



# MNC EXPERT PANEL FINAL REPORT KEY STATEMENTS

## On the seven historic Métis Nation communities in northern Ontario

*"The Panel finds that these communities meet the parameters of the National Definition of the Métis Nation, as adopted by the Manitoba Metis Federation, Métis Nation-Saskatchewan, Métis Nation of Alberta (now the Otipemisiwak Métis Government), Métis Nation British Columbia, and Métis Nation of Ontario in 2002 and are part of the Métis Nation Homeland." - pg. 118*

*"Statements made denying the existence and rights of Métis people in some of the Ontario communities that have been made by MMF, Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S), First Nations leadership, and some academics, are forms of lateral violence and could be considered a form of hate speech and, possibly, cultural genocide." - pg. 43*

*"These communities, and the MNO citizens who comprise them, are markedly distinct and fiercely proud of their Halfbreed or Métis roots. This sets them apart from their First Nation relatives and European settlers from whom they may have descended. Finding the commonality of their families and histories so closely intertwined with the rest of the Métis Nation was profound." - pg. 119*

*"It is therefore our expert opinion that these individuals and communities form an integral part of the Métis Nation and its Homeland." - pg. 25*

## On Métis Nation recognition of the seven historic Métis Nation communities

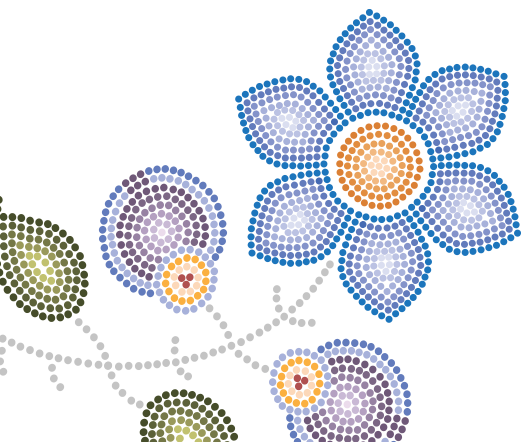
*"From documents the Panel reviewed, we affirmed that during the four decades of the MNC it has primarily utilized a map indicating the Métis Nation Homeland extended to at least Sault Ste. Marie in the southeast and Moose Factory in the northeast." - pg. 84*

*"Clément Chartier also publicly endorsed the Four Points Agreement, and maps depicting the harvesting area were used in Métis rights presentations by the MNO. This evidence makes it clear that the MNC was aware of the territories that the MNO was claiming as historical Métis territory before 2017." - pg. 65*

## On recent attacks and Métis denialism in northern Ontario

*"The Panel has concerns about the credibility of research reports when the author(s) have never been to the community, nor met with contemporary members. This does not adhere to traditional Métis values." - pg. 31*  
*"The notion of 'new historic communities' has been used as a weapon against the MNO by those who disagree that these communities might be a part of the larger Métis Nation or, moreover, oppose Métis rights assertions in the province of Ontario." - pg. 45*

*"We cannot allow the alarmist perspectives embedded within many of the commissioned reports to dismiss credible assertions and claims by the Seven Communities." - pg. 62*





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## On regions where historic Métis presence cannot be substantiated

*“Satisfying the Powley test is an extremely onerous, time consuming and costly process. Groups and individuals in Quebec and the Maritime provinces who have some Indigenous ancestry have tried to claim Métis rights under Powley without success.” - pg. 71*

*“There is evidence of distinctive political action in the communities represented by the MNO, especially where the fur trade economy was most prevalent—along the shores of Lakes Huron and Superior, as well as along riverways. Inversely, there is absolutely no evidence of these sorts of action in southern Ontario.” - pg. 121*

## From the MNC Expert Panel Chairs

*“Once I realized we were participating in an attempt to dismember a nation, I continued on in this process because it is the right thing to do, to stand with our people. It is wrong to disappear a people, their history and their sense of belonging. It is wrong to participate in the eradication of any peoples, particularly your family.” - Marilyn Poitras LLM, Expert Panelist, pg. 198*

*“I now see the Métis Communities of Northern Ontario not as a threat to our unity as a nation, but as an integral part of it. I have learned the histories of these communities, and they have shared many stories that I came to realize are ‘our’ stories too.” - Larry Chartrand, Expert Panelist, pg. 200*

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