, reflecting their commitment to the rights and needs of the Métis people in Saskatchewan.

Self-Government Initiatives

- Negotiation of Self-Government and Recognition of s.35 Rights:**
 - Engaged in discussions with Canada on self-government agreements and recognition of s.35 rights, which will lead to new developments and assertion of MN-S jurisdiction and authority on behalf of Métis citizens within Saskatchewan.
- Voice of the People Constitutional Reform:**
 - Conducted multiple rounds of consultations through the Voice of the People sessions. These sessions provided a platform for open discussions and valuable insights from almost 1000 citizens, in addition to over 100 written submissions. Citizens provided feedback and their perspectives on priorities for constitutional reform, which included: self-government, provincially elected Women and Youth representatives, creation of a Métis Judiciary, revisions to the Executive structure, and the importance of the General Assembly.
 - Constitutional Reform will continue into the future, with priorities focused on legislative development of an Executive Act, Administrative Act, and further consultation and development of a Locals Act and a Regions Act.
- Métis Judiciary and draft Kwayaskastasowin Judiciary Act:**
 - Completed research, prototype sessions and presented the proposed model for an independent Métis Judiciary. The MN-S assessed the model presented to determine concrete components of the Judiciary process and to start developing a work plan.
 - The draft Kwayaskastasowin Judiciary Act was developed and initial engagement sessions with citizens occurred.



Registry

- More than 38,000 applications for citizenship received
- 7,472 citizens registered at the end of 2018-19
- Approximately 5,000 new citizens are registered each year
- 30,779 citizens registered at the end of 2023-24



Jo Ann's Story

MN-S President Glen McCallum often refers to Métis citizenship as being the *"heartbeat of our Nation"*.

Seven years ago, there were about 3,000 Métis in Saskatchewan who had obtained an MN-S citizenship card. The Registry team underwent an extensive search across the country to expand the genealogical library to make it easier for people discovering their Métis roots to track down the information necessary to apply for citizenship. With increased capacity in the library and on the front line, including mobile outreach that travels the province, MN-S citizenship has grown to more than 29,000.

"I am humbled, honoured, and excited to be recognized as a Métis. I just received my Métis Citizenship the same weekend as Back to Batoche Days 2024. The universe works in mysterious and amazing ways", said Jo Ann Hornseth. "As I embrace this new chapter in my life, I look forward to learning from my Elders."

I am humbled, honoured, and excited to be recognized as a Métis.

Jo Ann Hornseth





Financials

Audited Financial Statements for March 31, 2024 Year Ended

FAQ: Understanding Our Financials

1. What are Current Assets?

Current Assets are things we own that can quickly be turned into cash within a year. This includes cash, Accounts Receivable, and prepaid expenses.

2. What are Accounts Receivable?

Accounts Receivable is the money that is owed to us.

3. What is GST Recoverable?

GST Recoverable is the amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST) that we have paid on our purchases and can claim back from the government.

4. What are Investments?

Investments are assets that we have bought to earn money in the future. This can include things like stocks, bonds, or other financial products that can grow in value over time.

5. What are Tangible Capital Assets?

Tangible Capital Assets are physical items that we own and use for a long time, like buildings, equipment, and vehicles. These are things that help us run our operations.

6. What are Productive Biological Assets?

Productive Biological Assets are living things that we own and use to produce goods. In this document, it refers to the bison herd that we manage to grow and expand over time.

7. What does Due from Related Parties mean?

Due from Related Parties means money that other companies or organizations, which are related to MN-S, owe to us.

8. What are Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities?

Accounts Payable is the money that we owe to suppliers for goods or services we have received but haven't paid for yet. **Accrued Liabilities** are expenses that we have incurred but haven't paid yet, like salaries or utility bills.

9. What is Government Remittances Payable?

Government Remittances Payable is the amount of money that we owe to the government for taxes or other mandatory payments.

10. What does Due to Related Parties mean?

Due to Related Parties means money that MN-S owes to other companies or organizations that are related to us.

11. What are Unrestricted Funds?

Unrestricted Funds are funds that we can use for any purpose. There are no specific restrictions on how this money can be spent.

12. What are Restricted Funds?

Restricted Funds are funds that can only be used for specific purposes as defined by the donor or funding source. We must use this money according to the rules set by the donor.

13. What does Invested in Tangible Capital Assets mean?

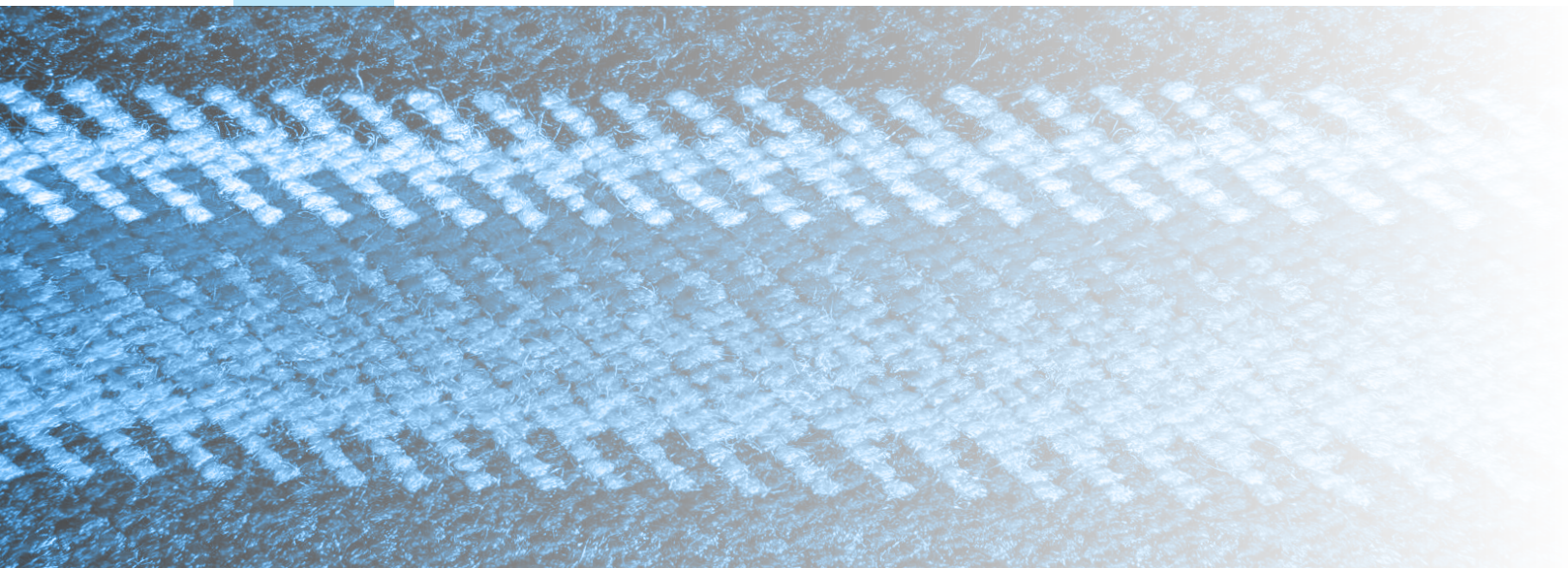
Invested in Tangible Capital Assets means the money that we have spent on buying and improving our physical assets like buildings and equipment.

14. What is an Endowment Fund?

An **Endowment Fund** is a fund where the principal amount is kept intact, and only the income generated from it is used for specific purposes. It's like a savings account where you only spend the interest earned, not the original amount.

Métis Nation–Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc.

Non-Consolidated Financial Statements
March 31, 2024





The Provincial Métis Council (the “Council”) is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibility for financial reporting and is ultimately responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements. The Council carries out this responsibility principally through its Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is appointed by the Council and meets periodically with management and the members’ auditors to review significant accounting, reporting and internal control matters. Following its review of the financial statements and discussions with the auditors, the Finance Committee reports to the Council prior to its approval of the financial statements. The Committee also considers, for review by the Council and approval by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, the engagement or re-appointment of the external auditors.

Matthew Vermette
Chief Operating Officer

Independent Auditor's Report

Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying non-consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Secretariat as at March 31, 2024, and its non-consolidated financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Non-Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Secretariat in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the non-consolidated financial statements in Saskatchewan, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Non-Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these non-consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of non-consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the non-consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Secretariat's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Secretariat or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Secretariat's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Non-Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the non-consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these non-consolidated financial statements.

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the non-consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Secretariat's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Secretariat's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the non- consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Secretariat to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the non-consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the non-consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Secretariat to express an opinion on the non-consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

November 8, 2024
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Chartered Professional Accountants

* All values are in Canadian currency 2024

Assets

Current assets	
• Cash	60,124,090
• Accounts receivable (Note 3)	36,274,623
• Goods and services tax recoverable	1,148,509
• Prepaid expenses	143,957
	97,691,179
Investments (Note 4)	48,825,432
Tangible capital assets (Note 5)	39,046,965
Productive biological assets (Note 6)	11,250
Due from related parties (Note 7)	202,261
	185,777,087

Liabilities

Current liabilities	
• Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 8)	7,730,950
• Government remittances payable	371,021
	8,101,971
Due to related parties (Note 7)	2,577,018
	10,678,989

Net Assets

Unrestricted fund (Note 2)	7,276,768
Restricted funds (Note 2)	127,061,835
Invested in tangible capital assets (Note 2)	37,693,516
Endowment fund (Note 2)	3,065,979
	175,098,098
	185,777,087
• Commitments (Note 9)	
• Contingencies (Note 10)	
• Subsequent events (Note 17)	

See accompanying notes to the non-consolidated financial statements.

MÉTIS NATION-SASKATCHEWAN SECRETARIAT INC.

NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES AS AT MARCH 31, 2024

2024

* All values are in Canadian currency

	Balance Beginning of Year	Surplus (Deficit)	Transfer In (Out)	Balance End of Year
Unrestricted funds				
• Culture and heritage (Schedule 1)	-	-	-	-
• Economic development and tourism (Schedule 2)	-	-	-	-
• Education	-	-	-	-
• Early learning and child care (Schedule 3)	-	-	-	-
• Language (Schedule 4)	-	-	-	-
• Post-secondary education (Schedule 5)	-	-	-	-
• Health (Schedule 6)	-	-	-	-
• Lands and environment (Schedule 7)	-	-	-	-
• Social infrastructure (Schedule 8)	-	-	-	-
• Sports (Schedule 9)	-	-	-	-
• Veterans (Schedule 10)	-	-	-	-
• Women and gender equity (Schedule 11)	-	-	-	-
• Youth (Schedule 12)	-	-	-	-
• Internal services (Schedule 13)	1,706,613	(1,909,672)	5,547,020	5,343,961
• Elected leadership (Schedule 14)	-	(555,849)	-	(555,849)
• Elections (Schedule 15)	-	-	-	-
• Métis rights and justice (Schedule 16)	-	1,341,245	-	1,341,245
• Policy and self-determination (Schedule 17)	-	3,227,438	(153,072)	3,074,366
• Registry (Schedule 18)	-	(1,776,955)	(150,000)	(1,926,955)
Total unrestricted funds	1,706,613	326,207	5,243,948	7,276,768

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	Balance Beginning of Year	Surplus (Deficit)	Transfer In (Out)	Balance End of Year
Restricted funds				
• Culture and heritage (Schedule 1)	2,032,183	(82,131)	(222,882)	1,727,170
• Economic development and tourism (Schedule 2)	-	346,891	-	346,891
• Education	-	-	-	-
• Early learning and child care (Schedule 3)	8,317,304	18,999,646	(1,116,000)	26,200,950
• Language (Schedule 4)	-	3,332,795	(101,172)	3,231,623
• Post-secondary education (Schedule 5)	5,668,239	(3,407,334)	(105,000)	2,155,905
• Health (Schedule 6)	9,299,285	1,378,340	(568,295)	10,109,330
• Lands and environment (Schedule 7)	963,388	1,287,032	(380,294)	1,870,126
• Social infrastructure (Schedule 8)	38,276,252	(4,777,220)	(7,925,988)	25,573,044
• Sports (Schedule 9)	-	13,175	35,387	48,562
• Veterans (Schedule 10)	-	(21,252)	-	(21,252)
• Women and gender equity (Schedule 11)	1,069,548	169,345	73,906	1,312,799
• Youth (Schedule 12)	294,170	109,072	(67,578)	335,664
• Internal services (Schedule 13)	54,181,988	11,243,621	(13,739,961)	51,685,648
• Elected leadership (Schedule 14)	361,988	1,590,963	-	1,952,951
• Elections (Schedule 15)	-	(16,912)	-	(16,912)
• Métis rights and justice (Schedule 16)	-	161,773	(50,000)	111,773
• Policy and self-determination (Schedule 17)	564,292	(26,729)	(100,000)	437,563
• Registry (Schedule 18)	-	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	121,028,637	30,301,075	(24,267,877)	127,061,835
Invested in tangible capital assets	18,669,587	-	19,023,929	37,693,516
Endowment fund	2,923,678	142,301	-	3,065,979
Total	144,328,515	30,769,583	-	175,098,098

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NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2024
Revenue				
• Government of Canada funding	7,930,773	109,707,849	-	117,638,622
• Other revenue	590,224	3,657,246	-	4,247,470
• Interest income	6,895,236	-	77,644	6,972,880
	15,416,233	113,365,095	77,644	128,858,972
Expenses				
• Administration fee (Note 16)	98	5,922,148	-	5,922,246
• Administration fee recovery	(5,559,302)	(357,159)	-	(5,916,461)
• Advertising and promotion	1,094,778	16,254	-	1,111,032
• Amortization	1,159,662	-	-	1,159,662
• Bad debt	198,565	-	-	198,565
• Bank charges	11,696	-	-	11,696
• Computer supplies	669,937	117,754	-	787,691
• Conferences, meetings, workshops, and events	585,125	3,324,726	-	3,909,851
• Contracted services	143,127	3,437,598	-	3,580,725
• Donations	-	8,500	-	8,500
• Equipment rental	651	31,872	-	32,523
• Fees and subscriptions	58,980	-	-	58,980
• Funeral expenses	316,108	915	-	317,023
• Grants, scholarships, and other supports	1,429	43,633,387	-	43,634,816
• Insurance	107,842	3,991	-	111,833
• Office supplies	287,250	693,778	-	981,028

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2024
Expenses continued				
• Postage	30,235	228,213	-	258,448
• Printing	73,733	59,264	-	132,997
• Professional development	174,680	261,351	-	436,031
• Professional fees	5,211,471	3,312,660	-	8,524,131
• Property taxes	169,296	34,019	-	203,315
• Rent	669,483	15,298	-	684,781
• Repair and maintenance	274,499	391,081	-	665,580
• Salaries, wages, and benefits	8,405,089	16,194,244	-	24,599,333
• Telecommunications	263,453	35,214	-	298,667
• Travel	556,836	5,698,912	-	6,255,748
• Utilities	155,113	-	-	155,113
	15,059,834	83,064,020	-	98,123,854
Excess of revenue over expenses from operations	356,399	30,301,075	77,644	30,735,118
Other income (expenses)				
• Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	(30,192)	-	-	(30,192)
• Unrealized gain on Endowment Fund	-	-	64,657	64,657
	(30,192)	-	64,657	34,465
Excess of revenue over expenses	326,207	30,301,075	142,301	30,769,583

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