



**ORDINARY RESOLUTION**  
**93<sup>rd</sup> Métis Nation of Alberta Annual General Assembly**

**Date:** August 21, 2021  
**Location:** Métis Crossing, Smoky Lake, Alberta  
**Re:** Métis Consultation Policy

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**WHEREAS** the MNA is mandated to fight for, defend, and protect Métis rights, interests, and claims on behalf of its citizens and the regional, rights-bearing Métis communities it represents throughout Alberta;

**AND WHEREAS** on July 19, 2018, the MNA and the Canada signed a Consultation Agreement, which acknowledges the federal Crown’s obligation to consult with the regional, rights-bearing Métis communities that make up the Métis Nation within Alberta through the structures and processes established by the MNA;

**AND WHEREAS** in June 2019 the Government of Canada (“Canada”) signed a Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement that recognizes that “the MNA is mandated to represent the Métis Nation within Alberta” and that “the MNA has been mandated by the Métis Nation within Alberta to implement its inherent right to self-government...”

**AND WHEREAS** Alberta courts have acknowledged the existence of regional, rights-bearing Métis communities in Alberta, and the Government of Alberta (“Alberta”) negotiated a harvesting agreement with the MNA that accommodates the section 35 rights of Métis communities at the regional level;

**AND WHEREAS** the Alberta Utilities Commission has determined that the provincial Crown owes a duty to consult with the MNA in relation to utilities projects that have the potential to adversely impact Métis rights, claims, and interests;

**AND WHEREAS** despite Métis section 35 rights, claims, and interests being asserted, accommodated, and established throughout the province, Alberta denies its obligation to consult with the MNA, its Regions, and its Locals and has no policy directing Crown consultations with the MNA;

**AND WHEREAS** after over three years of working with Alberta to develop a Métis Consultation Policy, on September 5, 2019, Rick Wilson, the Minister of Indigenous Relations, wrote to Audrey Poitras, the President of the MNA, stating that the Government of Alberta “will not be moving forward with the draft [Métis] consultation policy;”

**AND WHEREAS** Métis Citizens in Alberta participated in pre-consultation engagements, traditional land use assessments, personal interviews, and many field surveys to collect all of the information required to support the MNA's assertion of the Crown's obligation to consult with the regional, rights-bearing Métis communities in the province;

**AND WHEREAS** in response to Alberta's dishonourable conduct the MNA has sued Alberta to uphold, defend, and protect Métis rights, interests, and claims;

**NOW THEREFORE THE 93<sup>rd</sup> MÉTIS NATION WITHIN ALBERTA ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

- A) Affirms its full support for the MNA's lawsuit against Alberta to ensure that regional rights-bearing Métis communities, as represented through the MNA, its Regions, and Locals, are consulted by the Crown in relation to Métis rights, interests, and claims;
- B) Directs the MNA to continue to do whatever needs to be done to ensure that regional rights-bearing Métis communities, as represented through the MNA, its Regions, and Locals, are consulted by the Crown in relation to Métis rights, interests, and claims;
- C) Demands that Alberta immediately re-engage in negotiations with the MNA to develop a Métis Consultation Policy that respects the MNA—as the government of the Métis Nation within Alberta—in order to uphold the honour of the Crown;
- D) Directs that the MNA provide MNA Citizens with information and support to contact their MLAs to demand that Alberta come back to the negotiating table to develop a Métis Consultation Policy;
- E) Directs that the MNA engage with industry and other relevant stakeholders to secure support for Alberta finally developing a Métis Consultation Policy with the MNA.

Moved by Walter Andreff

Seconded by Nicole Shepard

Carried