Inviting All MNO Citizens to Community Information Sessions on the MNO Registry Review What We Heard Report & Province-Wide Plebiscite

The Métis Nation of Ontario (“MNO”) is inviting MNO citizens to participate in a series of online information sessions on the MNO Registry Review What We Heard Consultation Report (“Citizen Consultation Report”) and upcoming province-wide plebiscite (“Plebiscite”).

These sessions will be open to all MNO citizens and will be held over Zoom on the following dates:

1. Thursday November 17th 2022 from 5-7pm EST
2. Friday November 25th 2022 from 1-3pm EST
3. Wednesday December 7th 2022 from 5-7pm EST
4. Monday December 19th 2022 from 2-4pm EST
5. Tuesday January 10th 2023 from 5-7pm EST

For more information on how to register, please visit: www.metisnation.org/registry/registry-review-report/plebiscite-on-citizenship-requirements/

Background

On July 29, 2022, the MNO publicly released the report from its year-long, province-wide citizen consultations on the results from its Registry and Self-Government Readiness Process (“Registry Review”). A copy of the Citizen Consultation Report is available here.

At the 2022 MNO Annual General Assembly, a resolution was passed which, among other things, adopted the Citizen Consultation Report in principle and directed the MNO to undertake information sessions on the report with interested MNO citizens to ensure that the issues in it are fully explained, discussed, and understood.

The resolution also directed the MNO to organize and hold a province-wide plebiscite on next steps related to the Registry Review process. For more information, including the plebiscite question, see the MNO’s fact sheet and frequently asked questions on the plebiscite.

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The MNO continues to encourage all citizens with “Missing Documentation” or “Incomplete” files to reach out to the MNO Registry to try to complete their files as soon as possible.
About the MNO

In 1993, the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) was established through the will of Métis people and their communities coming together throughout Ontario to create a Métis-specific, democratic, province-wide governance structure. The MNO represents and advocates on behalf of its citizens who are rights-bearing members of Métis communities that collectively hold rights, interests, and outstanding claims protected by sections 25 and 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, including, but not limited to, the right of self-government. Ontario is home to the 2003 Powley decision, in which the Supreme Court of Canada recognized the existence of the Métis right to harvest for food that is protected by Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution. Powley was—and remains—the only Supreme Court of Canada decision affirming Métis rights protected by section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.