

REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENTS (RIAs)



BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

- On June 27, 2019, (<https://www.metisnation.org/governance/self-government/>) the Métis Nation of Ontario (“MNO”) and the Government of Canada (“Canada”) signed the historic MNO-Canada Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement (the “Self-Government Agreement”).
- The Self-Government Agreement includes a number of commitments to the Métis communities represented by the MNO, including about:
 - consulting on the development of a Métis Government Constitution;
 - funding to support consultations and build local and regional self-government capacity;
 - discussing the relationship, roles, and responsibilities of the provincial, regional, and local (i.e., Community Council) governance structures of the future Métis Government; and
 - participating in the ratification of the Self-Government Agreement and Constitution.
- The MNO is working with each MNO Region to develop Regional Implementation Agreements (or “RIAs”) to implement these commitments together.

OVERVIEW OF THE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENTS

- The Regional Implementation Agreements are a way for the MNO to implement the commitments in the Self-Government Agreement across the MNO as a whole.
- The RIAs follow the successful example of the Regional Consultation Protocols, (<https://www.metisnation.org/programs-and-services/lands-resources-consultations/duty-to-consult/>) where the MNO worked together with MNO Regions and Community Councils to reach agreements on how the Crown fulfills its duty to consult rights-bearing Métis communities in Ontario.
- The RIAs outline how the MNO will work together with MNO Regions and Community Councils to implement the Self-Government Agreement including how each MNO Region can “tailor” the activities in a way that works for that specific MNO Region.

- The RIAs work to:
 - protect the unique rights, claims, and interests of the distinct rights-bearing Métis communities represented by the MNO;
 - strengthen the current regional and Community Council governance structures;
 - apply the principles and general commitments found in the Self-Government Agreement to each MNO Region; and
 - provide a process to develop an RIA Workplan for the implementation of the RIA, along with funding and capacity for each MNO Region to complete the work outlined in the RIA Workplan.
- The RIAs do not—in any way—affect, give up, limit, surrender, or define Métis rights, nor do they limit or pre-determine what the future Métis Government or Constitution might look like.

IMPORTANT:

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