



Greetings Senators,

I am Donna Grenier, and I am running for the PCMNO Senator election this August 2024 at our AGA.

I was born in Penetanguishene and I'm of Drummond Island descend. My verified family lines are Gendron-Hallio and Laramee-Cloutier; Boucher, Giroux and Grisdale. Though I'm from Region 7, I am Senator on the North Channel Métis Council Region 4. I am a retired Child and Youth Councillor who worked in outpatient Child and Adolescent Mental Health hospital settings for nearly 30 years. I am passionate about Métis history and

carrying on the journey and sacrifices of my ancestors to ensure the future of our Métis Nation while ensuring that Métis people are rightfully acknowledged in Canada.

I am an advocate of teamwork. It is critical that the PCMNO work together to build and grow a strong nation. I see my role of Senator as one of Peacekeeper and Knowledge Seeker/Keeper. Someone who brings an open mind to new perspectives, respecting all opinions and views that may be brought forward. I believe my role as Senator is to build relationships with our citizens and collaboratively work towards a better future for generations to come.

I am also a strong advocate of respect for diversity in our Métis Nation, honouring that individuals have diverse spiritual or religious beliefs, gender identity, and individuality. The way we treat each other is how we model for our children and youth to treat others. It is important that we maintain respect for the diversity of each and every citizen so that no citizen's voice is left behind – diversity makes for a strong Nation.

I believe in rebuilding relationships with other Indigenous communities even through, and more so during, these challenging times. And to also celebrate existing relationships with other Indigenous Nations, recognizing the value of reciprocity.

Most importantly, I believe we need to spend more time with our children and youth as Senators and Knowledge Keepers or Seekers. Our Métis youth are asking for more time spent with them. We learn from each other. Aging Métis citizens are looking for ways to be involved beyond their local council roles. I have had the honour of spending time in various youth camps and conferences as an invited Senator, and as I have firsthand experienced, I truly feel that youth and senior joint events would bridge knowledge and healing intergenerationally in a way we have not yet fully witnessed. A way we need, a way forward our ancestors would be proud of.

I hope I can have your vote for Senator on the PCMNO. I look forward to the opportunity to serve our great Nation.

*Donna Grenier, Senator North Channel Métis Council*