

# YEAR IN REVIEW

## MNO 30<sup>th</sup> AGA

Name of PCMNO Councilor	Region / Position Youth Representative – MNOYC President
<b>Jordyn Playne</b>	<b>Youth Representative – MNOYC President</b>

### Introductory Message about work within the Region in 2022/23

The Métis Nation of Ontario Youth Council (MNOYC) is a group of democratically elected youth representatives from across Ontario who advocate on behalf of the concerns and interests of Métis youth at the provincial level. Additionally, there is a Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO) Youth Representative elected to the PCMNO who meets with the MNOYC as part of his or her duties. MNOYC's mandate is to identify issues affecting Métis youth and to work with the MNO to ensure these issues are addressed. Members of the MNOYC communicate on a regular basis, take part in meetings and community events across the province, including the MNO's Annual General Assembly (AGA), and often attend youth driven and focused conferences representing Métis youth across Ontario. Additionally, each MNO Community Council has a position for a local Youth Representative who promotes youth initiatives, works directly with the MNOYC and represents the voice of Métis youth in his or her area.

I am immensely proud of the Youth focused initiatives and relationships built throughout this year. The MNOYC has dedicated much of its time and focus to building connections with our Community Council Youth Representatives, building nation to nation relationships with our sister governments across the homeland and bringing Youth together both in person and virtually to celebrate, learn and build connections with one another.

As this is the final assembly for the currently tenure of MNOYC I would like to personally thank each member of the council for their hard work and dedication to our nation and our young people over the past four years. It has been an absolute pleasure to walk alongside strong youth leaders and I know undouble the MNOYC will be in good hands in the future!

### Highlights and Key Achievements

Since the last assembly the MNOYC has been busy and working hard to build on what we heard from young people during the 2022 Youth Leadership conference. As a result, the MNOYC has spent the majority of it's time focusing on bringing together young people to focus on nation building, environment, leadership and mental wellness.

**Self Government Simulation** in partnership with the Gordon Foundation – Emerging Metis leaders from across the province were invited to participate in knowledge transfer, skill building and gain practical governance experience to lead the next generation. The simulation focused on intruding participants to Metis governance structures, resolution writing, voting, negotiation and general assembly practice. While simultaneously building a network of future learning and support.

**Youth Climate Change Forum**, MNOYC partnered with the Land, Resources and Consultation team to participate and engage in an interactive dialogue focused on young people as future stewards to the land. The forum focused on how climate change impacts Metis youth with topics for both younger and older youth including the basics of climate change, species at risk and climate anxiety and activism.

**Wellness Kits** - The MNOYC was able to offer 100 wholistic kit including MNOYC lapel sash, bannock mix, grocery store gift card and candle. All products were curated with Metis Youth in mind,

food to feed your soul, candles to create good intentions and a sash to remind you of the strength of our nation.

**Winter Youth Retreat** was created in partnership with the Weaving Wellness Centre to bring together 20 Métis youth ages 18-29 years to gather, connect and learn about wellness on the land in Mattawa, Ontario.

#### **Meetings / Projects / Partnerships / Committee Participation / Other Activity**

- MNC resolution to create National Métis Youth Council
- LMFO Forum on Climate Change
- President Playne spoke with University Class at Michigan State University
- President Playne attended COP 27 in Egypt
- Self-Government Simulation in partnership with Gordon Foundation
- Winter Youth Retreat in partnership with Weaving Wellness Centre
- MNOYC Chair Evan Accetolla attend MNS UNDRIP Youth Conference
- President Playne and Chair Accetolla attended UN permanent forum on Indigenous issues
- MNOYC members attended the ELCC Conference
- 2023 Youth Leadership award
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- Creation of MNOYC website
- Chair Accetolla attended the MNC fisheries conference
- President Playne and Chair Accetolla attended the MNC Cannabis Workshop
- MNOYC held successful in person and virtual meetings throughout fall 2022 and winter 2023

#### **Other Comments**