BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

• On June 27, 2019, 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:
  o consulting on the development of a Métis Government Constitution;
  o funding to support consultations and build local and regional self-government capacity;
  o discussing the relationship, roles, and responsibilities of the provincial, regional, and local (i.e., Community Council) governance structures of the future Métis Government; and
  o 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, 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.

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