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September 7, 2025 – Heartland of the Métis and Treaty 6 Territory, Saskatoon, SK – The September 2025 Métis Nation General Assembly (MNLA) has ended following two days of passionate dialogue and hard work. The first big gathering since the May 2025 Métis Nation—Saskatchewan (MN—S) election is always a time for coming together in preparation for the coming year, and this year was no exception.

In his State of the Nation address, MN–S President Glen McCallum said, "We have a new government with a mandate to focus on the future for our citizens. We can't dwell on the past, Rome wasn't built in a day and we certainly aren't going to build a government in eight years but we have accomplished too much to go back. 11,000 Métis students have achieved post-secondary education, 1,800 Métis families have become first-time homeowners, with our partners we're establishing land-based treatment centres, supportive housing, and the list goes on."

Over the course of the two-day MNLA, a number of important decisions were made:

- The 2023-24 budget audit was accepted
- The 2025-26 operating budget passed
- · A recount confirmed Brent Digness as the Eastern Region II Representative and he signed his oath of office
- Delegates accepted the Métis distinct resolution focusing on identity, culture, values, and language

At the November 2024 MNLA, delegates called for an independent audit of the MN–S Registry, which was carried out by KPMG. The findings, presented to the MNLA on Sunday, confirmed that citizenship applications submitted under the Coming Home program undergo rigorous validation and that, without exception, every application is treated equally. The only variance is the province of issue of these documents.

While the KPMG Registry Audit Report makes some recommendations, it also finds the Registry maintains compliance with the criteria set out by the Canadian Standards Association. Registrar Deb Donaldson said, "The findings are related to best practice administrative improvements to strengthen operations, because strong organizations still need to https://metisnationsk.com/library-mnla/ adapt. The audit helps us stay ahead of the curve and protect citizens for the long term." The report is in the MNLA library at https://metisnationsk.com/library-mnla/.



The presentation was followed by the signing of a Citizenship Agreement with the University of Regina. Similar to the previous agreements with the University of Saskatchewan and Sask Polytechnic, the agreement means the MN–S Registry will verify all applications to the institution claiming Métis heritage.

The meeting sets the MNLA on the path to continue to bring all regions of the province together, north, central, and south, to strengthen Locals to provide supports for Métis families. "We're communicating more clearly and consistently," said President McCallum. "By strengthening our families and moving forward together, we create a meaningful impact across this province."

This MNLA was the first of two before the end of the 2025. The next gathering is November 22 and 23.

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About Métis Nation-Saskatchewan:

Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) is built on a foundation of Métis identity, culture, values and language. Empowered by the Métis citizens of Saskatchewan, MN–S works to advance Métis rights and strengthen capacity. MN–S represents the political, socioeconomic, cultural and educational interests of Métis in the province through an elected representative system at local, regional and provincial levels. Social Media Links: @MNSask, @metisnationsask

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