

## MEMORANDUM

To: MNO Citizens  
From: MNO President Gary Lipinski  
Date: July 29, 2015  
Subject: Update on Daniels Case

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Please accept the following as an update on the *Harry Daniels v. Canada* case which is now scheduled to be heard by the Supreme Court of Canada on October 8, 2015 in Ottawa.

This week, the Métis National Council (“MNC”), along with other interveners, filed their written arguments with the Supreme Court of Canada in the *Daniels* case. A copy of the MNC’s filed factum is available at the MNO website at: [www.metisnation.org](http://www.metisnation.org).

As a member of the MNC Board of Governors, I had the opportunity to review the proposed factum prior to it being filed with the Court. I was pleased that the factum includes multiple references to the *Powley* case (which recognizes the rights-bearing Métis community in the Sault Ste. Marie region) as well as our harvesting agreement with Ontario, including, reference to our litigation in *R. v. Laurin, Lemieux and Lemieux* (which upheld our harvesting agreement with Ontario).

In addition, in listing just some of the outstanding Métis land related claims outside of Manitoba, the MNC factum identifies the Halfbreed Adhesion to Treaty 3 as well as Treaty Commissioner Robinson’s promise to the Sault Ste. Marie that they would maintain “free & full possession of their lands on which they now reside” as just two of many.

I am also pleased that Métis lawyer Jason Madden has been added to the legal team representing the MNC at the Supreme Court of Canada. If the MNC is granted time for oral argument at the hearing, Jason will also be making oral arguments on behalf of the Métis Nation.

The MNO’s leadership will continue to provide update on the *Daniels* case to our citizens as the October hearing date approaches. I am also attaching a recent update memo on the *Daniels* case that was prepared for the Métis Nation of Alberta, which provides additional information on the case as well as some answers to frequently asked questions. A copy of this document is also available on the MNO’s website at: [www.metisnation.org](http://www.metisnation.org).

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