

YEAR IN REVIEW

MNO 31st AGA / MNO Annual Report 2025/26

Name of PCMNO Councilor	Region / Position
Greg Garratt	Georgian Bay Historic Community region 7

Introductory Message about work within the Region in 2025/26

I am the Regional PCMNO Councilor for Region 7. I also serve as the Associate Secretary for the Housing & homelessness portfolio. I am from the Georgian Bay Historic Metis community Dusome and Beausoliel lines.

This Assembly reminds us that by working together, we can build lasting foundations and communities for our people—both physically and culturally.

Highlights and Key Achievements

In the past year I have the housing and homeless have continued with several key programs.

Housing and homelessness

Currently the province has several housing units being built with 14 family units nearing completion in Midland.

Solar Panel Program

- The program continues **this new fiscal year** so more Métis Citizens can benefit from clean energy solutions and long-term cost savings.

Emergency RepaiR Programs (ERP)

- We've expanded supports for Métis Citizens through enhancements to the **Emergency Repair Program, Mold remediation** a critical health and safety measure. Citizens can now access the **Emergency Repair Program-Accessibility Grant**— making it easier and faster to get the help they need.

Accessibility and Vulnerable Populations

- Our collaboration with the **Healing & Wellness Branch** continues, particularly around **snow removal** and **home accessibility modifications** for seniors continues.

Home Buyers Contribution ProgramS

We've enhanced the **Home Buyers Contribution Program** to provide even greater support.

Financial Literacy

- We continue to offer **financial literacy resources** that are open to all Métis citizens. These tools help ensure long-term success in home ownership, budgeting, and financial planning.

Housing Stabilization Program

Our **Housing Stabilization Program** served **285 Métis Citizens** facing housing-related crises.

- I want to thank our Housing team and all of our partners who've helped deliver these programs.
- Most importantly, thank you to the Métis Citizens whose lived experiences and input and guided our work. ***Be on the lookout for a future housing survey to update our statistics.***

Meetings / Projects / Partnerships / Committee Participation / Other Activity

Region 7 has gone through 3 elections in the past year and look forward now to getting regional work done.

2028 is the 200-year anniversary of the exodus of Metis and their families from Drummond Island to Penetanguishene and this will mark a milestone with a celebration it deserves.

As well the region works on economic development with the concept of our own Community and cultural center and offices in our region that produce a return for our communities. Places that can house and provide to our large community more than what we can do now with limited space.

I have been meeting with MP and MPP's in our region to advocate for supports in all aspects of our region, not just housing but economic and political supports. As well as attending workshops and schools to bring in cultural awareness. Grade 2's are the best audience.

As well ongoing research documents are being accumulated with the intent to have them scanned for future accessibility in a community center much like the intent of the Powley institute.

I have also applied to have Penetanguishene, Discovery Harbour be the site of the 2028 AGA.

Other Comments

We are lucky to live in such a vibrant Metis Community and hope to see the continued progress and results over time.

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