



Métis Nation of Ontario
Registry

April 5, 2018

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[NAME]
[ADDRESS]

Dear Citizen,

**RE: Métis Nation of Ontario Registry and Self-Government Readiness Process
— Community Council Councilors Assessment**

As the Métis Nation of Ontario (“**MNO**”) Registrar, I am writing to you as a follow up to the resolution passed by the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (“**PCMNO**”) on the Registry and Self-Government Readiness Process (the “**RSRP**” or “**Registry Review**”). For your information, a copy of this resolution is available by contacting the MNO Registry at 1-855-798-1006 or on the MNO’s website at: <http://www.metisnation.org/news-media/news/rsrp-1/>.

Based on this resolution, the MNO retained the consulting firm Know History to work with the MNO Registry to assess whether the citizenship files of the MNO’s current elected leadership at the PCMNO and MNO Community Council levels “meet the current requirements for MNO citizenship” as set out in the MNO Bylaws and Registry Policy. For your information, the relevant sections of the MNO Bylaws and Registry Policy are available by contacting the MNO Registry at 1-855-798-1006 or on the MNO’s website at: <http://www.metisnation.org/news-media/news/rsrp-1/>.

In addition, as a part of the Registry Review, the MNO is collecting information on whether individuals with completed citizenship files ancestrally connect to one of the identified seven historic Métis communities in Ontario or the Métis Nation in western Canada (*i.e.*, through Métis scrip, land grants, *etc.*). It is important to emphasize that while this additional information is being collected for information purposes, the Registry Review is only being conducted based on whether your citizenship file meets the current requirements for MNO citizenship as set out in the MNO Bylaws and Registry Policy, which were adopted by the MNO Annual Assembly.

The Results of the Review of Your Citizenship File

File Status

Verified Métis Family Line (if applicable)

Statement

Notes / Explanation

Solutions

Next Steps and Implications

“Incomplete” Citizenship Files

1. If your citizenship file has been assessed as “incomplete,” you now have official notice of this fact and the MNO encourages you to undertake work to complete your citizenship file as soon as possible. While the MNO Registry does not have the capacity to undertake research for all MNO citizens with “incomplete” files, we would be pleased to discuss your file with you further and direct you to potential resources that may assist you in completing your file. Please feel free to contact the MNO Registry at 1-855-798-1006 or email registry@metisnation.org to discuss this letter further.
2. At this time, MNO citizens with “incomplete” citizenship files continue to be MNO citizens, however, these individuals will not be issued a new MNO citizenship card until their citizenship file is verified as being “complete.” As well, all elected Councilors on MNO Community Councils with “incomplete” citizenship files continue to hold their elected positions. It is expected, however, that Special Resolutions will be brought forward to the 2018 MNO Annual General Assembly to discuss and set out a process for dealing with “incomplete” citizenship files.
3. On February 3rd, 2018, *MNO Policy #2018-001: Policy on Verification of Candidates for Holding Elected Office in MNO* came into effect.¹ This policy requires that all future candidates in PCMNO or MNO Community Council elections have a “complete” citizenship file or they will not be eligible to be a candidate. If you intend to run in a future MNO election, you are encouraged to work on ensuring your citizenship file is “complete” well in advance of the election you intend to run in.

If you have any questions about the Registry Review feel free to email rsrp@metisnation.org or if you have questions on your citizenship file, please feel free to contact the MNO Registry at 1-855-798-1006 or email registry@metisnation.org. As well, additional information and frequently asked questions about the Registry Review

¹ A copy of this policy is available by contacting the MNO Registry at 1-855-798-1006 or online at: <http://www.metisnation.org/media/654637/mno-verification-policy-re-candidates-for-elected-office-feb-2018.pdf>.

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Yours very truly,

Jane Brennan
Registrar
Métis Nation of Ontario