

# Self-Government for the Métis Nation of Alberta

Together, we build a stronger Métis Nation embracing Métis Rights

## HOW DO WE GET THERE

We are *Otipemisiwak* – the people who own ourselves. Our homeland, the historic Northwest, is where our identity, culture, and nationhood was born. We have an inherent right to self-government.

For over 200 years, our ancestors fought to have our right to self-government recognized and respected.

Canada has now agreed to negotiate with the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) to renew our nation-to-nation relationship and advance reconciliation.

### These negotiations will focus on:

- Self-government for the MNA
- The Métis Nation's Section 35 rights in Alberta
- The Métis Nation's outstanding claims in Alberta, including claims relating to Métis scrip



NATION - NATION  
RELATIONSHIP

ADVANCING RECONCILIATION

## Métis Nation of Alberta Government

Provincial  
Council

Regional  
Councils

Locals

## WHY IT MATTERS

The MNA's government currently includes our Provincial Council, Regional Councils, and Locals. However, our Nation is not fully recognized as a government under law and currently operates as an association under corporate bylaws and within the limitation of Alberta's Societies Act. To move from our association structure to a recognized government, we need a Constitution.

As a self-governing nation, the MNA will be able to deliver programs and services meeting your unique needs and priorities as an Alberta Métis Citizen.

Recognition of Métis self-government in Alberta will allow the MNA to better serve you, and invest in your:

- Health
- Post Secondary Education
- Early Childhood Development

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## BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Now that Canada has agreed to negotiate with the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) as a Nation, we need to decide how we want to govern ourselves. We need our own Constitution.

To ensure effective self-government for generations to come, our Constitution must be developed by and supported by our citizens. After a proposed Constitution is developed, it needs to be approved in a province-wide referendum. Every MNA Citizen will have an opportunity to vote on our collective future!

## WHAT IS A CONSTITUTION

A Constitution sets out a nation's values. All governments around the world have Constitutions.

### Our Constitution will describe:

- Who our citizens are;
- The rights and freedoms of our citizens;
- How our government is structured, elected, and makes decisions; and
- How disputes are resolved.

Our Constitution will define how we collectively decide to govern ourselves as the Métis Nation of Alberta. It will form the foundation of our modern Métis government.



## THE NEXT STEPS

### The MNA needs to hear from you

- Why is self-government important to you?
- How could a Constitution represent your interests and needs?
- What key points should our Constitution include?
- What services should a future Métis Nation government in Alberta provide?
- What governance structures should a future Métis Nation government in Alberta include?
- How could the MNA improve the support it provides its citizens?

## GET INVOLVED

The MNA is coming to a location near you to get your input on building our Constitution. Come share your perspective with us. Stay tuned for upcoming dates and details for opportunities to have your voice heard.

### Learn More

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