

THE GOOSE MOON TABLE

2023 Annual Progress Report





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Elder Prayer

As Métis and as human beings we are grateful for the benefits we receive every day from the lands, waters and skies of our traditional Homeland. We inhabit a world of tremendous diversity, beauty and abundance. This world has sustained us and those who came before us. Our ancestors survived because the natural world on which they relied was a healthy one and our future generations will survive well only if the natural world we leave to them is also healthy and robust.

We Métis know that the world we rely upon is at risk. Consistent with our responsibilities for the stewardship and protection of the natural world, the Métis have committed to take action on many fronts- to protect, preserve, and restore all that we can for all our relations and our future generations.

We Métis are also working hard to strengthen our capacity in the areas of emergency preparedness, emergency response, and disaster recovery and rebuilding - developing capabilities which will enable us to better protect our communities and Homeland. We need to be able to respond quickly and effectively to situations which require both traditional and Western scientific expertise, distinctions-based resourcing, advance planning, capacity building, and concerted actions.

To this end, the Métis National Council (MNC) has exercised its leadership to form Nation to Nation relationships with others committed to addressing climate change and its consequences. In partnership with Canada, it has created the Métis Nation – Canada Joint Table on Clean Growth and Climate Change, now known as the Goose Moon Table, and in 2024 it will release the first Métis Nation Climate Change Strategy.

We are living through challenging times. We know there is much about this complex and beautiful world that we as humans still do not fully understand. As Indigenous people, we have knowledge and traditional approaches to environmental stewardship that will show us the way forward.

We ask the Creator to walk with us as we undertake the work ahead. We ask that the Creator be with us and all our relations as we endeavor to protect one another and especially those amongst us who are the most vulnerable. Please keep our Métis communities and culture strong. Please help us to make wise decisions, act with courage, and be resilient in the face of the challenges ahead. Please help us to build strong and resilient partnerships and please be with the Goose Moon Table as our people work together for the good of us all.

*Miigwech for all that you've given us,
Marsii*

Elder Veda Weselake



Glossary of Terms

AFN – Assembly of First Nations
CCR – Canada Carbon Rebate
CIRNAC – Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
DMAF – Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund
DMG – Decision Making Guidance
ECCC – Environment and Climate Change Canada
EM – Emergency Management
FWG – Facilitative Working Group
GM(s) – Governing Members
GOCAAP – Government of Canada Adaptation Action Plan
HC – Health Canada
ICC-C – Inuit Circumpolar Council in Canada
ICE – Indigenous Clean Energy
ICL – Indigenous Climate Leadership
INFC – Infrastructure Canada
ISC – Indigenous Services Canada
ITK – Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami
LCEF-ILF – Low Carbon Economy Fund’s Indigenous Leadership Fund
LCIPP – Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform
LFMO – Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak
MN-S – Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
MNA – Otipemisiwak Métis Government of the Métis Nation within Alberta
MNBC – Métis Nation British Columbia
MNC – Métis National Council
MNO – Métis Nation of Ontario
NAS – National Adaptation Strategy
NIF – Natural Infrastructure Fund
NRCan – Natural Resources Canada
PBM – Permanent Bilateral Mechanism
PDCP – Policy Development Contribution Program
SCP – Strengthened Climate Plan
UNDA – United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act
UNFCCC – United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change



Executive Summary

With the launch of the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change in 2016, the Prime Minister of Canada and the President of the Métis National Council (MNC) committed to the establishment of a Métis Nation – Canada Joint Table on Clean Growth and Climate Change. The first table meeting was held in 2017, and there have been nine table meetings to date. The first five table meetings focused primarily on seeking input from Métis participants on federal climate policies and programs. To many participants, this approach felt like a “check box” exercise and did not meet the threshold for co-development, meaningful engagement and collaboration.

In May of 2022, the Joint Table committed to a strategic reset to move forward in a way that is **outcome oriented, rooted in Métis culture, language, and focused on enhancing the relationship to each other and to the land and waters**. In March of 2023, during the Spring Equinox, the seventh meeting of the Joint Table took place at Métis Crossing in Alberta. There, Elder Lilyrose Meyers led participants in a tea ceremony to introduce the Goose Moon Table’s new name and commitment to starting anew rooted in culture, ceremony, and with a strong connection to the land and water. Since then, the Table has shown its dedication to working closely together to advance shared priorities and foster strong, healthy relationships, leading the way forward towards true reconciliation.

This annual progress report has been co-developed by the Métis Nation and the Government of Canada. The views and opinions contained are representative of both shared and individual perspectives.

Message from the MNC President

I want to congratulate the Climate Change team for their work in continuing to convene the Goose Moon Table on Climate Change, with a look towards the next meeting in September. Though our work with our Governing Members, the federal government, and other partners in the Indigenous climate space, the MNC is leading advocacy and policy efforts to ensure that the voice of the Métis Nation is heard in federal policy development as it relates to climate change. The work done over the past year, in particular the launch of the Métis Nation Climate Change Strategy, which was released at our first ever Youth Climate Change Summit in April 2024, demonstrates the dedication of the Métis Nation in working together to develop Indigenous-led solutions to the climate change crisis. It is imperative that the MNC and its Governing Members continue to receive the necessary support and capacity, especially with the advancement of the Indigenous Climate Leadership Agenda going to Cabinet in the Fall, in order to continue to be a critical and leading voice in the climate space.

President Cassidy Caron, Métis National Council



Message from Minister Guilbeault

Our climate is changing. Every year, we experience increasing record-breaking climate events, including wildfires, extreme heat, and floods. These events can be devastating, but there is hope. We can take concrete actions—as individuals, communities, and nations—to identify and address policies that increase the resiliency of communities while reducing emissions.

The Government of Canada recognizes that Métis knowledge and leadership are essential to advancing climate action and values the relationship that has developed through the Goose Moon Table. As we work towards a resilient net-zero future, the Goose Moon Table plays an important role in advancing Métis climate action and related health priorities, while also working to address ongoing challenges and barriers to self-determination. A full and effective partnership between the Métis Nation and Canada will ensure we can advance our shared climate priorities and build resilience for future generations.

I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to all members of the Goose Moon Table, whose dedication has made this report possible. I commend your leadership and excellent work to advance Métis Nation climate leadership, and I look forward to continuing to strengthen our relationship, both with each other and with the land and waters.

While there is always room for further progress, I am impressed by the achievements of the Métis Nation-Canada partnership on climate action outlined in this report. Together, we can move forward in strength to face the triple threat of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution across the Métis Homeland, throughout Canada, and around the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Guilbeault', is positioned below the text.

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change



Message from the Co-Chairs

In the coming pages, we outline the Goose Moon Table’s progress over 2023, including the reinvigoration and renaming of the Table, the advancement of the co-development of the Métis Nation Climate Leadership Agenda, as well as the progress made on developing the first Métis Nation Climate Change Strategy. Together, this work is vital to advance the Goose Moon Table’s commitment to build the Nation-to-Nation partnership that supports Métis Climate Leadership which will foster a greener future for all Canadians and for our future generations. The Métis Nation and the Government of Canada also work closely to advance implementation of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* into federal climate policy and programs. We’ve taken special care to include Governing Members’ (GMs) individual reflections and stories which highlight examples of the Métis Nation’s successes. As we reflect on the significant amount of progress that has been made through the Goose Moon Table despite ongoing challenges and inequities that the Métis Nation faces, we remain committed to working in cooperation, collaboration, and co-development to achieve meaningful action on climate change.

Erin Myers – Director of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management, Métis National Council

Vincent C. Ngan - Assistant Deputy Minister, Climate Change Branch, Environment and Climate Change Canada



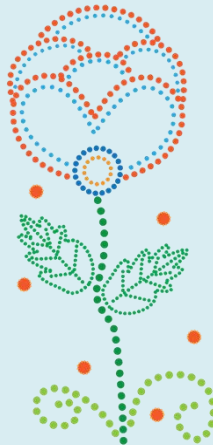
Advancing the Métis Nation’s Climate Priorities through the Goose Moon Table

To serve as the foundation of the Table’s strategic reset, a series of guiding documents were developed to provide members with the context required to understand the Métis Nation’s climate priorities, including:

- History, geography, and culture of the Métis Nation;
- Background on the MNC, Governing Members (GMs), and Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak (LFMO);
- Context on how the Métis Nation – Canada Joint Table on Clean Growth and Climate Change was launched;
- Vision Statement that was jointly developed with GMs;
- Orientation Package for new members joining;
- Terms of Reference that details expectations, roles and responsibilities for members;
- Strategic plan to summarize key Métis Nation priorities and related Table objectives;
- Workplan that outlines short, medium- and long-term goals for the Table.



The intention is for these documents to be evergreen, making space for each component to grow and change as the Goose Moon Table continues to evolve and progress as a mechanism to increase Métis Nation Climate Leadership.



Vision Statement

“The Goose Moon Table is deeply rooted in cooperation, collaboration, co-development, ethical space, and will respectfully build the Nation-to-Nation partnership to support Métis Climate Leadership which will foster a greener future for all Canadians.

Through mutual effort and support, the Goose Moon Table will develop opportunities and reinforce existing initiatives that enable the Métis to advance their climate change priorities while affirming the governance and nationhood of the Métis Nation. The Goose Moon Table is unwaveringly committed to furthering the legacy of the Métis Nation’s stewardship of the lands, waters and skies throughout the Métis Motherland for today and for our future generations.”

Invigorating Métis Nation Climate Leadership

The MNC, GMs, and LFMO are currently developing the Métis Nation’s first [Métis Nation Climate Change Strategy](#). The Strategy will focus on five key priorities: **Nature Stewardship, Sustainable Energy and Infrastructure, Emergency Management and Climate Resilience, Health and Wellbeing, and Economic Development and Prosperity**. These priorities are reflective of years of ongoing engagement between GMs and their citizens. They were articulated at a writing retreat hosted in May 2023 where the MNC, GMs, and LFMO gathered to identify a vision, purpose, and theme for the Strategy. The Strategy’s foundation will be rooted in Métis culture and presented using approachable and flexible language to



outline terms for collaboration and define how we can build upon successes. The Strategy will provide a place in which Métis citizens are reflected in climate action while also demonstrating the environmental stewardship inherent to Métis culture.

“There is a prayer written in 1982, when the Métis first came to Ottawa to become part of the Constitution. In the prayer, the sash is explained and that the threads come together as a whole. We look at this document the same way. It is a way of thinking that Métis have, and hopefully this document can bring the perspective of Métis thinking to our government partners.”

-Goose Moon Métis Nation member

To support Métis Nation Climate Leadership and the implementation of the Métis Nation Climate Change Strategy, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) are co-developing a Métis Nation Climate Leadership Agenda with the Métis Nation as part of the Indigenous Climate Leadership (ICL) initiative. ICL is a distinctions-based and whole-of-government initiative which seeks to strengthen regional and national capacity and progressively vest authorities and resources for self-determined climate action in the hands of Indigenous Peoples, including for the implementation of national and regional climate strategies. The ICL agenda also helps Canada fulfill its international obligations to bring Indigenous leadership and knowledge into its national climate change work, as reflected in action item 46 of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (UNDA) Action Plan. The initiative seeks to provide the Métis Nation with access to stable, long-term, flexible financing to implement climate action priorities and address barriers to Indigenous climate leadership in partnership with the Government of Canada.

Through discussions at the Goose Moon Table, including at the seventh and eighth meetings held in 2023, the Métis Nation has repeatedly shared how the federal government’s approach to climate change is not reflective of a Nation-to-Nation relationship, nor the principle of ‘co-development’. The Métis Nation often faces barriers accessing federal funding due to restrictive eligibility criteria and is not meaningfully involved in decision-making. This is particularly important in addressing priorities such as climate adaptation and emergency management, where the Métis Nation has historically been ineligible to access Indigenous-targeted federal programs. In fall 2023, ECCC and CIRNAC committed to conducting a climate expenditures mapping exercise that will provide an overview of all climate-related expenditures to Métis Nation recipients since the 2016 launch of the Pan-Canadian Framework. The scope of this exercise will include all federal departments that deliver funds to Indigenous Recipients and results will include a summary of Métis Nation-specific data. The MNC and GMs continue to reiterate the need for departments to commit to acknowledging and addressing these accessibility barriers. The Métis Nation has called for the implementation of direct, distinctions-based, flexible funding that honours Canada’s Nation-to-Nation relationship with the Métis Nation and obligations to Truth and Reconciliation. The Métis Nation’s Climate Leadership Agenda presents an opportunity for the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation to co-develop a long-term, transformational vision for what it means to proceed in true partnership on climate action.



Defining Co-Development:

The Métis Nation is a distinct Indigenous People with their own unique experiences, perspectives and priorities. Co-development must respect this distinction by working together with representative institutions that have been determined by the Métis Nation themselves.

The MNC and its GMs and the GoC worked together to develop Principles of Co-Development through the Canada-Métis Nation Permanent Bilateral Mechanism. The Principles guide how we will work together on joint initiatives, including draft legislation, statutory or periodic review of legislation, regulations, and content for policies, programs, and services, particularly those that flow from the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration).

In turn, this will support consistency in approaches to co-development and provide clarity on the operational elements needed to ensure full and effective Métis Nation participation, and advance the Nation-to-Nation, Government-to-Government relationship, thus enhancing the respect and recognition of the rights of the Métis Nation.

International Leadership

From November 30 to December 14, 2023, the Métis Nation sent its second full delegation to the COP28 UN Climate Change Conference in Dubai, UAE. The MNC has maintained a presence in at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) since 2019, however COP27 and COP28 mark the first and second official MNC delegations with representation from across the Métis Homeland. This included 15 delegates from GMs and LFMO who brought the voices of their communities and Nations to the world stage. The MNC delegates participated in a total of 11 events at COP28, offering a Métis perspective on a broad spectrum of topics from Métis knowledge systems and science, to net zero energy strategizing. President Cassidy Caron participated in the tenth meeting of the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) as well as the meetings of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change, which serves as the caucus for Indigenous Peoples participating in the UN climate change process. President Caron also opened the Canada Pavilion alongside Minister Guilbeault and Indigenous leadership from the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and the Inuit Circumpolar Council in Canada (ICC-C). The Métis Nation has firmly established itself as an indispensable member of the LCIPP and the Indigenous Peoples Caucus, with this year's delegates providing leadership in lobbying efforts and collaborating on critical Article 6 and Loss and Damage initiatives.

The MNC stood in solidarity with the global Indigenous community to call for the separation of “Local Communities” from the LCIPP. In doing so, the MNC seeks to create a meaningful space under the UNFCCC that strengthens and advances the voices and capabilities of Indigenous Peoples around the world, while safeguarding inherent rights from further erosion.



Updates on Métis Nation Climate Priorities

These are the five priority areas which will be reflected in the Métis Nation Climate Change Strategy to be released in April 2024.

Emergency Management & Climate Resilience

In June 2023, the annual Crown-Métis Nation Summit was held in Ottawa, Ontario where the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, joined the President of the MNC, Cassidy Caron. They were accompanied by federal Cabinet ministers and the Presidents from the four GMs to highlight key accomplishments and establish shared priorities for the future, including investments to close the socioeconomic gaps for the Métis Nation. Prime Minister Trudeau made a commitment to include emergency management (EM) in the Permanent Bilateral Mechanism (PBM) moving forward and explore a Canada-Métis Nation Sub-Accord on emergency preparedness, management and recovery. This is enabling the MNC to work with Public Safety Canada to apply to the Policy Development Contribution Program (PDCP) which marks the first time that the MNC will be able to access EM funding. If approved, this funding will support the MNC in partially staffing a role to engage on EM as a shared priority area through the PBM and to help advance the PBM Working Group on EM. The Métis Nation continues to express that it remains at an unacceptable deficit in funding and capacity in terms of EM. PDCP fund utilization provides a good example of the ability of the MNC to take a small amount of EM funding and provide effective programming.

The MNC has also been active in pursuing means of developing EM resiliency through international venues. Recognizing Canada's commitment to the [Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030](#), which highlights the need to establish “financial means to work and coordinate with...Indigenous Peoples...in disaster risk management...”, the MNC is concerned that there has been little to no realization of this commitment from Canada. The MNC's delegations to meetings of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies, COP27, and COP28 have closely followed and been involved in EM adjacent negotiations on Loss and Damage and Article 6. The Métis Nation notes this international work is being undertaken to connect international climate policy to the disastrous climate realities faced by its citizens and communities, as a result of the Métis Nation's view that Canada has repeatedly failed to deliver on its EM obligations to the Métis Nation.

Health & Well-being

At present, exclusion from federal climate change and health funding prevents the Métis Nation from advancing climate change and health adaptation work and offering climate change and health services to citizens. There is a need for further conversations at the Goose Moon Table focused on how to address this programming barrier. In September 2023, Health Canada made a commitment to work in partnership with the Métis Nation and confirmed their standing membership at the Table going forward. There is a strong desire expressed by the Métis Nation for Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to make the same commitment as several of their health programs are not accessible to Métis, including the Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program which is designed to build capacity, support and advance First Nations and Inuit climate change and health adaptation, and community-designed and driven projects.

Currently, CIRNAC's terms and conditions do allow for funding of Métis climate change activities and provide greater flexibility for Métis recipients to address self-determined priorities. As part of the National



Adaptation Strategy, in 2022, CIRNAC secured \$7M over five years to support the MNC and its Governing Members to address climate change adaptation priorities, including those relating to health. Although this funding feeds into these priorities, it scarcely supports baseline capacity for the Métis Nation once distributed amongst the MNC and GMs and does not fill the gap where climate health specific funding is not accessible. The First Nations and Inuit Health Branch within ISC initiated further discussions with the Public Health Agency of Canada and CIRNAC to determine how they are working to meet this critical need. The MNC is encouraging federal departments to continue emphasizing distinctions-based approaches to provide equitable opportunities for Métis along with First Nations and Inuit. To achieve this and enable federal program eligibility across distinctions, a Métis specific approach must be considered.

Sustainable Energy & Infrastructure

In February 2023, Natural Resources Canada’s (NRCan) Clean Energy in Indigenous, Remote, and Rural Communities Initiative was gifted the name Wah-ila-toos, a blend of Indigenous languages and cultures that reflects important relationships with Indigenous partners. Building upon the path of Nòkwewashk, which is responsible for weaving the perspectives of youth, women, men, 2SLGBTQIA+ people, Métis, First Nations, and Inuit into NRCan policies and programs, Wah-ila-toos provides a single window access for Indigenous, rural, and remote communities to obtain Government of Canada funding and resources for clean energy initiatives. In March 2023 at the seventh Goose Moon Table meeting, the Wah-ila-toos team presented to the Métis Nation to share information on the development of a long-term strategy that will support self-determined clean energy priorities through a relationship-based and community-centred approach. In the interim, the approach includes accessing existing programs and pathfinding through Wah-ila-toos. Future plans involve developing strong linkages with the Métis Nation Climate Leadership Agenda and the Goose Moon Table.

In September 2023 at the eighth Goose Moon Table workshop, the MNC highlighted ongoing challenges regarding Infrastructure Canada’s (INFC) competitive funding model and absence of programs that meet the variety of needs across Métis communities. This discussion emphasized programs, including INFC’s Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF), which received additional funding through the June 2023 release of Canada’s National Adaptation Strategy (NAS). The Métis Nation is seeking support from INFC to explore mechanisms that could increase accessibility for Métis in a fair and equitable way.

Nature Stewardship

The Government of Canada and the MNC have recently established the Strawberry Moon Table on Nature, which met for the first time in January 2024. This Table reflects the Métis Nation’s view that everything is interconnected, and that the use of the term biodiversity includes the lands and waters across the Métis Homeland. The work of the Table will rely upon both Métis and Western science and knowledge. With the importance of interconnection and the linkages between climate and nature in mind, the MNC has expressed a desire for the Strawberry Moon and Goose Moon tables to proceed together in cooperation and collaboration, when possible.





Economic Development and Prosperity

Long-term prosperity for the Métis Nation is rooted in climate-conscious and culturally appropriate practices. Métis governments currently lack the capacity to access capital for major resource projects which can be developed in a way that respects Métis stewardship of the land and the entrepreneurial spirit of Métis people. The current pan-Indigenous structure of Indigenous financial institutions is not compatible with Métis businesses, governments, and organizations. Supporting and respecting Métis economic self-determination would require a shift away from colonial economic practices and pan-Indigenous approaches to lending and access to capital for major projects. This will require continued partnership and capacity supports to Métis financial institutions, respect for a distinctions-based reporting mechanism for Indigenous procurement initiatives, and support for Métis led training for citizens preparing for the transition to clean energy.

Métis Nation's Involvement in Federal Climate Programs and Policy

National Adaptation Strategy

Engagement with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis was a priority in developing the National Adaptation Strategy (NAS), in recognition of the unique rights, Knowledge, and leadership that Indigenous Peoples hold, as well as the disproportionate impacts that climate change is causing to Indigenous Peoples and communities. During engagement with ECCC throughout the development of the NAS, the Métis Nation raised concerns about a lack of equitable access to funding in the Government of Canada Adaptation Plan (GOCAAP) and the related funding announcement that was released in November 2022, as well as the need for longer-term engagement processes. The initial GOCAAP funding largely focused on topping up existing federal adaptation programs without measures to address the ineligibility of Métis applicants. This inaccessibility to funding programs further widens the gap between First Nations, Inuit, and the Métis Nation when it comes to accessing programs and federal funding on adaptation. ECCC recognizes this ongoing issue must be addressed at the federal program and horizontal coordination level.

During the final comment period ending March 2023, the MNC provided additional feedback on the NAS, which was released in June 2023. In September 2023, the eighth Goose Moon Table workshop was held in Ottawa, Ontario, where ECCC provided an update on the final NAS and shared next steps for implementation, including the GOCAAP and Federal-Provincial and Federal-Territorial Action Plans. The NAS identified that the ICL Agenda will be the main pathway for implementing Indigenous communities' self-determined adaptation priorities.

Low-Carbon Economy Fund-Indigenous Leadership Fund

Despite the unique barriers that the Métis Nation is presently subject to when seeking federal funding, there are programs such as the Low Carbon Economy Fund's Indigenous Leadership Fund (LCEF-ILF) that serve as strong examples of how programs can evolve and transform. Since the launch of the LCEF in 2017, significant progress has been made to improve how the funding is administered and how Métis recipients are supported throughout the lifetime of their projects. ECCC integrated many of the inclusive-by-design principles highlighted in the [Indigenous Climate Leadership Decision-Making Guidance \(DMG\)](#) that was developed by and with Indigenous partners through the distinctions-based senior bilateral tables on clean growth and climate change.



Both the seventh and eighth meetings of the Goose Moon Table in 2023 presented opportunities for the MNC and GMs to share their mitigation project proposals for the funding they are receiving through the LCEF-ILF. The program can fund projects focused on renewable energy production, energy efficiency, or low-carbon heating, which GMs have chosen to use as an opportunity to directly support their citizens at the community-level. To bolster this initiative, ECCC contracted Indigenous Clean Energy (ICE), a social enterprise dedicated to supporting Indigenous communities to be clean energy change agents, to provide guidance regarding program design, delivery and implementation for the LCEF-ILF. Beginning in 2024-2025, ICE will transition towards providing direct mentorship and guidance for LCEF-ILF funding recipients in addition to the support provided by the program's project leads.

Return of Federal Fuel Charge Proceeds

Carbon pricing is an important measure for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Canada. Canada's approach to carbon pollution pricing under the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* lets provinces and territories choose to apply the federal system or their own system, as long as it meets national minimum stringency standards. Where a province or territory does not introduce its own carbon pricing system that meets the national standards, the federal system is applied. This includes a fuel charge and an industrial carbon pricing system, both of which are revenue neutral for the Government of Canada, with all direct proceeds returned to their jurisdiction of origin. The majority of proceeds from the federal fuel charge are returned directly through the Canada Carbon Rebate (CCR), which is a tax-free amount to help eligible individuals and families to offset the cost of the federal pollution pricing. The CCR consists of a basic amount and a supplement for residents of small and rural communities.

In 2019-2020, the first year that the federal government collected fuel charge proceeds under the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act*, approximately 0.3% of these proceeds were returned to Indigenous organizations, including Métis recipients, through existing federal climate programs in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario. In Canada's Strengthened Climate Plan (SCP), "A Healthy Environment and a Healthy Economy" (December 2020), the federal government committed to increase the share of Indigenous proceeds to 1% and co-develop the mechanisms for returning these amounts to Indigenous governments.

In 2020-2021, the federal fuel charge was applied in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario, with 1% of proceeds set aside for return to First Nations and Métis governments in each province. ECCC initiated a formal engagement process with GMs in Alberta (MNA), Saskatchewan (MN-S), and Ontario (MNO), which was communicated via a letter from the Assistant Deputy Minister, Climate Change Branch, ECCC to the four Governing Member Presidents in fall 2021. To support ongoing engagement discussions, in spring 2022, ECCC shared distinctions-based notional amounts that would be returned for the period from 2020-2021 to 2022-2023 (based on estimates provided by Finance Canada in December 2021). In Fall 2022, the Government of Canada confirmed that 1% of fuel charge proceeds would continue to be returned in those jurisdictions from 2023-2024 until 2026-2027.

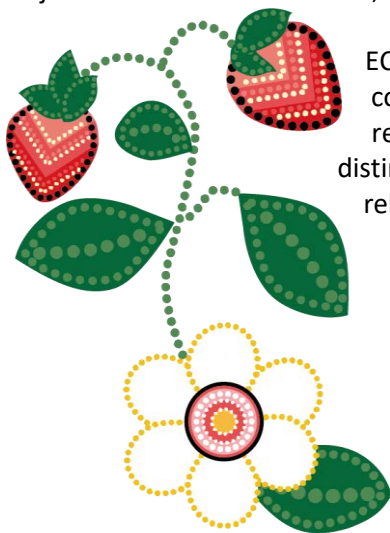
In winter 2023, ECCC provided capacity funding to MNA, MN-S, and MNO via grant agreements to support their participation in engagement on solutions for the return of proceeds. Over the last year, the Métis Nation has been actively working with ECCC to provide feedback on proposed mechanisms for transferring the Métis share of proceeds in a way that will align with their national and regional priorities. Over this time, the Métis Nation has also shared several concerns, including: the lack of opportunities and resources for GMs to meaningfully engage and influence Canada's decisions on carbon pricing more broadly; the



federal government's delays in establishing the mechanism to distribute the funds; and the lack of transparency around federal decision-making and the lack of information on the impacts of carbon pricing on the Métis Nation and what evidence has informed decisions to date. In particular, GMs have expressed frustration about proposed changes to the initial distinctions-based funding formula that Canada shared with Métis partners in spring 2022, which was based on a notional allocation of 2/7 (28.6%) of proceeds to Métis and 5/7 (71.4%) of proceeds to First Nations.

In spring 2023, ECCC expressed interest in exploring options for potentially adjusting the notional allocation of proceeds to better align with an evolution towards a needs-based approach to formulas to distribute funding to Indigenous recipients. ECCC is consulting with ISC and CIRNAC on an updated funding formula for distinctions-based programs, which takes population, remoteness and community well-being into consideration. ECCC is also continuing to engage with Indigenous partners in each of the jurisdictions on the proposed approach to distributing proceeds and any potential adjustments that may be needed to address local circumstances and achieve an equitable outcome. Due to historical inequities and ongoing reconciliation efforts involving the recognition of Métis rights in Canada, Métis citizenship data continues to evolve. As such, GMs have expressed concerns about the data that would be used to inform population-based formulas, including data available in self-managed membership systems or the latest Census of Population data for self-identifying Métis for the applicable jurisdiction.

As the national-level advocate for GMs, the MNC is firm in supporting a fair and equitable process for the Métis Nation. The Métis Nation is of the view that it has been excluded from many federal climate programs and that the changes to the originally proposed funding formula would only contribute to further this inequity. It is also worth noting that Canada's carbon pricing system is designed to be flexible, whereby any province or territory can design its own pricing system, if it meets a minimum national stringency standard. Given that the Government of British Columbia's provincial carbon pollution pricing systems currently continue to meet the federal benchmark stringency requirements, neither the federal fuel charge nor the federal output-based pricing system applies in British Columbia. As a result, the Métis Nation is of the view that the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) is effectively being excluded from having access to the federal fuel charge proceeds in the same way that other GMs are eligible for in jurisdictions such as Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, and Saskatchewan.



ECCC is seeking to return federal fuel charge proceeds that have been collected as of 2020-2021 to Indigenous governments and provide a recommendation to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change on the distinctions-based allocations as quickly as possible. Engagement discussions related to the funding formula are ongoing.



Reflections from Governing Members & Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak

Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC)

MNBC has benefitted greatly from the increased capacity that it receives through ICL funding. It helps give the Métis in British Columbia a consistent voice at climate-related tables, plus an increased ability to further actions that implement Métis-led knowledge, solutions, and skills. It also makes MNBC a vital and productive partner in furthering Canada's climate goals.

It has been heartening to see the nation-to-nation climate work flourish as both Canada and Métis work together while upholding the principles of co-development. Canada's commitment to transparency through the analysis of the Federal Climate Expenditures, 2016-2017 to 2022-2023 Métis Nation Report is particularly encouraging.

In B.C., the Nation's citizens are dispersed across a province that sits on the frontlines of climate change and its effects. Forest fires, heat and drought are increasing and, unfortunately, represent a new reality which we must face. MNBC has a role to play through its strong democratic governance, history, kinship, and resilient citizenry in being part of the solution. ICL and Goose Moon represent a way forward for Canada and B.C.'s Métis to work together.

Otipemisiwak Métis Government of the Métis Nation within Alberta (MNA)

The Otipemisiwak Métis Government of the MNA is pleased to participate in the critical co-development work being carried out as part of the ICL initiative and the Goose Moon Table.

The MNA has engaged heavily with our citizens on climate change, and we have heard over and over again—Our citizens want to see impactful action on climate. In 2017, our [90th Annual General Assembly](#) unanimously resolved to fully support and direct the MNA in “[...] *designing and undertaking climate change initiatives and programs, including actions aimed at reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, increasing Métis involvement and awareness of climate change, while creating capacity and economic opportunities for Métis citizens.*”

Following this resolution, the MNA launched the *MNA Climate Change Action Plan*, including a series of projects and initiatives aimed at achieving greenhouse gas emissions reduction while also capturing additional benefits, such as jobs and energy cost savings. The recent energization of our own 4.86 MW solar power plant, *Salay Prayzaan at Métis Crossing*, is the latest example of how we can realize substantial benefits, such as revenue generation and increased Métis employment, while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

We are excited to continue to work collaboratively with Canada and other GMs through the ICL initiative and the Goose Moon Table. This work is critical as we aim to accelerate our climate mitigation work and tackle all other key priority areas we have identified in the Métis Nation Climate Change Strategy.



Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN-S)

We commend the continued good work of the Goose Moon Table. Métis citizens in Saskatchewan face a variety of challenges due to climate change. The landscapes our citizens live on vary from taiga shield, boreal forest, parkland, and prairie. These differences in landscapes affect the needs and priorities of our citizens. The five priority areas identified encompass the high-level concerns we have heard across the province. Historically, our connection to the land has been our greatest strength, and it still is, but as the land now changes, we must now unite, across the Homeland, and in partnership with Canada to mitigate the scale of these changes and support our communities in adapting.

The goal of the ICL program is to support a Métis led vision of climate change action and represents real and meaningful action on the part of Canada to support the Métis people. It is aligned with our goal of self-governance and all that comes with it. Our citizens, however, need support in key areas such as emergency management immediately. Fire does not wait for policy development and budgetary approvals, it obliterates homes, cripples communities, and destroys livelihoods and connections to land regardless of these developments.

Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)

The relationship between MNO citizens and the lands and waters we call home is a symbiotic one. If the lands and waters are changed or damaged, our communities will be changed too. MNO citizens are deeply concerned with climate change, particularly its impact on our ways of life and the health of the ecosystems we are responsible for protecting. Our citizens are concerned with how climate change will impact water and air quality, food security and shortages including traditional food harvesting, health of flora/fauna, and the ability to prepare for and recover from climate-induced emergencies. MNO citizens, particularly in Northern and rural communities, are increasingly impacted by climate-induced emergencies including wildfires, floods, extreme weather and vector-borne diseases (i.e., Lyme disease).

The Goose Moon Table has been integral to developing the MNO's internal capacity to respond to citizen climate change concerns. With support from the ICL program, we are working with our leadership and citizens to draft our Climate Change Strategy and Regional Action Plans laying the groundwork for future climate mitigation and adaptation programming implemented by community based on their unique needs. The MNO is appreciative of the ICL team's motivation to genuinely co-develop the renewal of the program and build our capacity to better understand GoC processes. The MNO is grateful to the MNC for stewarding the Goose Moon Table, and providing a safe space to collaborate, share knowledge and align on climate action with our kin at MNBC, MNA, and MNS.

Despite the successes of the Goose Moon Table, there is still much work to be done. We need the federal family to understand the importance of pushing for Métis-specific, long-term and flexible funding for emergency preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery. We are optimistic that further conversations at the Goose Moon Table will action this need.

Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak (LFMO)

LFMO is pleased to participate in this discussion space. As an organization focusing on the priorities of Métis women and gender-diverse people, we create and foster networks with agencies within governments and Métis communities. LFMO has worked diligently to create relationships that assist in raising the voices and perspectives of Métis women and gender-diverse people across the Métis



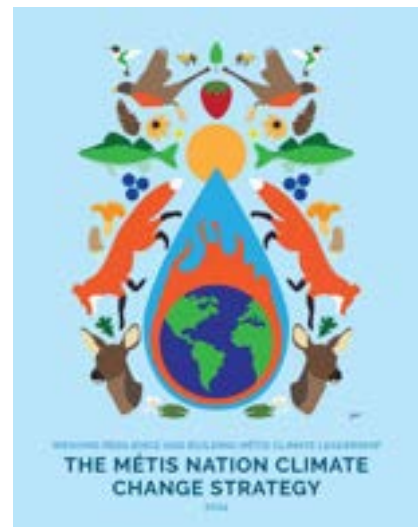
Motherland. LFMO receives limited environmental and climate funding through federal initiatives such as “Emergency Management” to support a Métis-based gendered and intersectional perspective in research and policy development.

As a national organization, LFMO advocates across the Métis Nation, with National Indigenous Women’s organizations, and throughout Government of Canada departments. As western and Indigenous science has demonstrated, women, girls, and gender-diverse people are deeply impacted by climate change. LFMO seeks further resources to remain current with the priorities of our representative population and to ensure that these are considered in policies and actions. Our goal is to create a formal mechanism to ensure space and place to address the expressed priorities of Métis women and gender-diverse folks in accordance with equity principles. One key step to accomplishing this is to ensure the consistent and reflexive application of a Métis-based gendered and intersectional lens reflecting realities and experiences of Métis women and gender-diverse people across the Métis Motherland.

Looking Ahead - Priority Areas for 2024

Release of the Métis Nation’s Climate Change Strategy

The Métis Nation’s Climate Change Strategy, which is set to be released in April 2024 at the first ever MNC’s Youth Summit, will articulate the Métis Nation’s climate change priorities. It will serve as a valuable tool for the federal government, among other partners, to ensure that Métis knowledge, culture, and perspectives are reflected in climate policies and programs.



Advancing the Métis Nation Climate Leadership Agenda

At the 9th Goose Moon Table in Vancouver in February 2024, ECCC, CIRNAC, and the Métis Nation will have further discussions on advancing the Métis Nation Climate Leadership Agenda. Governing Members are engaging their citizens with the aim to finalize recommendations to the federal government on how to support Métis self-determination in climate action and leadership over the Summer 2024.

Elder and Youth Engagement

At the seventh Goose Moon Table at Métis Crossing in March 2023, meeting participants agreed that selecting a Table Elder and Youth representative would help to ensure the inclusion of essential perspectives and knowledge. Emphasis was placed on selecting individuals that can attend and participate in meetings on an ongoing basis for consistency and relationship building purposes. The MNC is hopeful to announce the names of those selected in 2024.

The Road to COP29

The MNC looks to continue collaboration with ECCC to advance mutual priorities at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP29) in Baku, Azerbaijan and advance Métis sovereignty and climate action on a global stage. The MNC’s presence in UNFCCC processes has always been guided by maintaining an understanding of Métis citizens’ needs and realities as communicated and championed by Governing Member delegates.



In Azerbaijan, the MNC COP delegation will seek to build upon previous COP successes by further developing the relationships and impact the MNC has realized through the Indigenous Peoples Caucus. Prior to COP29, the MNC looks forward to meeting frequently with ECCC staff and negotiators to brief and collaborate on priorities regarding international climate policy. The MNC has continued to maintain a strong presence in Loss and Damage and Article 6 (carbon market) spaces between COP 28 and 29. In doing so, the MNC plans to effectively and efficiently mobilize delegates within UN Climate Change spaces to carry the voices of the communities they represent.

The MNC COP29 delegation seeks to advance the safeguarding of the rights of Métis and all Indigenous Peoples, promotion of the ethical and equitable use of Métis knowledge and other Indigenous knowledges and sciences, and recognition and support for Métis climate leadership and the participation of Indigenous Peoples in climate action around the world.

Concluding Remarks

This Report acts as the first step towards making the Goose Moon Table and related Métis Nation climate priorities, collaborations and progress accessible to the public and enabling federal and Métis officials to have a shared record of their activities and discussions on an annual basis. Looking ahead, the Table is committed to consistently preparing and publishing subsequent annual reports, among other public communications, to highlight the successes, challenges and stories rooted in Métis culture and knowledge.

While our 2023 report demonstrates that there are areas of success and areas where further work is needed, we are committed to working together and remaining accountable for making continued progress towards our shared goals and priorities as a Table to advance Métis climate leadership.



Annexes

Seventh Meeting of the Goose Moon Table Agenda

SEVENTH MEETING OF THE MÉTIS NATION – CANADA JOINT TABLE ON CLEAN GROWTH AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Date: March 21st – 23rd 2023, from 8 AM to 5PM MST

Location: Métis Crossing, Alberta

Goose Moon Table

Métis Nation – Canada Joint Table on Climate Change

March 21-23, 2023

Métis Crossing, Alberta

MEETING OBJECTIVES

- Launch of the new Table name and vision moving forward.
- Approve the newly co-developed Terms of Reference, Orientation Package, and review record of decision from the last Joint Table hosted in Ottawa in May 2022.
- Provide updates on Indigenous Climate Leadership, the National Adaptation Strategy and Low Carbon Economy Fund work.
- Create and approve a new work plan to achieve short, medium and long-term goals moving forward.
- Use the work plan to establish a baseline for the first annual report of the Goose Moon Table.
- Build further relationships and understandings of the Métis by participating in cultural activities.

MEETING APPROACH

- The agenda will help to guide facilitated discussions, while remaining open and adaptable as the meeting progresses.
- Breakfast (7:45 AM), lunch (noon) and snacks will be provided throughout the day.
- On day one, participants will be responsible for making dinner arrangements, however, on day two a banquet dinner will be provided. Suggested options are:
 - ⇒ Métis Crossing
 - ⇒ Smoky Lake Inn, located in Smoky Lake – 1 (780) 656 3615
 - ⇒ The Gathering Place Coop, located in Waskatenau- 1(780) 801 0830

COVID-19 Protocols

- Rapid tests will be available upon request. Masks are optional.
- Participants must stay home if exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19.





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Day 1: March 21st, 2023 – 8 AM to 5 PM

Time	Agenda Item	Details & Documents	Participants	Locations
7:45 AM	Breakfast		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants 	Cultural Gathering Centre
8:30 AM	Welcome to Métis Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of the facilities from Métis Crossing staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Juanita Marois – CEO Métis Crossing 	Rupertsland Classroom
9:00 AM	Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of the purpose, objectives and how we collaborate Opening Remarks from President Caron and Minister Guilbeault (video) Opening Remarks from the Co-Chairs Round table introductions Approval of last meeting's ROD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warren Wilson – Facilitator Vince Ngan – ECCC Erin Myers – MNC 	Rupertsland Classroom
10:00 AM	Opening prayer		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elder Lilyrose 	Rupertsland Classroom
10:10 AM	Introduction to the Goose Moon Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objective: Re-Launch of the New Joint Table In plenary: Ceremony to introduce new name and re-launch the table 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elder Lilyrose Erin Myers – MNC All participants 	Rupertsland Classroom
10:30 AM	Coffee Break		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants 	Cultural Gathering Centre
11:00 AM	Discussion on Terms of Reference & Orientation Package	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objective: Confirm the TOR and Orientation Package Scene Setter: Presentation from MNC & ECCC In plenary: Overview of the TOR & orientation materials Q&A session Approval of TOR and Orientation Package 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warren Wilson – Facilitator Erin Myers – MNC Vince Ngan – ECCC 	Rupertsland Classroom
11:30 AM	Indigenous Climate Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scene Setter: Indigenous Climate Leadership Refresher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dylan McMahon – CIRNAC Chantal Kipfer – ECCC 	Rupertsland Classroom
12:00 PM	Lunch		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants 	Cultural Gathering Centre



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Location: Métis Crossing, Alberta

1:00 PM	Update on MNC's Climate Change Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective: Provide an update on the state of the climate change strategy • Scene Setter: Presentation from MNC • In plenary: high-level summary of the strategy and next steps for the strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Q&A session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dane de Souza – MNC • All participants 	Rupertsland Classroom
1:15 PM	NRCan Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scene-setter: Introduction to NRCan's Nòkwewashk, and Wah-ila-toos: A Clean Energy Future in Indigenous, Rural and Remote Communities programming • In plenary: Presentations from Nòkwewashk and Wah-ila-toos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Q&A session <p><i>Focus question:</i> How can these 2 programs better support Métis Climate Leadership throughout NRCan programming, and better support Governing Members?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candace Anderson – NRCan • Alex Gold-Apel – NRCan 	Rupertsland Classroom
2:00 PM	Closing Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of progress on Day 1 • Day 2 approach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warren Wilson – Facilitator • Erin Myers – MNC • Vince Ngan – ECCC 	Rupertsland Classroom
2:10 PM	Coffee Break	*Get dressed in warm clothing for outdoor activities		Cultural Gathering Centre
3:00 PM	Cultural Activity	Tales from the Trapline		Cultural Gathering Centre
5:00 PM	Meeting Adjourns			





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Date: March 21st – 23rd 2023, from 8 AM to 5PM MST

Location: Métis Crossing, Alberta

Day 2: March 22nd, 2023 – 8 AM to 5 PM

Time	Agenda Item	Details & Documents	Participants (TBC)	Location
7:45 AM	Breakfast		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants 	Cultural Gathering Centre
8:30 AM	Welcome and Recap of Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap of Day 1 Outline of how we will work together 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warren Wilson – Facilitator 	Rupertsland Classroom
8:40 AM	National Adaptation Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objective: National Adaptation Strategy Update Scene Setter: Presentation from ECCC on the NAS Discussion: Next Steps for the Métis Nation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How MNC influences NAS moving forward? How can we leverage NAS to advance Métis priorities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q&A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeff MacDonald – ECCC All participants 	Rupertsland Classroom
9:20 AM	Low-Carbon Economy Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objective: Update on LCEF ILF Roll Out and Métis Nation Projects Scene-setter: The Indigenous Leadership Fund Delivery Model (10 mins) Presentation: ICE Supports for ILF Project Proposals (10 mins) Presentation: GMs LCEF ILF Projects – Sharing project ideas and supports needed (40 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q&A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah Jane Fraser – ECCC ICE – Freddie Campbell MNBC – Leona Shaw MNA – Andres Filella MN-S – Brent Laroque MNO – Jesse Fieldwebster All participants 	Rupertsland Classroom
10:30 AM	Coffee Break		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants 	Cultural Gathering Centre
10:45 AM	Work Planning – Part 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scene-setter: Discussion of Draft Work Plan for 2023-2024 In plenary: Overview of the draft work plan Breakout groups: Visioning – short term priorities <p>Question: What do we want to achieve in 2023-2024?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warren Wilson – Facilitator All participants 	Rupertsland Classroom



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12:00 PM	Lunch		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants 	Cultural Gathering Centre
1:00 PM	Work Planning – Part 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scene-setter: Draft Work Plan for Discussion (cont’) In plenary: Overview of the draft work plan Breakout groups: Visioning - <i>medium and long-term</i> priorities <p>Question: What do we want to achieve in the next 5 years?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warren Wilson – Facilitator All participants 	
2:30 PM	Coffee Break		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants 	Cultural Gathering Centre
3:00 PM	Work Planning – Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scene-setter: Draft Work Plan for Discussion (con’t) In plenary: Propose amendments to draft & approval of document and next steps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warren Wilson – Facilitator All participants 	Rupertsland Classroom
4:00 PM	Closing Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of progress Day 2 Day 3 Approach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warren Wilson – Facilitator Erin Myers – MNC Vincent Ngan – ECCC 	
4:30 PM	Meeting Adjourns			
4:30 PM	Tales from the Trapline - Craft			Cultural Gathering Centre
6:00 PM	Dinner – Whispers from the Stars			



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Day 3: March 23rd, 2023 – 8 AM – 3 PM

Time	Agenda Item	Details & Documents	Participants (TBC)	Location
8:00 AM	Breakfast		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants 	Cultural Gathering Centre
9:00 AM	Welcome and Recap/ Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap of Day 2 and overview of day 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vince Ngan – ECCC Erin Myers – MNC 	Rupertsland Classroom
9:15 AM	Indigenous Knowledge & Climate Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objective: How does Métis Science inform Climate Policy? Group Discussion: What does Métis Climate Science mean to you? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erin Myers – MNC 	Rupertsland Classroom
9:45 AM	Open Forum for GMs and LFMO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity to share additional perspectives, GM and LFMO needs as we move forward with the Goose Moon Table and advancing Métis Nation climate priorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants 	Rupertsland Classroom
10:45 AM	Coffee Break		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants 	Cultural Gathering Centre
11:15 AM	Meeting Recap and Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of action items Confirm next meeting date Closing remarks from Co-Chairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vince Ngan – ECCC Erin Myers – MNC 	Rupertsland Classroom
11:45 AM	Closing Prayer		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elder Lilyrose 	Rupertsland Classroom
12:00 PM	Meeting Adjourns			
12:00 PM	Lunch		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants 	Cultural Gathering Centre



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Location: Métis Crossing, Alberta

1:00 PM	Stand Alone Session on Indigenous Climate Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scene-setter: Indigenous Climate Leadership <p><i>Objective:</i> The objective of this session is to establish a <i>critical path</i> for the MNC and Governing Members to co-develop with Canada a Métis Nation Climate Leadership Agenda by Fall 2024. In order to establish this critical path, there are three key questions to address:</p> <p>What is the governance for the process?</p> <p>1a. What are the roles of respective parties throughout the process?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Governing Members? ○ MNC? ○ ECCC and CIRNAC? Other federal departments? <p>1b. What is the role of the Goose Moon Table?</p> <p>1c. Should a Métis Climate Leadership sub-committee or working group be established?</p> <p>What are the key milestones/timelines for the process?</p> <p>2a. Will there be national-level gatherings throughout the process?</p> <p>2b. How many and at what points throughout the process?</p> <p>What kinds of activities do Governing Members envision as part of the process to co-develop the Agenda?</p> <p>3b. What are the next steps to develop workplans?</p> <p>3c. What additional funding is needed to support these activities?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dylan McMahon – CIRNAC • Chantal Kipfer – ECCC • Participants from MNC, GMs, CIRNAC and ECCC. 	Rupertsland Classroom
3:00 PM	Meeting Adjourns			





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Cultural Activity: Tales from the Trapline

Join our Métis interpreters in an exploration of the unique history, culture, language, and way of life of traditional Métis people. Step inside historic river lot homes that once belonged to the Sinclair and Cromarty families that settled here in the 1800s. Put yourself in the shoes of these families as you explore their homes and yards and live how they once lived on this very lot.

Finally, get in touch with your artistic side. Test your jigging skills, and hand weave a bracelet you can take home with you as a reminder of your experience at Métis Crossing.

Our experience includes:

- 1.5-hour experience, outdoor and indoor interpretive pieces
- A tour of traditional lands and homes
- An overview of traditional seasonal practices and their importance to the Métis people
- Demonstrations of art, stories, and history
- Traditional arts and craft

Dinner: Whispers from the stars

The sky, stars, and constellations serve as guiding lights from our ancestors. Learn how the Métis people used the stars to navigate and how the sky was used as a clock, and calendar, and provides critical instructions for understanding when to plant, hunt, and work the land. Join our Métis knowledge holder for a dinner of Indigenous-inspired cuisine before we head outside to explore the sky. With almost no light pollution in the area, we will have the opportunity to examine the clear sky through telescopes and with the bare eye. This special evening event will explore our traditional relationship with the land and the influences of the sky and stars.

Our experience includes:

- Indoor, and a small portion to walk outside onto our patio
- 1.5 hour experience



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Location: Métis Crossing, Alberta

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

**Please see the details below for further information*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS	
ARRIVAL	20 th March 2023, Monday
DEPARTURE	23 rd March 2023, Thursday after lunch
What if I am running late?	Please contact Métis Crossing, Front Desk at 1-780-656-2224
Accommodations	<p>If you are staying at The Lodge at Métis Crossing - Please proceed to the lobby upon arrival, directly adjacent to the Cultural Gathering Centre Main Hall. Check-in Time: 3:00 pm Check-out Time: 12:00 pm</p> <p>If you are staying at the Super 8 - Address: 5404 - 44 Avenue, Smoky Lake, AB, T0A 3C0</p>
Meeting Spaces	Rupertsland Classroom is located in the Cultural Gathering Centre Main Hall.
Meals	All meals will be provided in the Cultural Gathering Centre over the course of the Retreat.
Want some snacks or premium coffees?	We do have premium coffees and grab-and-go snacks available in our Bistro in The Lodge. These are available at an additional cost.
Alcoholic Beverages	We have a licensed bar on-site, located in our CGC Main Hall. The Restaurant closes at 9:30 pm
What to bring?	It is winter so we would recommend the following: + Toque + Winter mitts/Gloves + Sunglasses + Skates (optional) + Winter jackets + Winter boots + snowpants or thermals
Parking	We have free parking on-site
WIFI	We have free wifi on site
On-site Support	There will be several Métis Crossing staff available throughout the retreat to support the group. As well, please feel free to reach out to MNC, Erin Myers or Dane de Souza, for more information.



Eighth Meeting of the Goose Moon Table Agenda
Métis Nation – Canada Joint Table on Climate Change
September 12-13, 2023
Ottawa, ON

MEETING OBJECTIVES

Working together to continue to advance key areas/priorities of the Goose Moon Table, and identify opportunities to overcome challenges, advance successes and highlight Métis Climate leadership. This workshop will also set the stage for the official Goose Moon Table in February 2024.

- MEETING APPROACH**
- This is a technical workshop, and a joint meeting of senior officials will be scheduled for February 2024.
 - The agenda will help to guide discussions while remaining open and adaptable as the meeting progresses.
 - Lunch (noon) and snacks will be provided.

Day 1: September 12th, 2023 – 9 AM to 4 PM

Time	Agenda Item	Details & Documents	Participants
9:00 am	Item 1: Opening Prayer & Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the venue • Overview of the purpose, objectives and how we collaborate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elder Elder Veda Weselake • Warren Wilson - Facilitator • Erin Myers – MNC • Ashley Campbell – ECCC
9:20 am	Item 2: Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round table introductions and updates • Approval of March 2023 meeting ROD • Overview of agenda and intent of meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warren Wilson – Facilitator • Ashley Campbell – ECCC • Erin Myers – MNC
10:45 am	Coffee Break		
11:00 am	Item 3: ICL (Indigenous Climate Leadership) update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective: Provide an update on ICL which will set the stage for the 2-day workshop <i>(*note that on Sept. 14th, there will be a full day meeting to dive deeper into ICL)</i> • Discussion: Roundtable for MNC and GMs to share progress on their ICL work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brecken Hancock – ECCC • Dylan McMahon– CIRNAC • MNC & GMs



11:45 am	Item 4: Métis National Council - National Climate Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective: Provide an update on the Métis Nation’s National Climate Strategy • Scene Setter: Presentation from MNC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Myers – MNC
12:00 pm	Lunch		
1:00 pm	Item 5: MNC’s National Youth Summit on Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective: Provide an update on the Youth Summit • Scene Setter: Presentation • Discussion: Q&A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sydney Castro – MNC
1:15 pm	Item 6: National Adaptation Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective: Provide update on the final NAS, Government of Canada Adaptation Action Plan (GOCAAP) program announcements, application of the DMG (Decision Making Guidance) and next steps regarding NAS implementation • Programs to participate in roundtable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ INFC’s Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) Program and Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) - Bogdan Makuc ○ ISC’s Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program (CCHAP) - NAME ○ ISC’s Emergency Management Assistance Program (EMAP) - NAME ○ NRCan ○ PS – policy development, PM Summit – Arjun Vinodrai • Scene Setter: Presentation from ECCC • Discussion: Q&A and roundtable discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Lax – ECCC • All participants
2:30 pm	Coffee Break		



2:45 pm	Item 7: Emergency Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective: Update and vision forward since PM Summit, determine how emergency management programs can be made accessible to Métis Nation, and next steps • Scene Setter: Presentation • Discussion: Q&A and discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warren Wilson – Facilitator • Dane de Souza – MNC
3:45 pm	Item 8: Day 1 Closing Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of progress on day 1 • Day 2 approach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warren Wilson – Facilitator • Erin Myers – MNC • Ashley Campbell– ECCC
4:00 pm	Meeting Adjourns		

Day 2: September 13th, 2023 – 9 AM to 4 PM

Time	Agenda Item	Details & Documents	Participants
9:00 am	Item 9: Welcome and Recap of Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of Day 1 and overview of Day 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warren Wilson – Facilitator
9:15 am	Item 10: Carbon Pollution Pricing Proceed Returns (CPPPR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective: Provide update on funding formula and timeline for returns • Scene Setter: Presentation from ECCC • Discussion: Q&A and Roundtable discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashley Campbell– ECCC • MN-S • MNO • MNA
10:00 am	Item 1: Low Carbon Economy Fund - ILF (Indigenous Leadership Fund)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective: Provide update on ILF and GMs individual projects • Scene Setter: Presentation • Discussion: Roundtable discussion where GMs can share their project ideas, what is working and barriers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Jane Fraser – ECCC • GMs
10:45 am	Coffee Break		
11:00 am	Item 12: Cultural Teaching / Activity	<p>“The Flower Beadwork People” Beading is an integral part of Métis culture and identity. Each participant will receive teachings and a beading kit.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freddie Campbell • Sharon Morin
12:00 pm	Lunch		



1:00 pm	Item 13: Connecting national to international	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective: Connect national level initiatives with work that is happening on an international scale - UNFCCC • Scene Setter: Presentation • Discussion: Q&A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emily Vallee Watt – ECCC • Dane de Souza - MNC
1:20 pm	Item 14: Workplan & Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective: Review/approve workplan and determine key annual report items and next steps • Scene Setter: Secretariat presents Annual Report outline and updated workplan • Discussion: Propose items to include and progress to highlight, discuss format, objectives, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warren Wilson – Facilitator • Ashley Campbell – ECCC • All participants
2:30 pm	Coffee Break		
2:45 pm	Item 15: Meeting Cycle & winter 2024 Senior Level Meeting - Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective: Determine approach to adjust meeting cycle, confirm next meeting date and location, set expectations and preparation for the next Goose Moon Official Table • Scene Setter: MNC to share proposed approach of switching meeting cycle (technical workshop in winter – NCR location and official Goose Moon Table meeting in late summer / early fall – in-community) and items for the Goose Moon Table agenda • Discussion: Roundtable for GMs to share their expectations and goals for the Goose Moon Table meeting in Feb 2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warren Wilson – Facilitator • All participants
3:30 pm	Item 16: Closing Remarks & Closing Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of progress on day 2 • Overview of action items • Re-confirm next meeting date and location • Closing remarks from participants and from Co-Chairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warren Wilson – Facilitator • Erin Myers – MNC • Ashley Campbell – ECCC • Elder Veda Weselake
4:00 pm	Meeting Adjourns		



FAQ - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Location	All Saints Event Space 330 Laurier Ave E, Ottawa, ON K1N 6P9 https://allsaintsottawa.ca/
ARRIVAL	8:30am EST
DEPARTURE	4:30pm EST
Meals	Breakfast provided by hotel for GMs Lunch/snacks provided on site for 3 days (all participants) Tuesday Sept 12th Dinner organized at Lexington in the Market at 6:30pm (for those interested)
Parking	Street parking. Best to take an Uber or Taxi to and from venue.
Wifi	Code will be provided on site
Hotel	Hilton - Homewood Suites 361 Queen Street Ottawa, ON K1R 0C7 https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/yowqshw-homewood-suites-ottawa-downtown/