



Canada

CANADA-MÉTIS NATION POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION SUB-ACCORD

This Sub-Accord is effective from the 10th 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 Indigenous Services Canada

- 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 the Parties are committed, as set out in the *Canada-Métis Nation Accord* signed on April 13, 2017, to advancing reconciliation in a nation-to-nation, government-to-government relationship through a Permanent Bilateral Mechanism between Canada and the Métis Nation, represented by the Métis National Council and its Governing Members (Métis Nation of Ontario, Manitoba Metis Federation, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation of Alberta, and Métis Nation British Columbia);

Whereas the *Canada-Métis Nation Accord* commits the Parties to co-develop ways to strengthen Métis Nation participation in the education systems including the design and delivery of culturally appropriate educational services and programs;

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 closing the post-secondary education attainment gap between Métis Nation citizens and non-Indigenous Canadians is an important factor in closing the overall socio-economic gap between Métis Nation citizens and non-Indigenous Canadians;

Whereas the Government of Canada has committed to the creation of the Métis Nation Post-Secondary Education Program, reflective of a renewed relationship with the Métis Nation that is based on reconciliation and the recognition of rights, respect, cooperation, partnership and self-determination. This will include through directed financial support for Métis Nation students, complementary programs and services and regional institutional and governance capacity to support service delivery;

Whereas the *Canada-Métis Nation Accord* commits the Parties to enhance Métis Nation students’ access to post-secondary educational resources to increase their participation in

post-secondary education. This includes exploring options for resourcing strategies and the need for new investments in Métis Nation scholarships and bursaries;

Whereas the Government of Canada Budget 2019 proposed an investment of \$362 million over 10 years and \$40 million in ongoing annual federal contributions to support Métis Nation Post-Secondary Education;

Whereas the \$362 million investment aims to support three activity streams: Student Supports, Education Governance Capacity, and Student Services;

Whereas the Government of Canada recognizes the importance of a distinctions-based approach that respects the unique realities of First Nations, Inuit, and the Métis Nation; and

Whereas the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation have undertaken an intensive process of policy co-development and have generated proposals for consideration of the Parties. This includes through a Métis Nation Education Committee led by the Métis Nation Minister of Education, the establishment of a Canada-Métis Nation Working Group in Education that will report back to the Ministers and Leaders of the Canada-Métis Nation Permanent Bilateral Mechanism and a Canada-Métis Nation Memorandum of Understanding on Developing Canada-Métis Nation Education Sub-Accords entered into on October 25, 2018.

Now therefore Canada and the Métis National Council and its Governing Members enter into this Métis Nation Post-Secondary Education Sub-Accord.

1. Title of Sub-Accord

- 1.1. The Sub-Accord will be known as the Métis Nation Post-Secondary Education Accord (“the Sub-Accord”).

2. Recognition

- 2.1. The Parties agree that the Sub-Accord will be the sole national Sub-Accord addressing

the Post-Secondary Education needs of the Métis Nation.

- 2.2. The Parties agree that the Governing Members are best placed to design and deliver educational assistance programs and services for Métis Nation students.

- 2.3. The Parties agree that the Government of Canada will enter into Métis Nation Post-Secondary Education Agreements, one with each of the Governing Members, or their designated affiliated institutions, for the provision of post-secondary educational assistance programs and related services for Métis Nation citizens.

- 2.4. The Parties agree that the Government of Canada will enter into an Agreement with the Métis National Council for the provision of national support to Métis Nation Post-Secondary Education.

3. Objectives

- 3.1. Contribute to closing the post-secondary educational gaps between the Métis Nation citizens and non-Indigenous Canadians through the delivery of effective Post-Secondary Education supports and initiatives.
- 3.2. Facilitate the negotiation of Métis Nation Post-Secondary Education Agreements between Canada and the Governing Members that will establish:
 - 3.2.1. Predictable, sustainable, and flexible fiscal transfer mechanisms that support nation-to-nation, government-to-government relationships;
 - 3.2.2. Administrative flexibility to ensure Agreement holders are fully positioned to respond to the needs of their citizens;
 - 3.2.3. An accountability framework that is consistent with a nation-to-nation,

government-to-government relationship; and,

include a dispute resolution mechanism.

- 3.2.4. A performance measurement framework based on the Logic Model to Support Métis Nation Post-Secondary Education co-developed by the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation.

4. Program Development

- 4.1. The Governing Members, or their designated affiliated institutions, shall provide Post-Secondary Education initiatives that address the distinct needs of Métis Nation citizens.

5. Financial Provisions

- 5.1. The Government of Canada proposes to an investment to the Métis Nation of \$362 million over 10 years and \$40 million ongoing to support Métis Nation post-secondary education.

6. Accountability and Performance Frameworks

- 6.1. Métis Nation Post-Secondary Education Agreements shall include a Métis Nation accountability framework.
- 6.2. The Métis Nation accountability framework shall set out performance measures, evaluation processes and reporting mechanisms to support the ongoing assessment of program impacts.

7. Evaluation of Accord

- 7.1. The Parties will establish a Joint Evaluation Committee to monitor implementation of this Sub-Accord.
- 7.2. The Parties agree to undertake a periodic review of this Sub-Accord.

8. Dispute Resolution

- 8.1. Each Métis Nation Post-Secondary Education Agreement between Canada and the Governing Members shall

9. General

- 9.1. All commitments of funding provided under this Sub-Accord will be subject to Parliamentary appropriation of such resources.
- 9.2. Nothing in this Sub-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 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*.
- 9.4. The Sub-Accord shall be in effect until March 31, 2029.
- 9.5. 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 both of the Parties.
- 9.6. Any demand, notice or other communication to be given in connection with the Sub-Accord shall be given in writing and may be given by personal delivery, by email, by post or by fax addressed to the recipient.
- 9.7. The Parties agree that it is desirable to have no disruption of services to Métis Nation citizens through the duration of the Sub-Accord.

Signed this 10 day of , June 2019.

ON BEHALF of the GOVERNMENT OF CANADA:

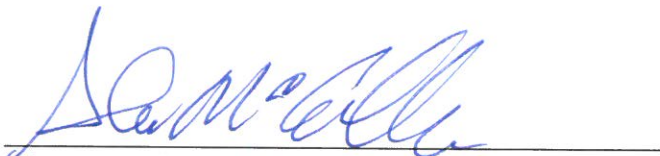


The Honourable Seamus O'Regan
Minister of Indigenous Services Canada

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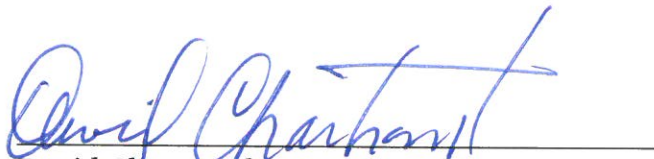
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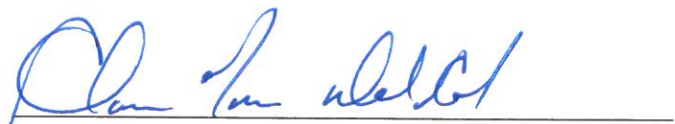
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