



Métis Nation of Ontario
Office of the President

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Mr. David Chartrand
President, Manitoba Métis Federation
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Dear President Chartrand,

It has been far too long since we have spoken. I am writing to you on behalf of the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) to formally request an invite to participate and present at the upcoming “Indigenous Identity Fraud Summit” hosted by the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) and Chiefs of Ontario (COO). We have sent a similar request to COO.

In light of this Summit’s recently released agenda, we feel our inclusion would not only enrich the discussions but would also provide a forum to correct the record on the history, existence, and relationship between the Métis communities in Ontario and the broader Métis Nation, both historically and contemporarily. I assume this information would be a welcomed addition to the agenda.

Given the epidemic of Indigenous identity fraud increasingly occurring throughout the country, it is crucial that all voices of legitimate Indigenous governments, including the MNO—as well as other Métis Governments—are heard. Our presence at your Summit would contribute to a more productive dialogue. At a time when politics have made things so divisive, I believe fostering unity and understanding among our people has never been more important.

The MNO remains committed to constructive and respectful discussions, and are eager to discuss both our history as a Métis government and the Métis communities within Ontario that we represent. As the MMF continues to consult on its Treaty, we believe that encouraging respectful dialogue and sharing experiences will prove immeasurably valuable. We believe that MNO’s participation would greatly contribute to the Summit’s credibility as a forum for actual dialogue, which will advance our shared goals for the Métis people.

Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to hearing from you about our participation in the Summit and renewing the once deep ties between our Métis governments for the benefit of all our Métis citizens.

Sincerely,

Margaret Froh
President, Métis Nation of Ontario