



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Statement from the Provincial Métis Council regarding the conduct of suspended elected representatives

**June 26, 2025 – Treaty 6 Territory and Heartland of the Métis, Dakota Dunes, SK** – During what was to be a celebratory day for members of the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) yesterday, the Swearing-in Ceremony was disrupted by two re-elected PMC members, WR2 Regional Director Sherry McLennan and WR3 Regional Director Wendy Gervais who are currently suspended from their duties on PMC following a harassment complaint and investigation.

The complaint was the culmination of the ongoing harassment of the PMC's sole employee, MN–S Chief Executive Officer, Richard Quintal ("CEO") by McLennan, Gervais, and two other previously elected individuals. In response to the CEO's complaint, the four individuals filed counter complaints against the CEO.

Subsequent PMC meetings were held resulting in a formal, independent harassment investigation. The investigator found that Quintal's harassment complaint against the four individuals was founded, he had been discriminated against, and the CEO's human rights had been violated. The investigator also concluded the retaliatory complaints made by the individuals were unfounded and that there were no inappropriate actions on the part of the CEO.

The PMC unanimously passed a resolution after the findings were released and read it into the record during today's resumption of regular, monthly PMC meetings. (<https://metisnationssk.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/PMC-IC-250318-03-Human-Resources-250625.pdf>.)

This statement is the direct result of the findings of the investigation report and the PMC's subsequent eleven recommendations, which include the following:

*8. That the MN-S issue a statement to be posted on the MN-S website advising of the harassment complaints made against each the Provincial Secretary, two Ministers and Associate Minister, the outcomes of the investigation into that complaint, and corresponding actions taken by the MN-S in response;*



*9. That the Human Resources Committee provide correspondence to the CEO, Provincial Secretary, two Ministers and Associate Minister advising of the outcome of the investigation and communicating the aforementioned actions that will be implemented by the MN-S as a result of the findings of the investigation;*

*10. That the Provincial Secretary, two Ministers and Associate Minister maintain the details and outcome of the investigation as confidential, except for the public censure and apology made by the Provincial Secretary, two Ministers and Associate Minister, and not discuss same, except with respect to their own legal counsel;*

Following the initial introduction of the resolution, the PMC issued a public statement to citizens. The full April statement from the April 2, 2025, PMC is here: <https://metisnationsk.com/2025/04/02/pmc-statement-regarding-conduct-of-members-of-the-provincial-metis-council-pmc/>

In keeping with the findings of the investigation and the direction provided in the PMC resolution, the two elected representatives involved remain suspended from their duties on PMC as no apology for their actions has been provided, and therefore were unable to participate in yesterday's Swearing-in Ceremony or any PMC related events. The results of the 2025 MN-S Election in May have no bearing on their responsibility to provide public apologies to the CEO. The sanctions ordered by the PMC suspending them from their duties on PMC will remain in effect until such time as the public apologies are received.

All members of PMC have a fiduciary relationship with the MN-S. Fiduciary duties arise from this relationship and requires PMC members to perform their duties honestly, faithfully and to the best of their ability and with a view to the best interests of the MN-S. For the utmost clarity, suspended members of the PMC continue to have a fiduciary relationship with the MN-S, and therefore maintain ongoing fiduciary duties.

In addressing citizen concerns over government transparency, being expressed by citizens, MN-S President Glen McCallum said, "This is a human rights issue - period. One of our staff was harassed in a very public forum and our government prides itself on being able to provide a safe work environment, free of that kind of treatment by elected or otherwise, and have taken the necessary steps to address the situation. As the sitting PMC, we have an obligation to ourselves and to our



citizens. We have a lot of work to do. There is no time for nonsense. No time for sidetracking. If we truly believe in the spirit that we carry ourselves with and in the oath we took yesterday, here's where we get the job done."

The elected in question were made duly aware of the fact that they would be unable to participate in any PMC activities through correspondence exchanged by the President and through legal counsel prior to yesterday's Swearing-in.

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