

REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENTS WORKPLANS



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**”) (www.metisnation.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/mno-mgrsa-faq-final-1.pdf).
- The MNO is working with each MNO Region to develop Regional Implementation Agreements (or “RIAs”) that outline how the MNO will work together with each MNO Region and Community Councils to implement the commitments in the Self-Government Agreement.

OVERVIEW OF RIA **WORKPLANS**

- The RIA Workplans are a way for the MNO and the MNO Region to “action” the commitments they made in the RIAs and build self-government capacity in the region.
- In particular, the RIA Workplans:
 - create a Workplan Implementation Committee for the MNO Region to help oversee and advance the self-government implementation activities;
 - provide a process for discussing the MNO-wide consultation plan for developing the future Métis Government Constitution and core laws;
 - provide options for the MNO Region to do additional, enhanced consultation on the Self-Government Agreement, future Métis Government Consultation and core laws¹; and
 - outline options to incrementally build core governance capacity within the MNO Region, in the 3 core areas of the Self-Government Agreement (citizenship, leadership selection, and internal operations).

¹ Note the MNO is working to implement an MNO-wide consultation plan across all of the MNO’s 9 Regions and 31+ Community Councils. All MNO citizens will have the opportunity to get involved and provide their input into the future Métis Government and its Constitution whether a specific MNO Region decides to do additional, enhanced consultation or not.

- The RIA Workplans contain common supports available to all MNO Regions and allow each MNO Region to further customize or “tailor” the work in a way that works for that specific MNO Region.

For example, some MNO Regions may want additional supports to for citizenship drives while others may want to focus on building their internal capacity in financial administration. The RIA Workplans let each Region identify the types of self-government activities the MNO Region wants to undertake based on their specific needs.

- The RIA Workplans 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 might look like.

IMPORTANT:

RIA Workplans are a way for the MNO and the MNO Region to “action” the commitments they made in the RIAs and build self-government capacity in the region.



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