



Canada

CANADA-MÉTIS NATION INTERIM GOVERNANCE SUB-ACCORD

This Sub-Accord is effective from the 13th day of June 2019.

B E T W E E N:

Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada as represented by
the Honourable Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations

- and -

The Métis Nation
as represented by the Métis National Council and its Governing Members: the
Métis Nation of Ontario, Manitoba Metis Federation, Métis Nation - Saskatchewan,
Métis Nation of Alberta and Métis Nation British Columbia

(hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”)

Whereas Canada is committed to achieving reconciliation with the Métis Nation through a renewed, nation-to-nation, government-to-government relationship based on recognition of rights, respect, co-operation, and partnership as the foundation for transformative change that moves away from colonial systems of administration and governance;

Whereas the Métis National Council is mandated by the Métis Nation General Assembly to represent the Métis Nation at the national and international levels to advance issues of collective importance;

Whereas the Governing Members, through their registries and democratically elected governance structures at the local, regional and provincial levels, are mandated and authorized to represent the citizens who comprise the Métis Nation, including dealing with collectively held Métis Nation rights, interests and outstanding claims against the Crown;

Whereas the Crown and the Métis Nation have entered into the Canada-Métis Nation Accord and, through a Permanent Bilateral Mechanism, jointly establish policy priorities, including in relation to closing socio-economic gaps between citizens of the Métis Nation and other Canadians, supporting Métis Nation self-determination, and promoting the delivery of programs and services in an efficient and cost-effective manner;

Whereas the Governing Members have accountable, effective program delivery and administrative systems to support work in each of their regions that requires sustained investments in governance capacity;

Whereas Governing Members are in the process of negotiating self-government, envisioned to include long-term governance and fiscal framework agreements through section 35 tables established for that purpose;

Whereas the Parties recognize that, in the interim, a broad strategy to continue supporting the governance capacity of the Métis National Council and its Governing Members is a priority;

Whereas Budget 2017 increased the Métis National Council and its Governing Member's governance funding envelope to \$146.75 million over five years beginning in 2017-18, with \$41.25 million per year ongoing, to build the governance capacity of the Métis National Council and its Governing Members, to support collaborative work with the federal government on advancing Métis Nation self-government and self-determination, and to support the Governing Members' registries and the review of existing programs and services; and,

Whereas the Parties under the Canada-Métis Nation Accord may enter into companion accords, agreements, protocols, or any other arrangements deemed suitable in order to achieve jointly established policy priorities.

Therefore be it resolved the Parties agree to establish an interim Governance Sub-Accord to support a renewed nation-to-nation, government-to-government relationship between Canada and the Métis Nation.

1. Title of Sub-Accord

- 1.1. The Sub-Accord will be known as the Canada-Métis Nation Interim Governance Sub-Accord ("the Sub-Accord").

2. Recognition

- 2.1. The Parties agree that the Sub-Accord will be the sole National Accord concerning governance with the Métis National Council and its Governing Members.
- 2.2. The Parties agree that the Government of Canada will continue with the six Governance Funding Agreements currently signed with the Metis National Council and each of its Governing Members.

3. Objectives

- 3.1. The main objectives of the Sub-Accord are to achieve:
 - 3.1.1. A government-to-government, nation-to-nation relationship between the Parties;
 - 3.1.2. Métis Nation Governments with the capacity to engage in co-development processes across multiple areas of social and economic policy;
 - 3.1.3. Flexible, stable and predictable funding that enhances and supports the governance operations of the Métis National Council and its Governing Members;
 - 3.1.4. Defined governance practices and administrative structures that advance transparency; accountability; data collection and management; and engagement with Métis Nation citizens;
 - 3.1.5. Continuation of support for objective and verifiable Métis Nation citizen and harvester registration systems maintained by each Governing Member; and,
 - 3.1.6. Effective systems and processes supporting the delivery of programs and services negotiated under the Canada-Métis Nation Accord.

4. Eligible Activities

- 4.1. Based on a co-development process between Canada and the Métis National Council and its Governing Members, governance funding is provided to support activities in areas of governance identified as, but not limited to:
 - 4.1.1. Leadership
 - 4.1.2. Membership and Harvester Registries
 - 4.1.3. Planning, Policy Development, and Risk Management
 - 4.1.4. Community Involvement and Capacity

- 4.1.5. Law-Making and Judicial Processes;
- 4.1.6. Financial Management;
- 4.1.7. Human Resource Management;
- 4.1.8. Information Management and Information Technology;
- 4.1.9. Communications;
- 4.1.10. External Relations; and,
- 4.1.11. Basic Administration.

5. Financial Provisions

- 5.1. Financial support to be provided by the Government of Canada to the Métis National Council and its Governing Members will be paid according to the following schedule:
 - 2017/2018 – \$18,000,000
 - 2018/2019 – \$24,000,000
 - 2019/2020 – \$29,500,000
 - 2020/2021 – \$34,000,000
 - 2021/2022 – \$41,250,000
 - Ongoing – \$41,250,000

6. Accountability and Results Framework

- 6.1. The Government of Canada, the Métis National Council, and its Governing Members shall co-develop a Métis Nation Accountability and Results Framework for the Sub-Accord.
- 6.2. The Accountability and Results Framework will set out shared outcomes, performance measures, common indicators (as well as the potential for indicators unique to each Governing Members' priorities), evaluation processes and reporting mechanisms to support the ongoing assessment of program impacts and results.
- 6.3. The Parties will establish at the national level and with each Governing Member, joint processes to support effective collaboration, monitoring, and implementation of the Framework.

7. Dispute Resolution

- 7.1. A Métis Nation Governance Agreement between Canada and the Métis Nation will include a co-developed dispute resolution mechanism.

8. General

- 8.1. Parties commit to a regular review of the Sub-Accord beginning in fiscal year 2022/23.
- 8.2. All commitments of funding provided within the Sub-Accord will be subject to Parliamentary appropriation of such resources.
- 8.3. Nothing in the Sub-Accord affects existing and future bilateral and tripartite self-government processes that are in place between Canada and the Métis Nation or on-going work of the Parties to address pressing socio-economic issues of the Métis Nation.
- 8.4. Nothing in the Sub-Accord will be construed so as to limit the ability of the Métis Nation and its Governing Members to enter into supplemental, additional, or other agreements regarding the provision of governance capacity support programs and/or services of general application with other federal, provincial, or private sector parties.
- 8.5. The Sub-Accord does not recognize, deny, define, affect or limit any Aboriginal or Treaty rights within the meaning of Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.
- 8.6. The Sub-Accord may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties. To be valid, any amendments to the Sub-Accord shall be in writing and signed by designated officials of the Parties.

- 8.7. Any demand, notice or other communication to be given in connection with the Sub-Accord shall be given in writing and signed by designated officials of each of the Parties to the Sub-Accord to be binding upon those Parties.
- 8.8. The Parties agree that it is desirable to have no disruption of services to the Métis Nation and its citizens through the duration of the Sub-Accord.

Signed this 13th day of June 2019.

ON BEHALF of the GOVERNMENT OF CANADA:



The Honourable Dr. Carolyn Bennett
Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations

ON BEHALF of the MÉTIS NATION:



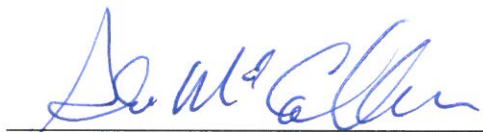
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