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**MNC President Chartier Congratulates Audrey Poitras on Re-election as
President of the Métis Nation of Alberta**

Métis National Council President Clément Chartier offered his congratulations today to Audrey Poitras on her re-election as President of the Métis Nation of Alberta.

“President Poitras has a distinguished record of service to the Métis people of Alberta and the entire Métis Nation. I look forward to continuing my work with her on advancing the rights and well-being of Métis in Alberta and the rest of Canada,” said President Chartier.

The Métis Nation of Alberta held its province-wide election on Sept. 2, 2008. Poitras was re-elected with 50.7 percent of the vote, edging out 3 other candidates.

Audrey Poitras was first elected president in 1996, the first woman to hold the position. This will be her fifth consecutive term.

President Chartier also offered his congratulations to Muriel Stanley Venne for her election as MNA Vice-president, and to the elected and acclaimed regional Presidents and Vice-presidents. He also offered his thanks to all the Métis Nation citizens of Alberta who turned out to vote.

Complete election results are available on the Métis Nation of Alberta website www.albertametis.com.

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The MNC represents the Métis Nation in Canada at the national and international level. The Métis Nation's homeland includes the 3 Prairie Provinces and extends into Ontario, British Columbia, the Northwest Territories and the northern United States. There are approximately 350,000 – 400,000 Métis Nation citizens in Canada, roughly a quarter of all Aboriginal peoples in the country.