

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

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MNO Commission on Métis Rights and Self-Government final report released

Today, the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) released the final report of the MNO Commission on Métis Rights and Self-Government. The report is titled *Advancing Métis Rights and Self-Government: What We Heard*. The full document can be viewed on the MNO website and hard copies are being mailed to all MNO offices and MNO Community Councils.

The MNO Commission on Métis Rights and Self-Government was launched at the 2016 MNO Annual General Assembly in North Bay where the appointment of seven commissioners was announced. The Commissioners represented the MNO's diverse communities in Ontario, with care taken to ensure a balance of age, gender, language, geography and diversity of roles within the MNO. The Commission's mandate was to document, through a process of consultation and engagement with MNO Citizens, Métis community members' perspectives on the MNO's governance structures; how the MNO can better reflect Métis communities, identity and culture within its governance structures; and how to move forward on issues related to harvesting and self-government.

The Commission met with approximately 1,400 MNO Citizens at 32 engagement sessions between February 28 and June 6, 2017. These engagement sessions were held in every MNO Community Council chartered area at that time as well as with the MNO Youth, Veterans' and Women's Councils.

Advancing Métis Rights and Self-Government: What We Heard provides a fulsome review of the input received from citizens at these engagement sessions and makes a series of key recommendations regarding the future direction of the MNO. It is anticipated that the findings of the Commission on Métis Rights and Self-Government will become an essential component that will help guide the MNO's broader collective effort to advance Métis rights and self-government, including its work with the federal and provincial governments.

A copy of the report can be found at www.metisnation.org. Questions about the MNO Commission on Métis Rights and Self-Government can be directed to:

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