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CANADA-MÉTIS NATION HOMELESSNESS ACCORD

BETWEEN:

Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada
as represented by the Minister of Families, Children
and Social Development (“the Government of Canada”)

-and-

The Métis Nation:

As represented by:

Métis National Council

Métis Nation of Ontario

Manitoba Metis Federation

Métis Nation – Saskatchewan

Métis Nation of Alberta

Métis Nation British Columbia

(hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”)

WHEREAS the Parties are committed to advancing reconciliation in a nation-to-nation, government-to-government relationship between Canada and the Métis Nation through a permanent bilateral mechanism between Canada and the Métis National Council and its Governing Members, as set out in the Canada-Métis Nation Accord signed on April 13, 2017;

WHEREAS housing and homelessness are integral social determinants of health (along with education, health, economic opportunities and others), necessary to ensure the survival, dignity and well-being of the Métis Nation and its citizens;

WHEREAS the Canada-Métis Nation Accord commits the Parties to work together to ensure that the renewed Homelessness Partnering Strategy better serves Métis Nation citizens;

WHEREAS the Parties, under the terms of 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;

WHEREAS Canada and the Métis Nation have agreed to co-develop a Métis Nation-specific approach to homelessness under the Reaching Home: Canada’s Homelessness Strategy announced in June 2018 and launched in April 2019 (referred to in this Accord as “Reaching Home” and “the Reaching Home Program”);

WHEREAS the purpose of Reaching Home is to support Canadian communities, including Métis Nation communities, to prevent and reduce homelessness;

WHEREAS a distinctions-based approach includes dedicated funding for the Métis Nation situated within the overall Reaching Home allocation for First Nations, Inuit and Métis Nation homelessness;



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WHEREAS the Government of Canada funding allocation for the Métis Nation from the Reaching Home Program is the sum of forty three million, one hundred and four thousand and nine hundred and sixty dollars (\$43,104,960) to be paid over a period of nine years commencing in the 2019-2020 fiscal year to the 2027-2028 fiscal year;

WHEREAS this funding will allow the Métis Nation to optimize homelessness investments in conjunction with other Métis Nation initiatives, such as in the area of Housing; and

NOW THEREFORE Canada and the Métis National Council and its Governing Members enter into this Canada-Métis Nation Homelessness Accord.

1. Title of Accord

- 1.1. This Accord will be known as the Canada-Métis Nation Homelessness Accord (“the Accord”).

2. Recognition

- 2.1. The Parties agree that the Accord will be the sole National Accord addressing the Homelessness needs of the citizens of the Métis Nation.
- 2.2. The Parties agree that the Métis Nation is best placed to work with the Government of Canada to address the needs of Métis Nation citizens.
- 2.3. The Parties acknowledge that the Governing Members are best placed to design and deliver distinction based homelessness initiatives for Métis Nation citizens.
- 2.4. The Parties acknowledge that the Métis Nation Parties to this Accord require flexibility to implement Métis-specific solutions for the Reaching Home Program.
- 2.5. The Parties agree that the Government of Canada will enter into an Agreement with the Métis National Council to support national coordination, research and policy development for the Reaching Home Program.
- 2.6. The Parties agree that the Government of Canada will enter into an initial five-year agreement with each of the Governing Members for the provision of homelessness services for Métis Nation citizens.

3. Objectives

The objectives of this Accord are to:

- 3.1. To support the Métis National Council and its Governing Members, in the development of innovative long term homelessness solutions based on Métis Nation data collection, partnerships, practical and applied research and evidence-based decision-making;
- 3.2. To support the Governing Members by providing funding for needed services for Métis Nation citizens experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness to help them transition to self-sufficiency by addressing barriers to well-being faced by those who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness; and

3.3. To facilitate and assist the negotiation of Reaching Home Program Agreements between the Government of Canada and each of the Governing Members, or their designated affiliated institution, that will establish:

3.3.1. Predictable, sustainable, and flexible fiscal transfer mechanisms that support nation-to-nation, government-to-government relationships between Canada and the Métis Nation;

3.3.2. An accountability framework that is consistent with a nation-to-nation, government-to-government relationship between Canada and the Métis Nation;

3.3.3. Reporting on the expected direct outcomes of the Reaching Home Program by funding recipients to ensure Métis Nation citizens and their families are connected to more stable housing; and

3.3.4. To support and develop an integrated homelessness response system for the Métis Nation and its citizens.

4. Program Development

4.1. Governing Members shall focus on identifying specific Métis Nation homelessness priorities that address the distinct needs of Métis Nation citizens within each jurisdiction.

5. Financial Provisions

5.1. The total amount to be paid by the Government of Canada to the Métis National Council and its Governing Members from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2028 is the sum of forty three million, one hundred and four thousand and nine hundred and sixty dollars (\$43,104,960) that will be allocated as follows:

- 2019-2020, \$1,344,960;
- 2020-2021, \$3,960,000;
- 2021-2022 to 2027-2028, \$5,400,000 annually.

6. Accountability Framework

6.1. Métis Nation Homelessness Agreements shall include a Métis Nation accountability framework that will set out reporting mechanisms, performance measures and evaluation processes to support the ongoing assessment of program objectives.

7. Evaluation of Accord

7.1. The Parties will establish a Joint Evaluation Committee to monitor the development and implementation of the Accord.

7.2. The Parties agree to undertake a periodic review of the Accord and the delivery of the Reaching Home Program for the Métis Nation.

8. Dispute Resolution

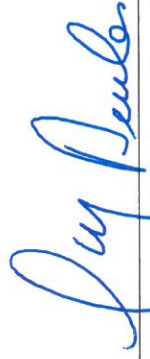
- 8.1. Each Métis Nation Homelessness Agreement shall include a co-developed dispute resolution mechanism.

9. General

- 9.1. All funding mentioned within the Accord is conditional upon Parliamentary appropriation of that funding.
- 9.2. Nothing in the Accord affects existing 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.
- 9.3. The 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.
- 9.4. The Accord shall be in effect until the expiration or other termination of the funding mentioned in article 5 of the Accord.
- 9.5. The Accord may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties. All and any amendments to the Accord shall be in writing and signed by designated officials of each of the Parties to the Accord to be binding upon those parties.
- 9.6. Any demand, notice or other communication to be given in connection with the Accord shall be given in writing and may be given by personal delivery, email, post or fax addressed to the recipient.
- 9.7. 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 Accord.

Signed 13 this day of JUNE, 2019.

ON BEHALF of the GOVERNMENT OF CANADA:



The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

ON BEHALF of the MÉTIS NATION:



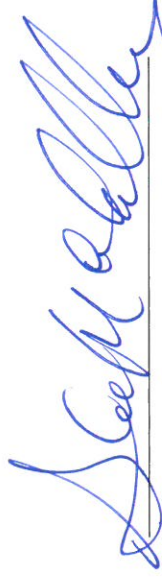
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