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PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE



I would like to convey my warmest greetings to the readers of the 2025-2026 Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Annual Report.

The MNO is dedicated to advancing the recognition of Métis rights and reconciliation. This Annual Report helps to ensure transparency and financial accountability and summarizes operational progress over the past year.

I would like to thank everyone involved in preparing this important document, which offers a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the history of the Métis who live in Ontario, to celebrate your accomplishments, and to set goals for the future.

I wish you all continued success.

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., O.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada

Ottawa
2026

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CIR Minister Message for the 2025-26 Métis Nation of Ontario Annual Report

Tansi! Hello! Bonjour!

I am happy to send warm greetings to the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) on the release of your 2025-2026 Annual Report. The accomplishments highlighted in this year's report reflect the strong leadership, resilience, and vision of the MNO. They demonstrate meaningful progress to advance Métis rights, support communities across Ontario, and further your vision for self-determination and self-government.

Your ongoing efforts are driving real and lasting improvements in the lives of Métis citizens, while shaping a future grounded in Métis identity, culture, and self-determination. Your leadership in addressing complex and persistent socioeconomic gaps reflects a deep commitment to community well-being and long-term progress.



As Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, it is an honour to work with you to strengthen our relationship and build a prosperous future together. Our joint and ongoing dedication to advancing reconciliation will continue to guide this work and reinforce meaningful, lasting relationships. We will continue to support Métis voices to close socioeconomic gaps, and support strong, thriving Métis communities.

To all the MNO citizens reading this report: your voices, contributions, and leadership are essential to the progress we celebrate today and will continue to shape the path forward for generations to come.

Marsee. Thank you. Merci.

The Honourable Rebecca Alty
Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations

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RE: Métis Nation of Ontario 2025-26 Annual Report

Dear citizens of the Métis Nation of Ontario,

I am honoured to share my greetings for this annual report. This report commemorates all of the amazing work the Nation has accomplished this year. The Métis community in Ontario is part of a vibrant and living Indigenous heritage. The Métis Nation of Ontario does invaluable work to promote and advocate for the community. I completely support its aims of self-governance, nation-building and cultural preservation.

On behalf of myself and the federal Green Party, congratulations and best of luck for the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth May, O.C.
Member of Parliament
Saanich-Gulf Islands
Leader of the Green Party of Canada

JOHN FRASER, MPP/DÉPUTÉ
Ottawa South / Ottawa-sud

June 1st, 2026

To the citizens of the Métis Nation of Ontario,

Congratulations on another successful year, filled with significant achievement for the Métis Nation of Ontario. This report reflects the hard work and commitment of Métis leaders, volunteers, staff and citizens all across Ontario.

These accomplishments are worth celebrating and speak to what can be achieved through strong leadership and community. Through creating new opportunities and expanding programs and services for citizens, you strengthen communities and honour Métis cultures and traditions.

On behalf of myself and the Ontario Liberal Caucus, congratulations on a wonderful year and all the best moving forward.

Sincerely,



John Fraser
Interim Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party and MPP for Ottawa-South

A MESSAGE FROM
RAJ DHIR
DEPUTY MINISTER OF INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS AND FIRST NATIONS ECONOMIC RECONCILIATION



I am honoured to extend my warm greetings and congratulations to the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) on another successful year.

This annual report provides an opportunity to reflect on the MNO's achievements over the past year, discuss ongoing issues and set fresh goals for the year ahead.

I would like to acknowledge the members, communities and leaders of the MNO for your commitment and dedication to fostering reconciliation, promoting and supporting Métis culture and heritage, and advancing economic development and job creation for Métis entrepreneurs and businesses.

Ontario recognizes the distinct, shared history and relationship between Métis people and the Crown, and we remain committed to supporting the economic and social development of Métis communities and families. We value our positive relationship with Métis communities in Ontario and look forward to continuing to work together to improve the quality of life for Métis people in the province.

I wish you continued success in the year ahead.



Raj Dhir
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation



GREETINGS FROM THE PCMNO

BUILDING *the* FUTURE *of* MÉTIS SELF-GOVERNMENT

Friends and fellow Citizens,

This year marked a defining step in the MNO's self-government journey as Métis citizens helped shape a Constitution that will guide our government for generations to come. It is one of the most consequential pieces of work the MNO has undertaken because it will shape how citizens are represented, how decisions are made, and how their government is held accountable.

More than 2,300 citizens have already taken part in this work through regional meetings, surveys, virtual sessions, community conversations, and thousands of individual comments. Their voices have helped shape the draft at every stage.

For the PCMNO, this has required careful review and thoughtful discussion. We have examined the draft in detail, considered the feedback from citizens, and asked what kind of government we want to leave to future generations. This Constitution is being developed for Métis citizens in Ontario and for the future of Métis self-government.

The next stage will bring the draft Constitution back to citizens through engagement and education this fall and winter. The goal is to prepare for a ratification vote in 2027, potentially alongside a modern self-government treaty with Canada. Together, these steps would move the MNO closer to fully implementing Métis self-government in Ontario.



That constitutional work sits within a broader year of institution-building across the MNO.

PCMNO strengthened governance policies, supported long-term planning for government infrastructure, and continued building institutions such as the Powley Institute. Work also moved forward to support land stewardship and gathering spaces, and create clearer frameworks for Métis businesses and child and family services. These efforts are strengthening the institutions that support Métis self-government.

At the same time, the MNO continued delivering essential support to citizens and families across Ontario. Housing programs helped citizens complete critical repairs, improve accessibility, and manage rising rental costs. Investments in health and wellness expanded access to mental health care, food security, virtual care, eye screenings, and family supports. New work in early learning and child care, youth leadership, education, economic development, and cultural spaces continued to create opportunities for citizens at every stage of life.

This is what self-government looks like in practice. It is the work of building strong institutions while responding to the needs our citizens face today. It means planning for the future while remaining accountable to the people we serve.

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The draft Constitution represents an important milestone, but it is only one part of a much larger journey. The work of strengthening Métis self-government continues every day through the decisions we make, the institutions we build, and the partnerships we foster on behalf of our citizens. We are proud of the progress made this year, and we look forward to continuing that work together.

With respect and in unity,

The Provisional Council
of the Métis Nation of Ontario

A YEAR IN REVIEW

From community gatherings and cultural celebrations to new programs, partnerships, and supports, this year brought Métis citizens, families, and communities together across Ontario.

These moments reflect the many ways the MNO continued to strengthen connections, create opportunities, and respond to citizens' needs.



2026 Infinite Reach March Break Camp (March 18-20, 2026)



24th United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, UN Headquarters in New York City (April 21-May 2, 2025)

Métis youth at the 2025 Otawn Fall Cultural Camp at Camp Tawingo near Huntsville. (Oct 17-20, 2025)



Queen's Park Meeting & Ontario Throne Speech: Provincial Secretary Mitch Case, Lise Vaugeois, MPP for Thunder Bay-Superior North (April 15- 16, 2025)



Back to Batoche Days in Saskatchewan (July 17–20, 2025)



Soirée in the Soo launches the new Powley Institute (August 2025)



King Charles III Coronation Medal Ceremony (April 5, 2025) Erik Gjos (posthumous), Matthew LeMay, Lois McCallum, Reta Gordon, Kelly Duquette, Jennifer St.Germain and Tony Belcourt.



Danielle Lacka at Global Indigenous Data Sovereignty Conference in Canberra, Australia (April 1-3, 2025)



2025 Summer Break Camp in Awenda Provincial Park (July 17- 21, 2025)





MNO Veterans' Council Remembrance Day event in Ottawa. (Nov 11, 2025)



2025-26 Love Yourself First Breast Screening Project



7th Annual Early Learning and Child Care Conference
(March 6-8, 2026)



Northwestern Ontario Métis Community Marks 150th Anniversary of Signing the Adhesion to Treaty 3
(Sept 12, 2025)



MNO Fall Family Camp
(Oct 2025)





MNO attends Métis Summit with Prime Minister Carney
(August 8, 2025)

Louis Riel Day Ceremony and Queen's Park Flag Raising in Toronto (Nov 16, 2025)



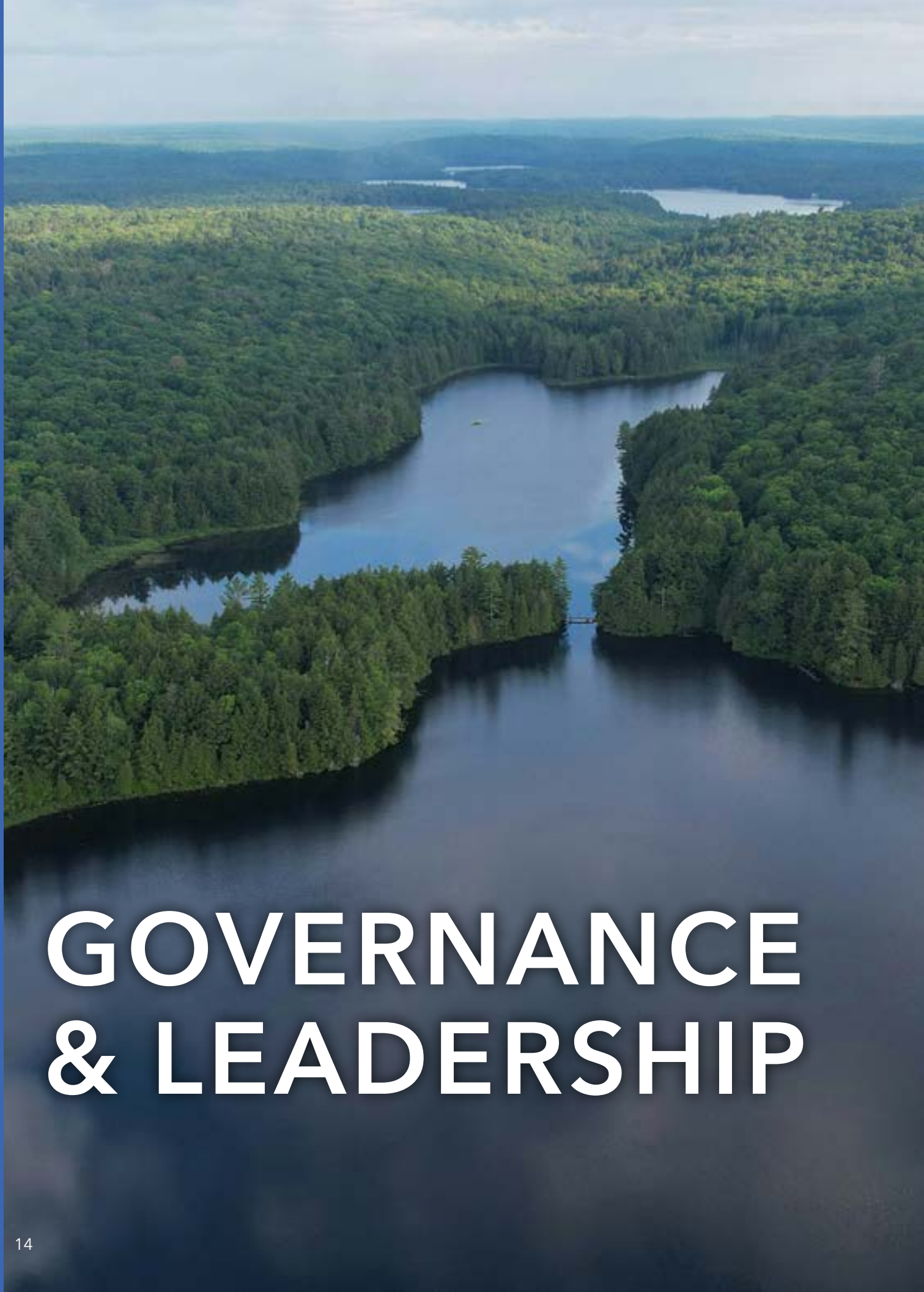
Two-Spirit Pow Wow in Toronto
(June 13-14, 2025)



MNO Infinite Reach facilatator training in Toronto (July 5-6, 2025)

Terry Fox Monument Gathering in Thunder Bay (Sept 1, 2025)





GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP



GOVERNANCE

Provisional Council *of the* Métis Nation *of* Ontario

The MNO is governed by the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO), which takes direction from and reports to MNO citizens at the Annual General Assembly.

The PCMNO includes four executive members: the president, vice-chair, secretary-treasurer, and executive senator. It also includes nine regional councillors, a provincial youth representative, a post-secondary representative, and three senators. This structure helps ensure regional, community, youth, women's, and senator perspectives are represented.

According to Part A of the MNO Electoral Code, province-wide ballot box elections are held every four years. The exception is for senators, who are elected by MNO citizens at the Annual General Assembly every four years from among community council senators and honourary senators.

The MNO remains committed to representing more than 33,000 Métis citizens and supporting their wellbeing. Maarsii to everyone who gives their time to support this important work.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS & SENATORS



President
MARGARET FROH
Provincial Secretary for Justice



Acting Chair
SHARON CADEAU
Provincial Secretary for Housing and Infrastructure



Secretary-Treasurer
JOANNE YOUNG
Provincial Secretary for Finance and Records



Executive Senator
STEVEN CALLAGHAN
Liaison for MNO Veterans' Council



Senator
CECILE COUTU



Senator
LILIANE ETHIER



Senator
DONNA GRENIER

REGIONAL COUNCILORS



Northwestern Ontario Métis Community (Region 1)

THERESA STENLUND

Co-Provincial Secretary for Métis Rights, Intergovernmental Relations & Communications



MNO Region 2

ALICIA BRINK



Abitibi-Inland Métis Community (Region 3)

JACQUES PICOTTE

Provincial Secretary for Environment, Emergency Preparedness & Climate Change



Huron-Superior Regional Métis Community (Region 4)

MITCH CASE

Co-Provincial Secretary for Métis Rights, Intergovernmental Relations & Communications



MNO Region 5

SUZANNE FORTIN



MNO Region 6

ANDREW DUFRANE

Associate Provincial Secretary for Health, Well-Being & Seniors



Georgian Bay Historic Métis Community (Region 7)

GREG GARRATT

Liaison for Housing and Infrastucture



MNO Region 8

KATE STEWART-MCNEIL

Liaison for the Two-Spirit LGBTQ+ Council and MNO Women's Council



South West Region (Region 9)

KATHLEEN ANDERSON

Associate Provincial Secretary for Finance and Records



Youth Representative

EVAN ACCETTOLA

Liaison for MNO Youth Council



Post-Secondary Representative

RYAN LAFLEUR

For Regional and Advisory Council updates, please visit:

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

WOMEN'S COUNCIL (MNOWC)

The Métis Nation of Ontario Women's Council (MNOWC) is made up of Métis women from across the province who are committed to advancing women's issues and advocating for the voices of Métis women within the MNO. The Council includes a President and nine regional representatives.

The MNOWC advises the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO) on matters affecting women and collaborates with community councils, Indigenous organizations, government bodies, and women's groups to address issues specific to Métis women.

Throughout history Métis women have served as cultural mediators, community leaders and the matriarchal backbone of the Métis Nation. Métis women continue to be central to the strength, resilience, and identity of our Métis Nation. The MNOWC is entrusted to continue this work by enhancing the rights of Métis women and girls so they can reach their potential in all aspects of their lives to build a strong and healthy Métis Nation.

MNOWC elections are held every four years in conjunction with the MNO Annual General Assembly. The most recent election took place in August 2024.

President	Samantha Loney
Elder	Tina Marie Jameson
Region 1	Jennifer Rollins
Region 2	Nicole Tetreault
Region 3	Vacant
Region 4	June Smart
Region 5	Kimberly Sanftenberg
Region 6	Shannon Fitzgerald Smith
Region 7	Suzanne Fraser
Region 8	Luanne Cunningham
Region 9	Pandora Wilhelm

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

VETERANS' COUNCIL (MNOVC)

Established in 2001 by direction of the MNO Annual General Assembly (AGA), the Métis Nation of Ontario Veterans' Council (MNOVC) is a chartered council within the MNO governance structure, dedicated to representing the interests of Métis veterans. The Council's structure was formally established at the 2009 AGA in Sudbury with the election of an executive.

Executive positions on the MNOVC are elected every four years, in alignment with the MNO's general elections. The most recent election took place in June 2024, with the current executive serving a term through to 2028.

President	Brian Prairie
Chair	Paul Broadbent
Secretary & Treasurer	Ted Mtchell
Sgt-at-arms	Ralph Rienguette
Senator	Robert Baskey
Women's Representative	Darla Oja

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

YOUTH COUNCIL (MNOYC)

The Métis Nation of Ontario Youth Council (MNOYC) is made up of youth representatives (ages 16-29) from across the province who advocate for the interests and well-being of Métis youth at the provincial level. Mandated to identify and address issues affecting young Métis people, the MNOYC works closely with the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO) to ensure youth voices are heard in decision-making.

MNOYC members stay connected through regular communication, participate in provincial meetings and community events, and often attend youth-led conferences, representing Métis youth from Ontario. Every MNO Community Council includes a local youth representative who promotes youth initiatives, supports the work of the MNOYC, and ensures local youth perspectives are shared.

The Council is composed of nine regional representatives, elected every four years through province-wide ballot box elections. The most recent election was held in June 2024, with current members serving until 2028. In addition, youth are represented at the provincial governance level by the PCMNO Youth Representative, who holds a voting seat on the PCMNO.

President & PCMNO Youth Rep	Evan Accettola
MNOYC Chair	Claire Accettola
Region 1 Rep	Timea Enge
Region 2 Rep	Madyson Campbell
Region 3 Rep	Bryanna Bielek
Region 4 Rep	Cole Netherton
Region 5 Rep	Matt Gordon
Region 6 Rep	Luke Breault
Region 7 Rep	Bennett Woods
Region 8 Rep	Gabrielle Moreau
Region 9 Rep	Kaitlyn Anderson-Mitchell

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

TWO-SPIRIT COUNCIL

The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Two-Spirit Council is an elected, representative body that uplifts the voices of Two-Spirit and LGBTQIA+ citizens across all MNO Regions. Grounded in traditional knowledge and guided by community priorities, we work to foster safe, inclusive spaces for our people.

Formed after a 2016 AGA resolution called for a provincial Two-Spirit/LGBTQIA+ Working Group, our Council has since become an essential part of MNO governance. We help reconnect our Nation with traditional understandings of gender and identity.

The MNO Two-Spirit Council aims to decolonize, educate, and advocate—supporting individual well-being and broader systemic change. Our key priorities include:

- **Advising and Advocating:** We guide MNO leadership on Two-Spirit and LGBTQIA+ issues and advocate for recognition at all levels.
- **Supporting Services and Programs:** We help shape culturally relevant supports, including wellness and anti-violence initiatives.
- **Ensuring Representation in Governance:** We participate in MNO self-government processes and work with partners like Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak.
- **Building Community:** Through events like powwow booths and fireside chats, we create welcoming, affirming spaces.



GOVERNANCE

SENATORS

Highly respected for their knowledge and experience, MNO senators play a crucial role at community events and meetings in addition to helping keep Métis culture alive by sharing Métis traditions and way of life. One Senator serves on each Community Council.

Every four years, four senators from across the province are elected by all the other senators at the MNO Annual General Assembly to sit on the PCMNO. One of the four PCMNO senators is chosen by a group of four to sit as the Executive senator. The last election for the PCMNO senator position was held at the 2024 MNO AGA. The term of the current PCMNO senators expires in 2028.

As the MNO grows, the requests for senators to attend events to lead opening or closing prayers or to talk about Métis history and culture are also growing. Our senators continue to meet these increasing demands and the entire MNO is grateful for their dedication.

GOVERNANCE

CAPTAINS *of the* HUNT

The Captains of the Hunt (COTH) play an important role in managing Métis harvesting rights in Ontario. A Captain of the Hunt or COTH Liaison is assigned to each of the MNO's nine administrative regions to support management of the harvest under the MNO Harvesting Policy.

The COTH help manage the annual harvest in conjunction with the Province of Ontario, support implementation of the MNO Harvesting Policy, and help determine appropriate harvest management in their respective regions. They serve as a direct line of communication between harvesters, the MNO, and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. They also act as a liaison between harvesters and the MNO when charges have been filed.

Their duties include travelling throughout their regions and working with community councils on Harvester's Certificate matters. They assist harvesters with applications, review and sign applications before they are sent to the MNO Registry for final approval, and answer citizen questions about harvesting rights and requirements.

The COTH also investigate complaints and charges, prepare incident reports, help ensure compliance with the MNO Harvesting Policy, and serve as regional contacts for ministry field officers. They participate in the MNO–Ontario working table as a source of on-the-ground information and share knowledge about the Métis Way of Life Framework and Traditional Knowledge.

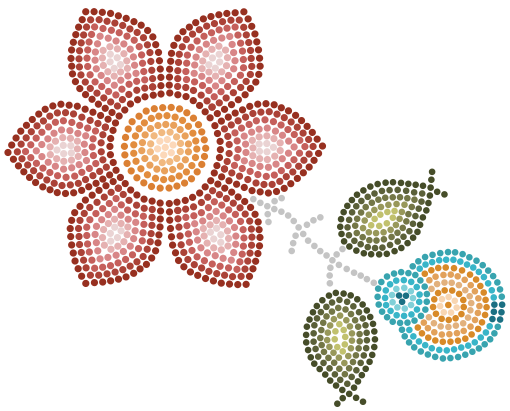
Captains meet monthly online and twice each year in person to address emerging issues, provide operational guidance, support implementation of the MNO Harvesting Policy, and advance key projects.

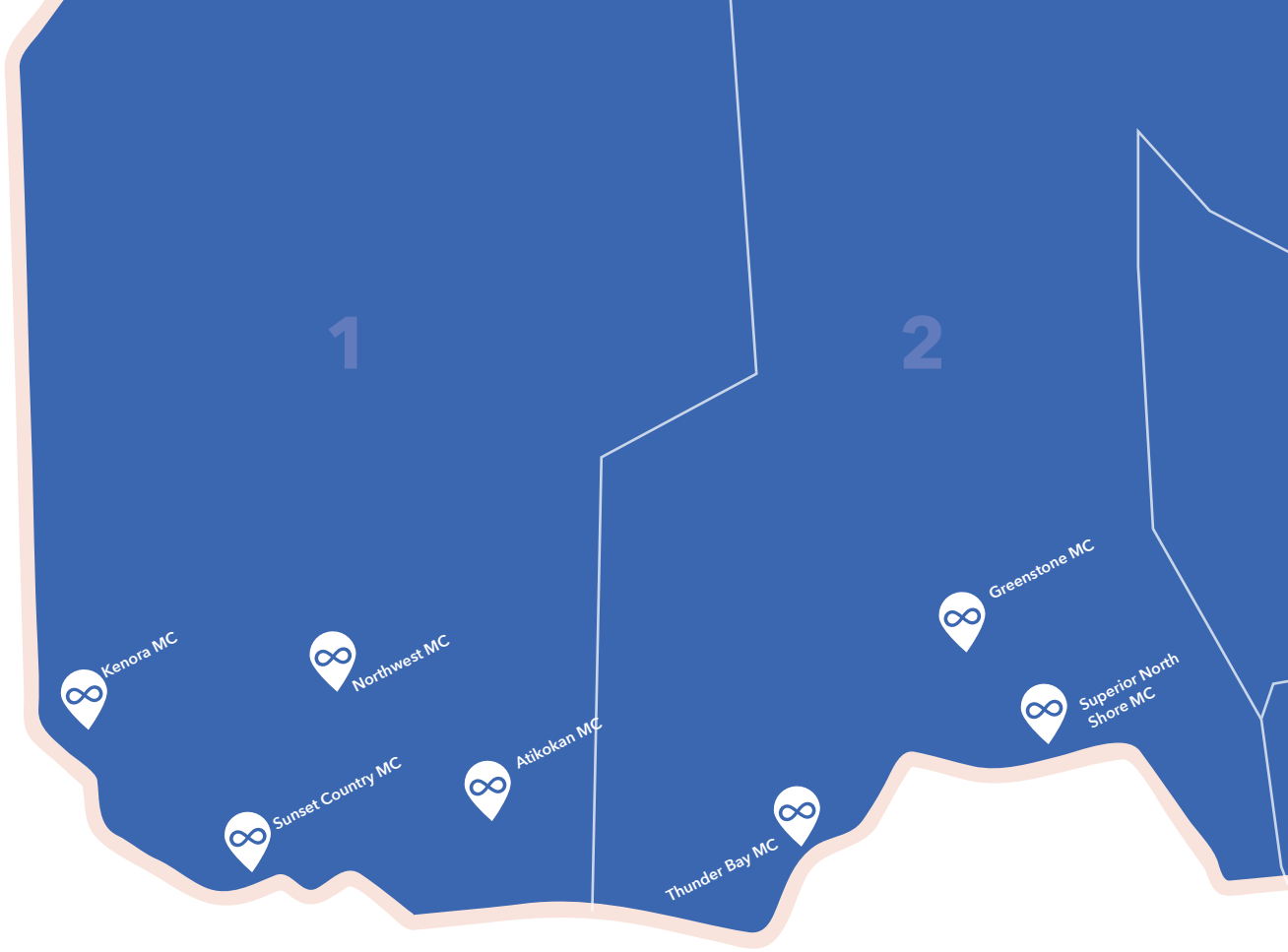
The annual Fall Harvest Communiqué remains an important communication tool. It provides harvesters with reminders about respectful harvesting practices, updates on policy and operational matters, and reinforces their shared responsibility to uphold conservation principles and maintain positive relationships with landowners, communities, and partner agencies.

A significant accomplishment this year was the continued development of the MNO Métis Harvesting Training Module. The first script was completed, and filming took place during the June in-person COTH meeting. Scheduled for release in fall 2026, the module will cover Métis harvesting rights, the MNO Harvesting Policy, Harvester's Certificates, the role of the COTH, harvester responsibilities, and harvest reporting.

The COTH also support the annual harvester survey and moose harvest survey, which gather information on the number, species, and location of animals harvested by MNO Harvester's Certificate holders. Work is underway to move the moose harvest survey from voluntary to mandatory reporting, strengthening harvest data and supporting long-term conservation.

Work also continues on Métis-led restorative justice mechanisms within traditional harvesting areas. These community-led approaches promote education, accountability, and community-based resolution of harvesting concerns while supporting compliance with the MNO Harvesting Policy.





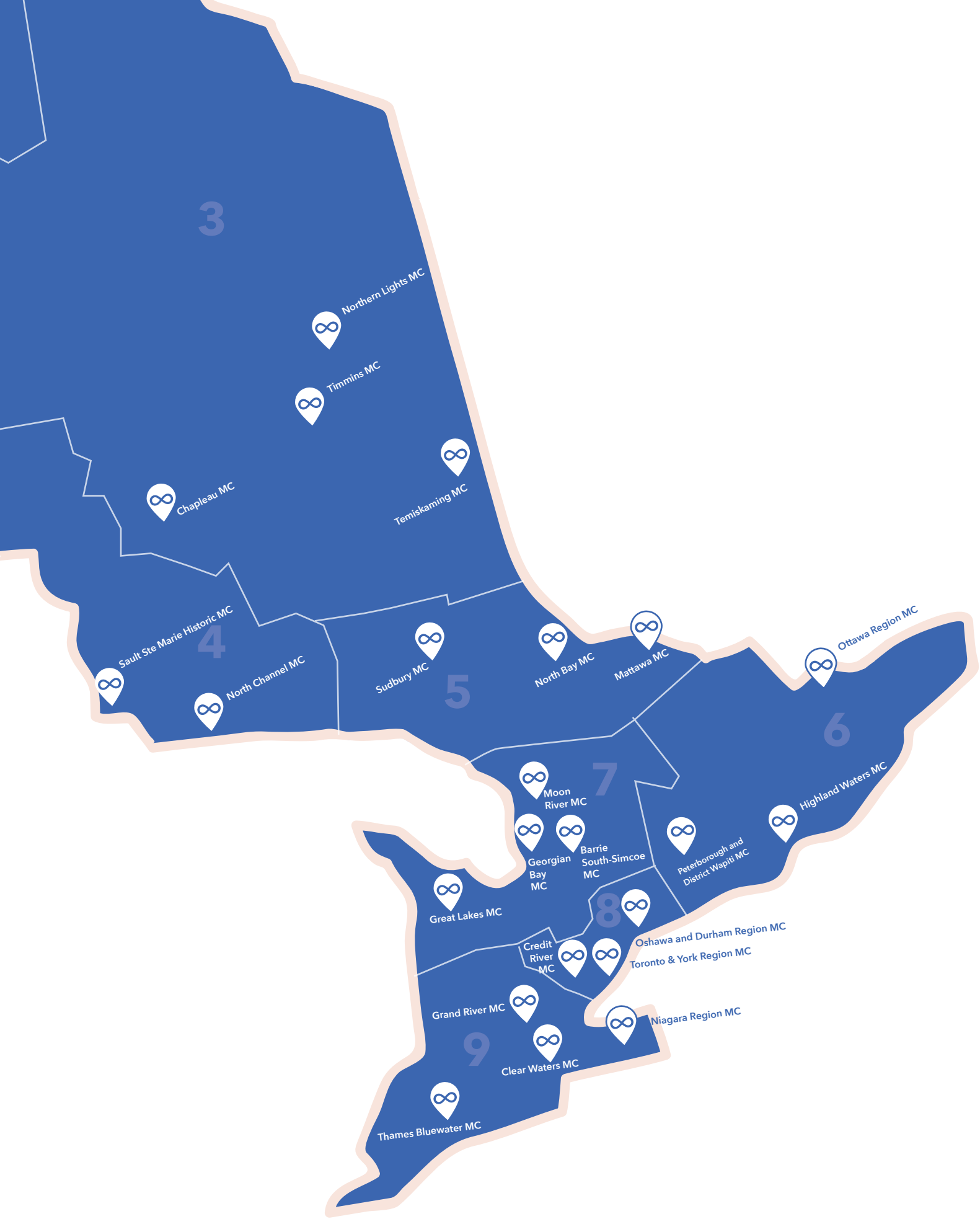
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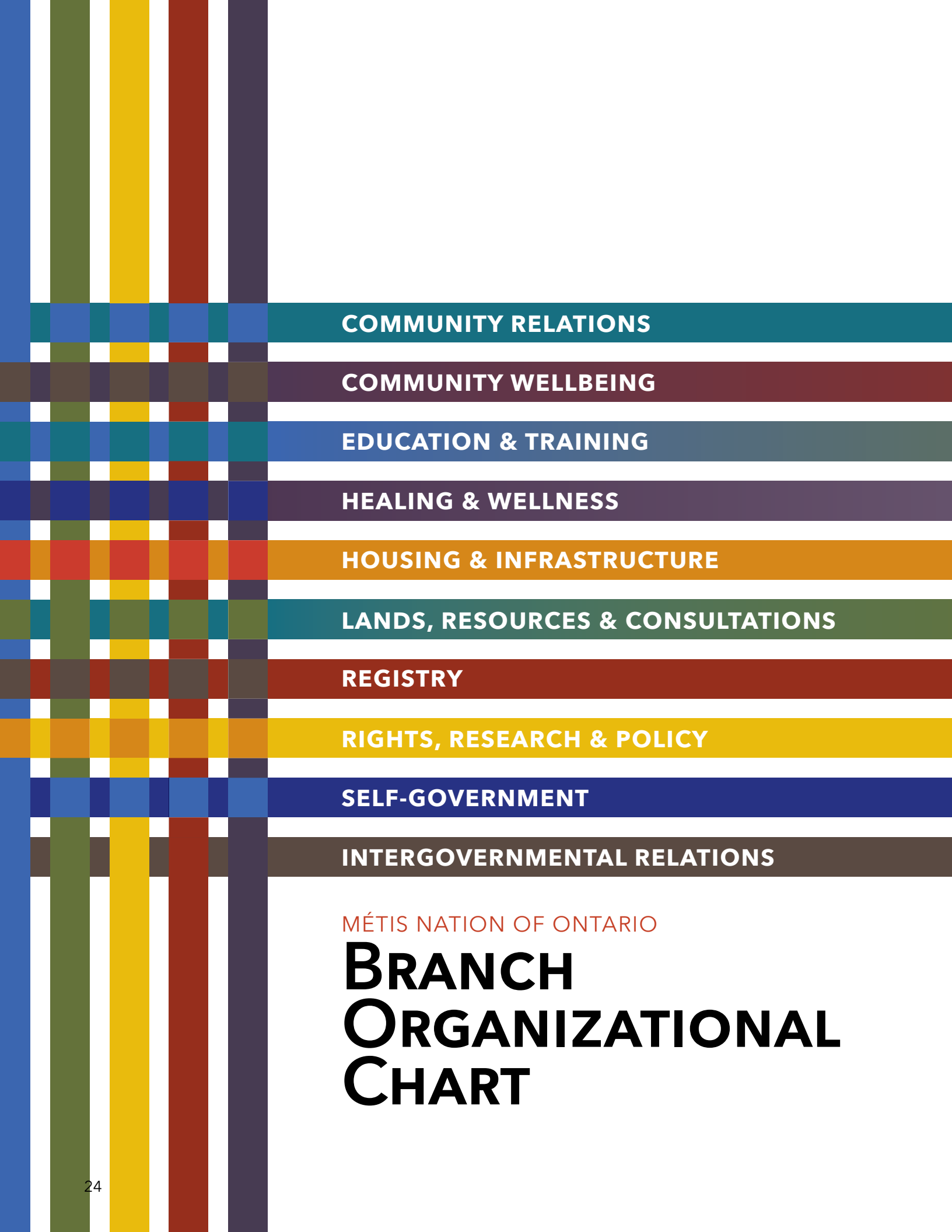
CHARTERED COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Métis citizens and communities are at the heart of the MNO, and our Community Councils play a vital role in supporting them across the province.

Representing citizens at the local level, MNO Community Councils serve as key communication hubs and are instrumental in fostering community connection, empowerment, and development within their geographic regions.

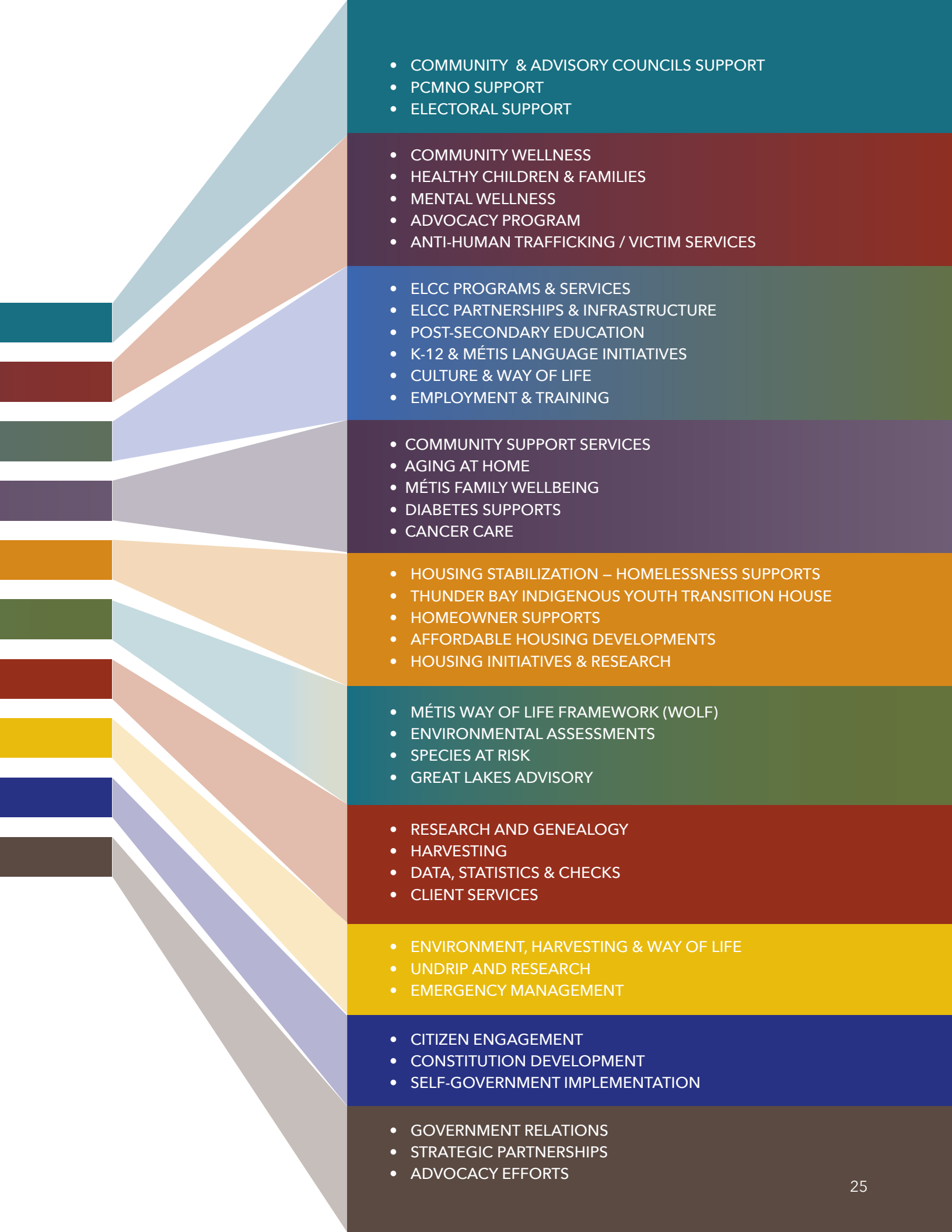
Each Council operates under an MNO Charter Agreement, which outlines its mandate to govern while upholding the principles of accountability, transparency, and consistency.


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Timmins MC
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Sault Ste Marie Historic MC
North Channel MC
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Sudbury MC
North Bay MC
Mattawa MC
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Ottawa Region MC
Highland Waters MC
Peterborough and District Wapiti MC
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Moon River MC
Georgian Bay MC
Barrie South-Simcoe MC
Great Lakes MC
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Oshawa and Durham Region MC
Toronto & York Region MC
Credit River MC
Niagara Region MC
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Grand River MC
Clear Waters MC
Thames Bluewater MC



MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

BRANCH ORGANIZATIONAL CHART


COMMUNITY & ADVISORY COUNCILS SUPPORT
PCMNO SUPPORT
ELECTORAL SUPPORT
COMMUNITY WELLNESS
HEALTHY CHILDREN & FAMILIES
MENTAL WELLNESS
ADVOCACY PROGRAM
ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING / VICTIM SERVICES
ELCC PROGRAMS & SERVICES
ELCC PARTNERSHIPS & INFRASTRUCTURE
POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION
K-12 & MÉTIS LANGUAGE INITIATIVES
CULTURE & WAY OF LIFE
EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING
COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES
AGING AT HOME
MÉTIS FAMILY WELLBEING
DIABETES SUPPORTS
CANCER CARE
HOUSING STABILIZATION – HOMELESSNESS SUPPORTS
THUNDER BAY INDIGENOUS YOUTH TRANSITION HOUSE
HOMEOWNER SUPPORTS
AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS
HOUSING INITIATIVES & RESEARCH
MÉTIS WAY OF LIFE FRAMEWORK (WOLF)
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS
SPECIES AT RISK
GREAT LAKES ADVISORY
RESEARCH AND GENEALOGY
HARVESTING
DATA, STATISTICS & CHECKS
CLIENT SERVICES
ENVIRONMENT, HARVESTING & WAY OF LIFE
UNDRIP AND RESEARCH
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT
CONSTITUTION DEVELOPMENT
SELF-GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTATION
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
ADVOCACY EFFORTS



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS



MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

Education and Training

Bryanna Scott-Kay Ph.D.
Director

The MNO began offering training initiatives in 1996, funded by the Métis Human Resources Development Agreement. Since then, the Education and Training Branch has grown and developed, establishing a comprehensive infrastructure that delivers a full range of programs including supports in **Early Learning and Childcare, Kindergarten to Grade 12, Post-Secondary Education, Employment and Training, and Culture and Way of Life**. These supports strengthen the educational success of all Métis across Ontario. We also work to retain and revitalize our languages, honour our culture and way of life, and provide ongoing learning outside formal education structures.

As a branch, we advocate for an inclusive education system by ensuring a Métis voice in education decision-making, including the development of education policies and programs in Ontario. Our expertise and investments are critical to educational outreach, resource development, the development and implementation of education action plans, and productive engagement with Provincial and Federal ministries. We continue to foster partnerships among communities, school boards, colleges and universities, the employment sector, and other key stakeholders to create a culture of lifelong learning. We are here to support those Métis learners, educators, job seekers, and citizens who engage with education systems.

We take pride in our culture and history, and recognize and honour the Métis knowledge holders and senators who contribute to our way of life, teaching and learning opportunities, and Métis languages. We look forward to sharing our traditions with future generations as we aspire to achieve our highest potential.

Métis Nation of Ontario

BY THE NUMBERS:

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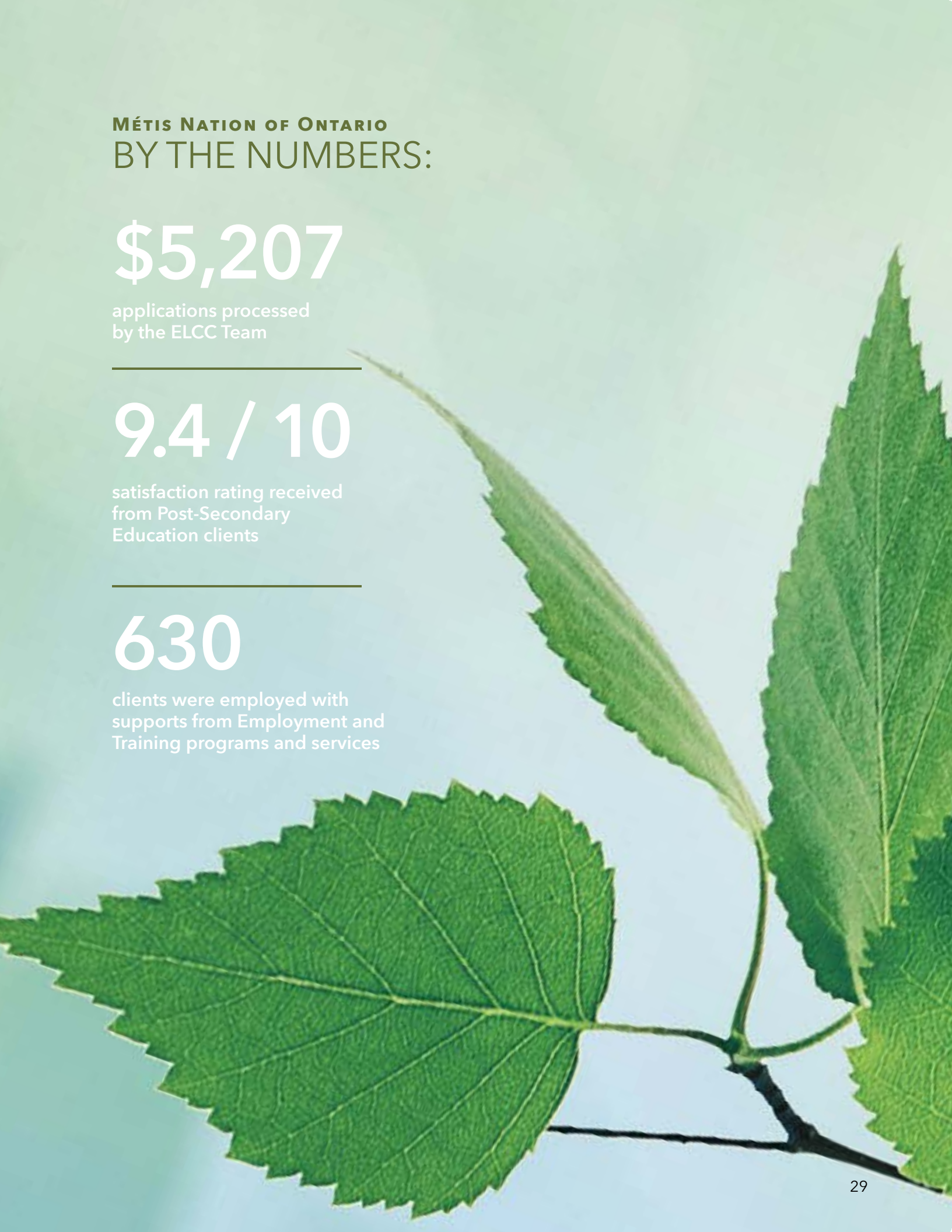
applications processed by the ELCC Team

9.4 / 10

satisfaction rating received from Post-Secondary Education clients

630

clients were employed with supports from Employment and Training programs and services





SUCCESSES AND MILESTONES

Our branch reached significant successes and milestones over the past year by delivering large-scale, integrated supports across Ontario, reaching Métis children, families, learners, and jobseekers through coordinated programming.

Our **Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC)** services processed 5,207 applications and supported thousands of children and families through subsidies, extracurricular supports, and targeted initiatives, including the Christmas Gift Program.

The **Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12)** programming extended beyond resource distribution, delivering 479 elementary kits, 152 secondary kits, and 30 engagement sessions that strengthened relationships with educators and partners across the province.

Our **Post-Secondary Education** programming demonstrated continued strength in both reach and outcomes. The team supported 914 learners through financial assistance while expanding complementary supports, including travel funding, tutoring, and peer engagement through the Infinite Reach program. The Infinite Reach program delivered $4.16 million in direct funding, achieved a 9.4/10 satisfaction rating, and helped subsidize 281,920km of travel, reducing geographic barriers to education. We entered into an agreement with the Ontario Law Foundation to provide funds to students in the legal profession starting in fall 2026.

Our **Employment and Training** initiatives translated directly into labour market outcomes, with 1,085 training supports, 832 completed interventions, and 630 clients employed.

The branch also remains committed to revitalizing Métis languages, culture, and ways of knowing through cultural camps, youth programming, land-based learning, and engagement with Knowledge Holders and Senators. These initiatives are vital to strengthening Métis identity and community wellness.

Overall, programming strengthened the branch's long-term capacity through initiatives such as recruitment and training for the Indigenous Education Council, Culture and Way of Life staff development, and ELCC infrastructure investments. These developments ensure continued growth in both service delivery and community impact.













LOOKING AHEAD

As we look ahead to next year, we already have some exciting plans underway, including:

- Opening child care centres in Thunder Bay, Penetanguishene, Sault Ste. Marie, and Niagara Falls along with the Métis Outdoor Centre located in Burk's Falls.
- Supporting the Powley Institute, which will be the central driver of Métis-specific research, policy and evidence-informed practice.
- Strengthening programs and services by expanding supports, enhancing advocacy and partnerships with school boards, and growing training and employment programs to meet labour-market needs.







MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

Community Wellbeing

Emily Paterson
Director

The Community Wellbeing branch empowers communities through Métis-led wholistic programs, bridging gaps to support and advocating for clients to thrive in their wellbeing. Aligning with objectives of the Métis Nation of Ontario's Statement of Prime Purpose, Community Wellbeing provides the care and support necessary to meet the fundamental needs of citizens, and promotes the improved health and wellness of the individual, family, and the whole Métis Nation. Branch programs span **mental wellness, community wellness, healthy children and families, and client advocacy.**

This year has been one of growth and change within the branch. Healthy Babies Healthy Children and Community Wellness programs expanded into new communities this year, while Advocacy programs saw significant growth in client participation as services became more established and widely recognized.

Community Wellbeing staff also participated in strategic planning sessions to clarify programs goals and strengthen communication with clients and partners. These discussions highlighted the importance of further integrating Métis culture into our programming.

Each year, we continue to review and enhance our processes to ensure we are providing clients with services that are easy to access and that meet their needs.





Métis Nation of Ontario
BY THE NUMBERS:

5,527

Clients accessed One MNO services

2,317

Métis citizens received support from Community Wellbeing programs and services

364%

Increase in Métis Community Diversion Program participation since 2023-2024 fiscal year







SUCCESSES AND MILESTONES

The 2024–2025 fiscal year marked a period of strategic transformation and growth for Community Wellbeing.

The **Community Wellness programs** and **Métis Healthy Babies Healthy Children program** expanded into new communities reducing geographic gaps in support. Three Mini-Métis Playgroups were also established with Development Resource Consultants in Midland, North Bay and Kingston.

The branch also participated in a variety of MNO events throughout the fiscal year, including hosting family workshops at the 2025 ELCC Family Rendezvous, organizing open houses at MNO offices, supporting regional suicide intervention engagements, and hosting Self-Care Wellness Rooms at the AGA and other events.

The branch's staff also underwent training to enhance their ability to deliver culturally grounded programming. This included reviewing the Expert Panel Report, and participating in Culture and Way of Life Camp, language working groups, and training.

We saw significant growth in the **Métis Community Diversion Program** with growth up by 364 per cent since the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The Family Court Work Program rapidly grew their caseload after opening their services to Region 7 clients in the summer of 2025, while the **Métis Court Work Program** saw an increase in people accessing our bail plan services and being released on bail.

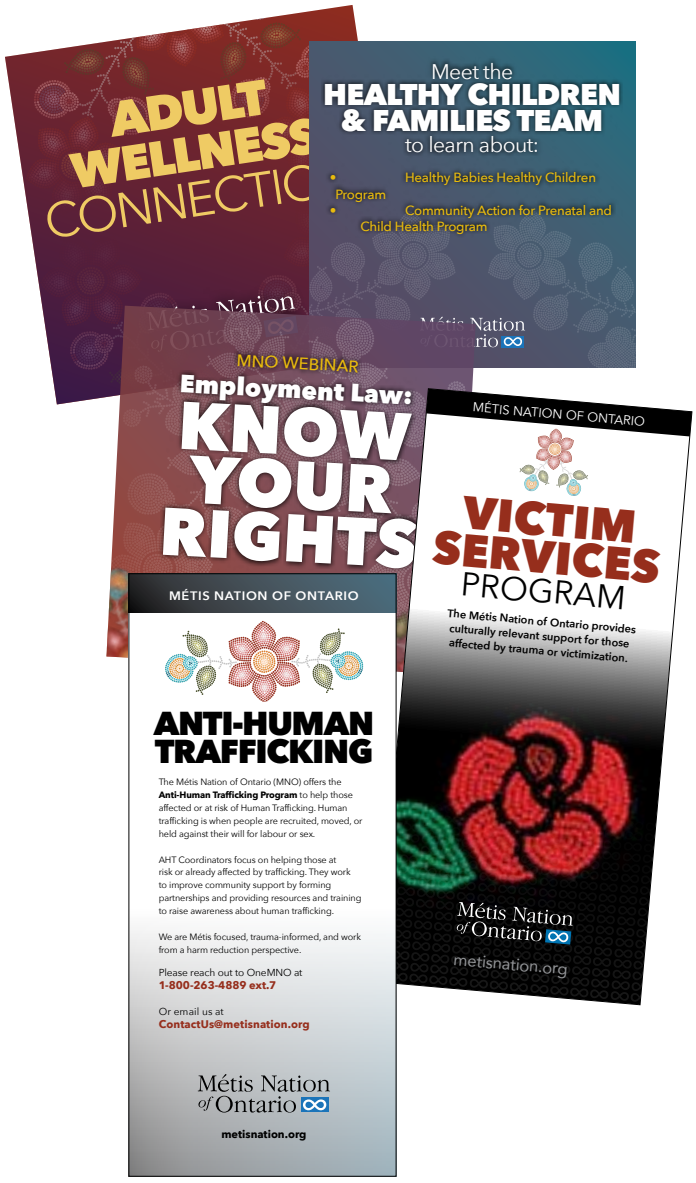
Improvements to our **Mental Wellness programs** have created more consistent, organized, and reliable system of care and increased access to mental health supports for Métis citizens.

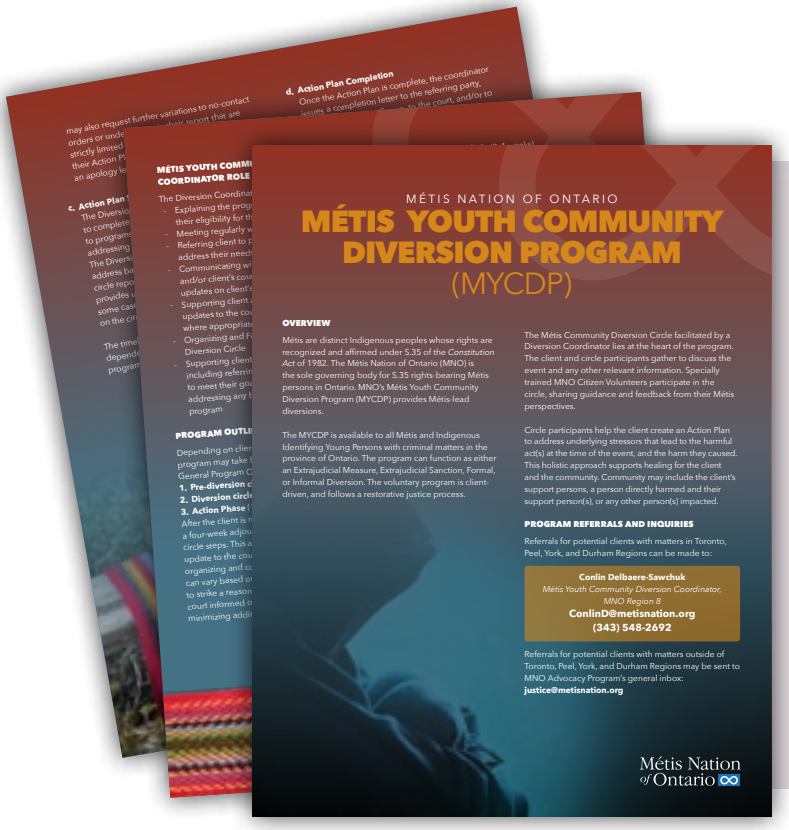
LOOKING AHEAD

This year, several programs and services will be enhanced to better support community needs. This includes combining two existing programs into the Community Action for Prenatal and Child Health Program (CAPCHP), while the Gladue Aftercare Program will expand into the Métis Community Reintegration Program with new locations and Section 84 reintegration supports. The mental health service provider contract process will also be streamlined through the introduction of a standardized orientation process.

We are excited to expand existing program offerings, including youth-focused initiatives, grief workshops, and the Métis Bail Support Program in Thunder Bay, Barrie, and London. We are also launching new initiatives, including the Enjoy Your Baby program and a community-based addictions program.

We are also completing evaluations of the Mental Health and Addictions, Victim Services, and Anti-Human Trafficking programs, reviewing recommendations for improvements, and beginning evaluations of the Community Wellness and Healthy Children and Families programs.





SUCCESS STORY

A Métis citizen came to the Métis Community Diversion Program seeking support with diversion for their charges. Although the Crown initially denied diversion for two of the three charges, the Métis Community Diversion Coordinator proceeded with an informal diversion process that followed the same steps as a formal diversion, including the completion of a full diversion and action plan. Through their hard work and commitment to the program, the client influenced the Crown to withdraw all charges. They are now several months into their sobriety journey, working full-time, and rebuilding their relationship with their daughter.

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

Healing and Wellness

Shelley Cripps
Director

The Healing and Wellness branch facilitates services for Métis People navigating health, wellness and family dynamics in preventative and wholistic ways that foster resilience at the provincial, regional and local levels. It is our vision to be a beacon for optimal health and wellness for Métis citizens in Ontario.

Our branch advances the priorities set out in the MNO Statement of Prime Purpose by delivering programs such as **Community Support Services, Aging At Home, Métis Family Wellbeing, and Diabetes Supports.** These programs address the needs of specific community members within the Métis Nation such as new families, youth, and elders/seniors. The intent of these types of programs is to ensure that Métis people have someone to support them as they progress through their unique healing and wellness journeys.

The Healing and Wellness branch focuses their supports through community-based programming which is entirely driven by the clients and participants. The Healing and Wellness Coordinators work on behalf of MNO to ensure a cultural lens is a part of the good work being done.

The branch's core activities focus on health promotion, with interventions guided by research and informed knowledge. Workshops, events, and other activities are planned annually to enhance and support the goals of each program.





Métis Nation of Ontario
BY THE NUMBERS:

1,602

clients were supported through Healing and Wellness core programs, with 32,842 activities delivered to meet their individual needs

134

Health Resources Project applications were approved

53

unique clients were supported by Provisional Workers and 648 support activities were delivered

45

MNO citizens Accessed Virtual Care



SUCCESSES AND MILESTONES

This year, the MNO Healing and Wellness Branch launched the **Health Resources Project** in response to citizens' calls for better access to health benefits and supports. The program helps address barriers such as high out-of-pocket costs and limited coverage for essential health services.

The Health Resources Project provides financial support to help citizens cover eligible health expenses not fully covered by other benefits. These may include dental care, hearing aids, vision care, diagnostic testing, medications, vaccines, and assistive devices that support health and wellbeing.

"I appreciate this program so much. Since gaining access, I have had ongoing medical issues addressed and it has been life changing for me."

– Métis citizen supported through the Health Resources Project

The branch also launched the Virtual Health Care Program designed to provide Métis citizens with easy access to supplemental health care while alleviating wait-times for medical consultations.

Based on feedback from Métis citizens that limited access to this service significantly impacts their wellbeing and quality of life, this program now provides free online consultations with licensed Physician Assistants for non-emergency medical concerns. By allowing citizens to see the same provider at each visit, the program supports continuity of care and ensures timely, consistent support.

"I have had opportunity to use this program and am very impressed so far. After contacting the service provider, I received a call back in a very timely manner and had my first appointment within 48 hours on a Sunday morning."

– Métis citizen supported through the Virtual Health Care Program

The branch also implemented the **Provision Worker** role to maintain continuity of service during service gaps to ensure that clients continue to receive timely, culturally-grounded support. This role also provides consistent support to rural and remote citizens who do not reside near an MNO office, ensuring equitable access to prevention services across Ontario.

LOOKING AHEAD

As we look ahead to next year, one of our greatest priorities is to advance branch knowledge in palliative care. We are beginning a process to understand what palliative care means for Métis communities and it is our goal to create a culturally safe and relevant environment for our citizens within the realm of palliative care. We currently have programs that support individuals during end of life stages, but our aim is to enhance these services to better support clients, their families, and broader communities.

This year, we will also look to:

- Advance the Métis Citizen vision of the Metis Family Centered Project.
- Become a Listed Community under the Child, Youth and Family Services Act.
- Engage with Children's Aid Societies across Ontario to discuss, negotiate, and implement direct protocols.
- Work with provincial ministries and the federal government to secure sustained and predicable funding.





MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

Lands, Resources and Consultations

Linda Norheim
Director

The Métis Nation of Ontario's Lands, Resources and Consultations (LRC) branch provides the technical expertise and support required for the engagement of Métis citizens in a wide range of activities and issues related to the MNO's traditional territories.

The Lands and Resources Consultations team has specialized expertise in **Métis rights, the Métis Way of Life Framework (WOLF), environmental assessments, mining, forestry, energy, and policy**. The team supports regionally based, rights-bearing Métis communities across Ontario by sharing consultation opportunities and providing guidance throughout the consultation process. Their work also helps ensure the Crown's legal Duty to Consult and Accommodate Indigenous peoples is carried out in a meaningful and effective way.

With backgrounds in environmental sciences and Métis way of life, the LRC branch is actively implementing various programs to promote climate change action and advance environmental stewardship amongst Métis citizens.







Métis Nation of Ontario
BY THE NUMBERS:

3,387

LRC notifications received and processed

100+

environmental monitoring session hosted (water, species, biodiversity)

166

Regional Consultation Committees and community meetings organized

SUCCESSES AND MILESTONES

The LRC Forestry team continued to host Forestry Open Houses, where over 500 Métis citizens met and engaged with Forest Management Companies in their region. These open houses resulted in greater connections with forestry industry representatives, and potential employment and contracting opportunities.

LRC staff also supported consultations between **Regional Consultation Committees** (RCC) and key stakeholders of new industrial projects. By supporting these consultations, RCC's are better able to understand the potential impacts of proposed industrial projects on Métis citizens rights and way of life, while avoiding, mitigating, or accommodating any negative outcomes.

The RCC's (Region 1–5 and 7) engaged in several policy and regulatory reviews, providing Métis specific input on draft policy statements.

The **Species at Risk** program saw its highest participation rate this past year with 400 citizens gathering and sharing data. The program also received positive feedback from participants, with many citizens sharing that they gained valuable knowledge and enjoyed taking part in the program.

The **Great Lakes Advisory Group** hosted the 2nd Annual Youth and Wise Ones gathering at the AGA in Sault Ste. Marie which brought together 120 youth and elders to discuss their shared priorities for preserving the health of the Great Lakes. Youth in attendance also connected with the water during a guided boat tour of the St. Mary's river, learning about the historic Métis river lots.

The **MNO Guardians Program** had over 500 participants monitor water quality, fish populations, and berry health to track climate change and pollution impacts, helping citizens maintain a connection to traditional territories. The Guardians also submitted a scientific paper to the Public Library of Science ONE Research Journal, ensuring the work of the Guardians will be used widely to support the stewardship of the lands and waters.



LOOKING AHEAD

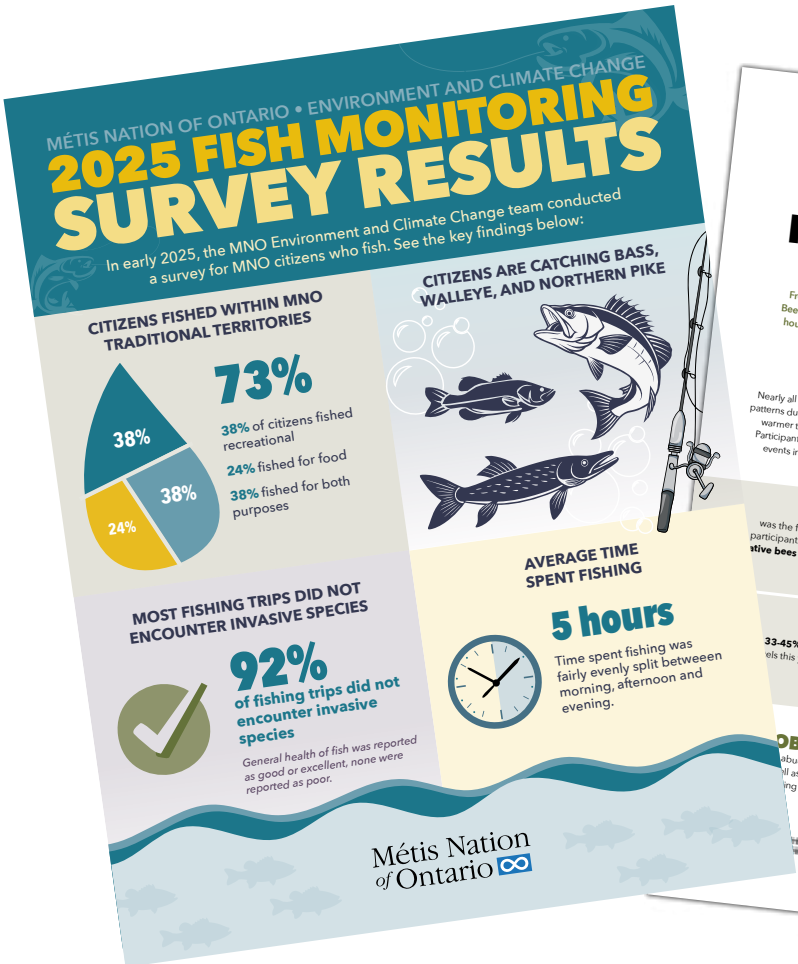
Looking forward, we have consultations related to mining and transmission line projects, as well as the proposed nuclear reactor and repository, which are expected to remain a significant focus throughout 2026/27. Community engagement opportunities related to these projects will continue to be shared with citizens, with Regional Consultation Committee representatives providing updates on major projects proposed within their areas.

For the proposed Deep Geological Repository in Northwestern Ontario, the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO), in partnership with Northwestern Ontario Métis Community Councils, will continue hosting "Learn More" trailers to provide information and engagement opportunities for citizens. The trailers are scheduled to return to the area in Summer 2026.

The LRC Forestry team will continue hosting Forestry Open Houses in communities across the province, and Great Lakes staff plan to refine the Métis Annex framework for inclusion in the upcoming Canada-Ontario Water Agreement.









MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

Housing and Infrastucture

Cindi Rye
Director

The 2025–26 fiscal year was busy and productive for the Housing and Infrastructure branch as work continued to advance housing and homelessness priorities for Métis citizens and communities across Ontario. MNO's 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan continued to guide efforts toward culturally appropriate, Métis-led housing solutions.

The branch delivered a range of programs and services designed to improve housing stability and quality of life for Métis citizens, including **homeowner supports, housing stability and homelessness services, housing research & initiatives, and capital projects.** Through these programs, households received assistance with critical home repairs, accessibility modifications, housing-loss prevention, and homelessness supports.

Significant progress was also made on several affordable housing initiatives this year, including construction advances on the Midland Métis affordable housing development, full occupancy at the Sault Ste. Marie and Humber/GTA affordable housing development, and continued planning work in Northwestern Ontario and other regions.

In addition to program and project delivery, the branch assumed responsibility of the Facilities department, overseeing 33 MNO leased and owned office spaces, and began building internal capacity to support future property management of MNO-owned affordable rental housing. This work marks an important step toward strengthening long-term operational sustainability and expanding the MNO's role in affordable housing delivery.





Métis Nation of Ontario
BY THE NUMBERS:

7,764

service interactions were provided through the newly established Thunder Bay Youth Outreach Team under the Thunder Bay Transitional Housing program

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369

Métis households received supports to increase their housing capacity

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44

evictions were prevented & 63 households exited homelessness

33

Métis households received Solar Panel Supports

SUCCESSES AND MILESTONES



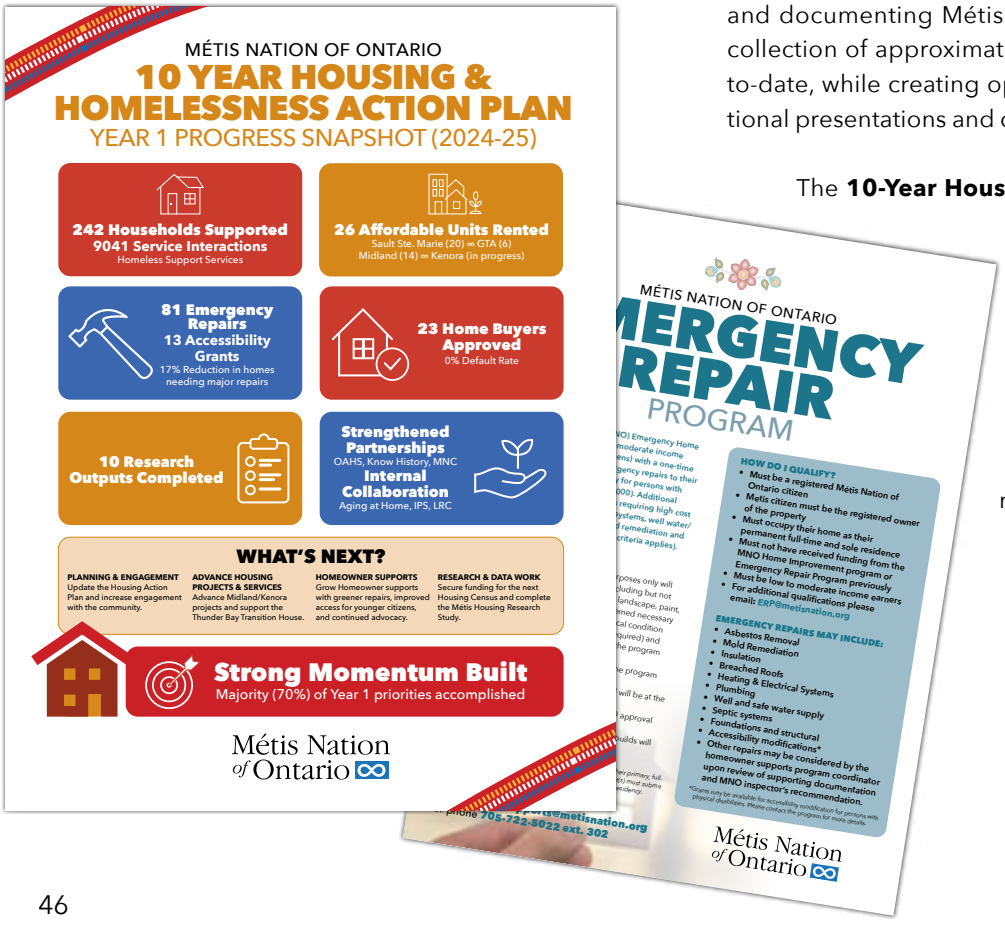
In partnership with Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services (OAHS), Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre, and Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA), the development of the programming for the **Thunder Bay Indigenous Youth Transitional Home** continued this year, strengthening housing and wellness supports for youth ahead of its planned Fall 2026 opening.

Construction on the **Midland Métis Affordable Housing Development** began in August 2025. Site preparation was completed and 75% of units fully framed, making more affordable housing for Métis citizens with occupancy expected in Fall 2026.

We officially launched the **Solar Panel Program** in partnership with the Lands, Resources and Consultations Branch, expanding access to energy-efficient home improvements for Métis citizens.

The branch also advanced several infrastructure initiatives, including community centre renovations that enhanced local program and service delivery.

The first phase of the **KnowHistory Métis Historical Housing Study** was completed this year, preserving and documenting Métis housing history through the collection of approximately 66 historical photographs to-date, while creating opportunities for future educational presentations and conference participation.



The **10-Year Housing & Homelessness Action Plan** Year One Progress Snapshot and Annual Report were released in Fall 2025 and shared with federal funders and citizens, improving accountability and supporting long-term housing planning and strategic reporting.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Housing branch remains focused on continuing direct housing and homelessness support while advancing long-term housing development opportunities. Key priorities for the coming year include planning for the 2027 Housing Census, exploring additional affordable rental opportunities, and preparing for the opening of the Thunder Bay Indigenous Youth Transitional Home.

The progress made by the branch's staff in collaboration with leadership, community partners, and citizens throughout the past year reflects our shared commitment to improving housing outcomes for Métis citizens and communities.



MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

SELF-GOVERNMENT

Ryan Schubert
Associate Director

The mandate of the Self-Government Branch is to strengthen and support the ways Métis citizens participate in and shape their government. Over the past year, the branch has implemented Streams 2 and 3 of the MNO-wide Self-Government Engagement Plan, advancing the MNO's commitment to ensuring that Métis citizens and communities are meaningfully engaged in the development of the future MNO Constitution.

This work is grounded in the MNO's Statement of Prime Purpose, which identifies "to establish democratic institutions based on our inherent right of self-government" as one of the organization's primary aims and objectives. Through accessible, transparent, and inclusive engagement opportunities, the Self-Government branch has supported citizens in learning about key governance concepts, sharing their perspectives, and helping define the values and structures that will guide the future Métis Government.

As the MNO continues along this path, the Self-Government branch remains focused on building a strong foundation for a government that reflects who we are as a people: accountable, representative, culturally grounded, and positioned for long-term success.

Métis Nation of Ontario
BY THE NUMBERS:

4,000+

comments received through 800+ completed surveys across Streams 1-3

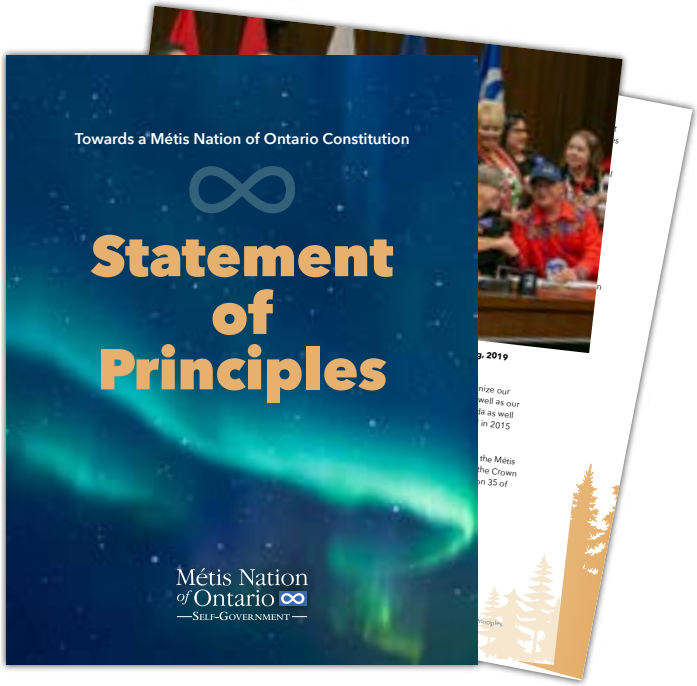
2,600+

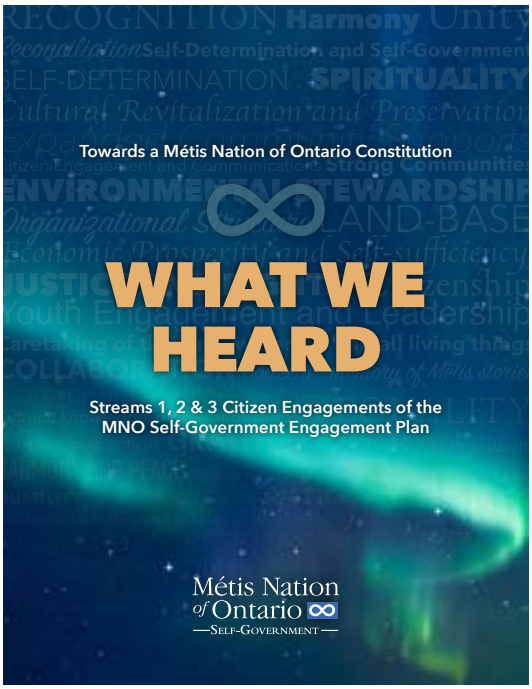
roundtable comments collected across key themes

1,000+

citizens engaged through surveys and sessions







SUCCESSES AND MILESTONES

This year marked an important milestone in the MNO's Self-Government journey. In January 2025, the Self-Government Branch advanced Streams 2 and 3 of the MNO-wide Self-Government Engagement Plan through the launch of a Draft Statement of Principles Towards an MNO Constitution.

The MNO Self-Government Engagement Plan was developed to provide opportunities for all Métis citizens to deepen their understanding of Métis self-government and the MNO, while contributing to the development of a future MNO Constitution that will guide generations to come. The Plan is organized into five streams: 1) Understanding Métis Self-Government, 2) Embracing Métis Values and Guiding Principles, 3) Mapping Our Future, 4) Drafting Our Constitution, and 5) Other Matters.

Stream 1 took place between July and November 2024 and included 22 information sessions offered in both English and French. Building on this foundation, engagement for Streams 2 and 3 continued throughout 2025 and was guided by the Draft Statement of Principles Towards an MNO Constitution. The draft principles were informed by the MNO's history, evolution, current governance structures, and feedback shared by citizens and leadership.

The Streams 1 to 3 What We Heard Report was released in August 2025. This report was informed by more than 1,620 comments received through the Stream 2 and 3 self-government roundtable sessions, and 8,838 comments collected from surveys across Streams 1, 2, and 3.

All feedback gathered through roundtable sessions, surveys, and other citizen participation channels was carefully reviewed by the Self-Government branch. The team analyzed the input shared by citizens, identifying key themes and overarching principles that emerged throughout the engagement process. These findings are reflected in the What We Heard Report.

LOOKING AHEAD

The feedback and comments shared throughout Streams 1, 2, and 3 will help shape the future draft Constitution. Together, this engagement has established a strong foundation for Stream 4: Drafting Our Constitution.

The draft Constitution will be the next major document shared with citizens and will reflect the voices, priorities, and guiding principles identified throughout the engagement process and captured in the What We Heard Report. The MNO anticipates sharing the draft Constitution with citizens for engagement in late 2026.

This next phase will continue to place citizens at the centre of the conversation through a combination of virtual sessions, regional gatherings, and focused discussions on the draft MNO Constitution, leading toward a province-wide ratification vote on the Constitution. Additional details on the ratification process will be shared as they become available.

In addition, citizens can expect further engagement opportunities to explore key topics and other matters identified as requiring additional dialogue, particularly those that may be addressed through Métis Government Laws, MNO programs and services, or related policies as part of Stream 5.

Building on the strong foundation established through Streams 1, 2, and 3, this next phase will provide Métis citizens with the opportunity to continue shaping the future of the MNO as their Métis Government for generations to come.



MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

Intergovernmental Relations

Meredith Caplan Jamieson
Senior Director

The Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) team supports the MNO by fostering government-to-government relationships with Ontario, Canada and other Indigenous Governments, and works in collaboration with the Métis National Council and its governing members where appropriate. The team provides an internal service to MNO's elected and public service leadership, branches, community councils, and citizens by communicating MNO issues and priorities to governments in ways that lead to tangible, action-oriented outcomes. IGR is currently focused on priorities that further the MNO's continuing journey to self-government and our inherent right to self-determination, while supporting the continued strength of our many citizen and community-focused programs and services.

The Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) department has strengthened its internal capacity through the addition of a Senior Director role and the integration of funding and strategic political communications into a newly established team. Despite its size, the team has delivered significant results by advancing priorities on multiple fronts.

Our approach is grounded in bringing a professional government affairs perspective to support and enhance the work of all branches, while strengthening external relationships and advocacy efforts. Working closely with President Froh, Provincial Secretaries, and executive leadership, IGR is helping to transform and elevate the MNO's political advocacy and government engagement.





Métis Nation of Ontario
BY THE NUMBERS:

175

meetings with Federal, Provincial, Municipal elected parliamentarians, staff, civil servants and other non-governmental partners.

160

Letters sent to Federal, Provincial, Municipal counterparts and other non-governmental partners

SUCCESSES AND MILESTONES

Throughout the year, the Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) branch worked strategically to strengthen the MNO's political position and advance Métis rights in Ontario and across Canada. The MNO regularly engaged with federal and provincial elected officials, ministers, senators, parliamentary secretaries, parliamentary assistants, and public servants to advance key priorities and foster strong government-to-government relationships. The branch also provided strategic advice, briefing materials, policy positions, and messaging to support MNO leadership in these engagements.

In November 2025, the MNO hosted a successful Advocacy Day and Louis Riel Day flag raising at Queen's Park. These events provided valuable opportunities for MNO leadership and the IGR team to meet directly with MPPs and ministers to discuss key priorities, including the MNO's 2025 Pre-Budget Submission to the Government of Ontario.

The MNO also maintained a strong presence in national and international forums throughout the year. Participation in events such as the Métis Summit with Prime Minister Mark Carney, the Liberal Party of Canada National Convention, the Métis National Council Annual General Assembly, and conferences focused on Indigenous citizenship, data sovereignty, and conservation helped ensure Ontario Métis perspectives contributed to discussions shaping policy across the Homeland and beyond.

With the expansion of the IGR team in early 2026, the branch further strengthened its government relations capacity, deepened strategic partnerships, and enhanced its advocacy efforts. At the same time, IGR has been advancing a whole-of-MNO approach that integrates government relations considerations into policy and program development from the outset, strengthening coordination, alignment, and effectiveness across the Métis government.







LOOKING AHEAD

Looking ahead, IGR will focus on building out our capacity to provide full service of government relations to leadership and branches, for results driven effective and strategic advocacy, from speech writing, analysis of policy approaches, budget and funding submission, and building respectful two-way relationships.





MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

Community Relations

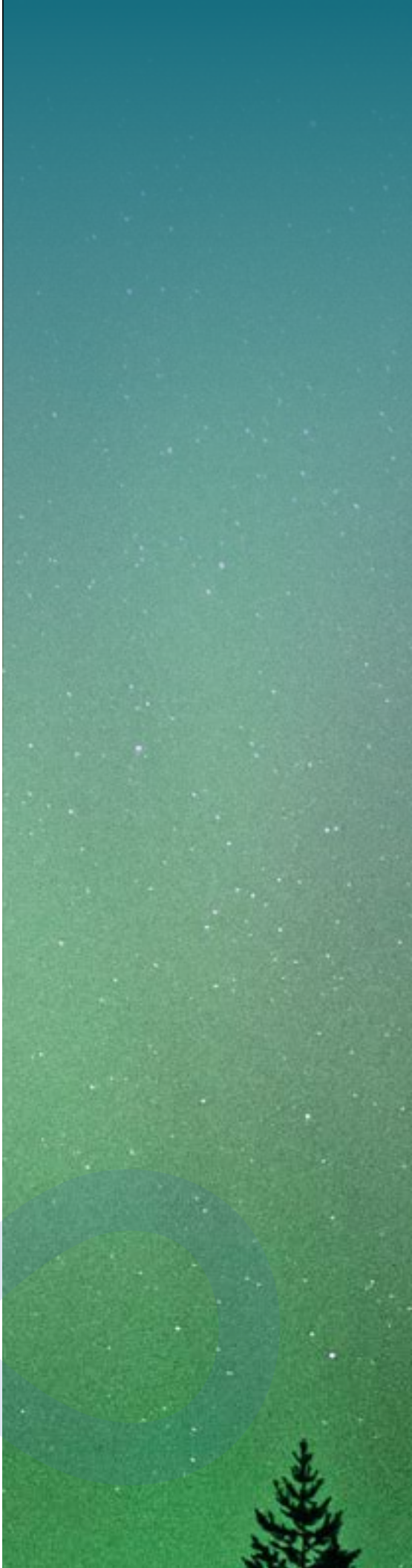
Loma Rowlinson
Manager

The Community Relations (CR) team provides guidance and supports initiatives designed to promote effective governance and operational excellence within the council. It assumes an essential role in assisting the MNO Community Councils, Advisory Councils, and the PCMNO.

The CR Team provides comprehensive services to councils, including conflict resolution, election facilitation, vacancy procedures, post-election transitions, governance guidance, and capacity-building through training and resource development. The CR Team serves as the primary point of contact within the MNO Secretariat for council inquiries and concerns. The CR Team also updates and maintains the council directory and the relevant section of the MNO website, including posting vacancies and election information.

The CR team has technical expertise and plays a vital role by supporting Leadership and All-Citizen Town Hall webinars and citizen observation at PCMNO meetings. Their responsibilities include setting up meetings, arranging security, managing communications, handling registration, providing personalized meeting links, performing administrative tasks, and troubleshooting.

As governance continues to evolve, the CR team remains committed to building strong, collaborative relationships and providing responsive, relationship-based support for MNO councils.



Métis Nation of Ontario

BY THE NUMBERS:

2,101

council communications (calls and emails) and requests processed (up 87% from last year)

25

PCMNO meetings and citizen online town halls

6

community Council elections

SUCCESSES AND MILESTONES

In 2025, the CR team achieved significant results in strengthening governance, supporting councils, and enhancing engagement across the MNO. The team administered eight Community Council elections, supported 105 council vacancies, and coordinated 25 PCMNO meetings and online citizen town halls.

The team has consistently supported councils in addressing complaints, governance inquiries, and challenges by providing proactive guidance, applying bylaws consistently, and resolving conflicts collaboratively. These initiatives have markedly reduced the need for third-party mediation and nearly eliminated Article 27 (removal from office) actions. By empowering councils to manage issues locally, the CR team has played a vital role in strengthening governance capacity, reinforcing accountability, and building confidence in community leadership.

The CR team also enhanced governance resources and training by updating materials to incorporate the Métis Rules of Order, developed a draft interim process to implement the Code of Conduct, and created an Election Readiness presentation for councils and citizens. In partnership with Regional Managers, the team delivered election-readiness sessions and in-person post-election governance training, equipping council members with the knowledge and tools to govern effectively and consistently.

These accomplishments demonstrate the Community Relations team's dedication and expertise, as well as Council volunteers' unwavering commitment to serving Métis citizens across Ontario. By strengthening governance capacity and fostering collaborative leadership, the team supports the MNO's goal of building resilience, governance, and empowering communities.

LOOKING AHEAD

As we look ahead, the CR team's focus on continuous improvement and innovation is designed to inspire trust and reassure communities that governance will meet evolving needs.

Key priorities for the coming year include expanding governance and administrative support, enhancing governance training and technical assistance, developing new resources, and strengthening relationships with the Councils, the MNO Secretariat, and the PCMNO. The CR team shall focus on collaborative efforts and resource enhancement for governance training, including the Métis Rules of Order, the Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest, and Privacy policies. Its priorities will also include continuing to assist with community-based Memoranda of Understanding, contributing to policy and procedure development, collaborating with the Self-Government team on governance and boundary issues, and improving election preparedness through targeted resources and increased citizen engagement.

By consistently investing in governance capacity, fostering collaboration, and prioritizing continuous improvement, the CR team aims to strengthen informed decision-making and leadership accountability further and promote steady, effective governance across the MNO.



MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

Rights, Research and Policy (RRP)

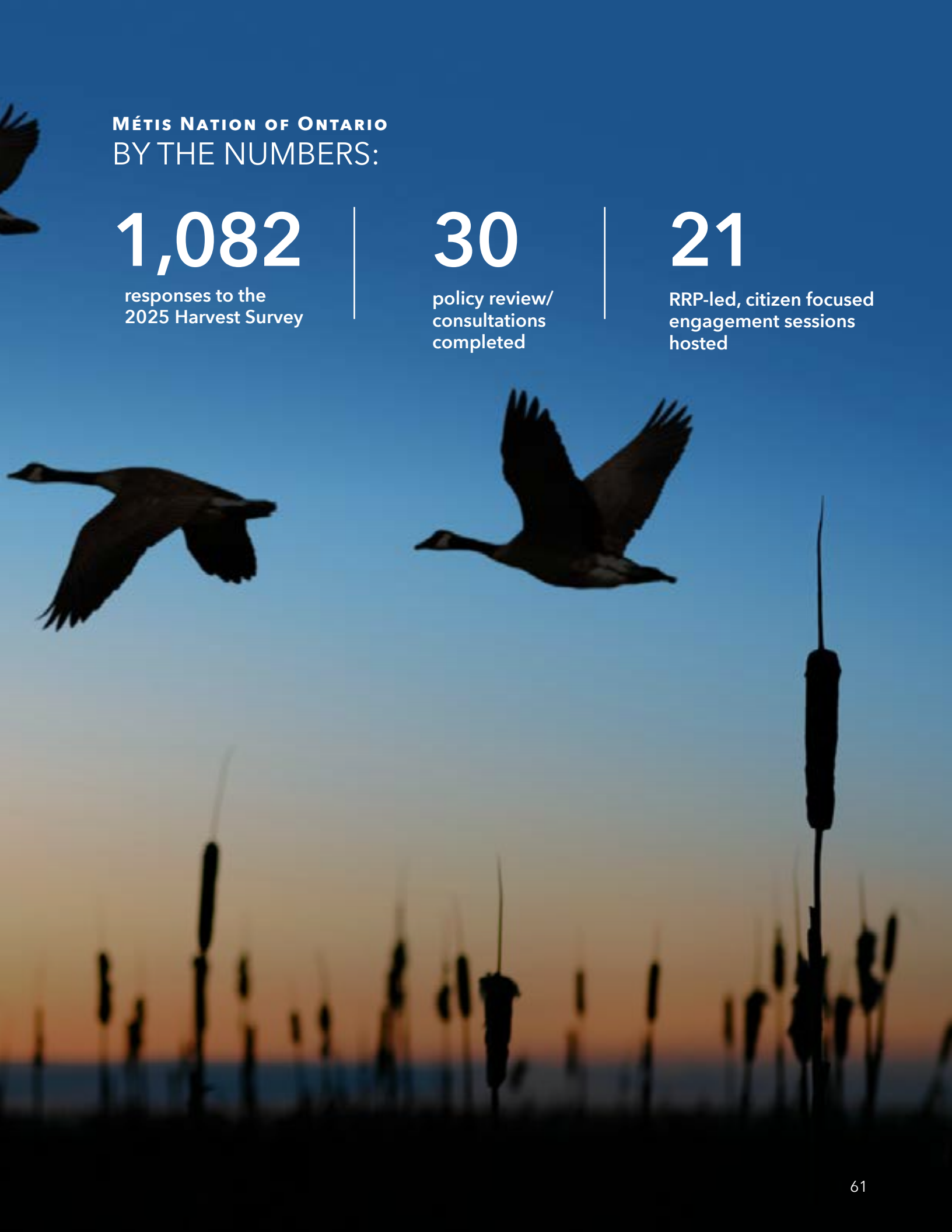
Edmond Burgie
Associate Director

The Rights, Research and Policy (RRP) branch supports the MNO's vision of a strong, rights-bearing Métis government rooted in culture, knowledge, and community priorities. Working collaboratively with Métis Rights, Claims and Litigation and our Legal Services branch, we aim to ensure that MNO's research, policy development, and legal strategies reflect and defend Métis rights, advance outstanding claims, and strengthen our internal governance.

To achieve our objectives, the RRP branch is supported by three distinct programs: **Environment, Harvesting and Way of Life, Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management, and UNDRIP & Research**.

Our work is made possible through deep collaboration with citizens who share their knowledge, with MNO leadership and Captains of the Hunt (COTH), with subject matter experts across MNO branches, and partnership with both government and academia. Together, we are helping ensure that MNO decision-making is informed by rigorous research, Métis knowledge systems, and our collective vision for self-determination.





Métis Nation of Ontario
BY THE NUMBERS:

1,082
responses to the 2025 Harvest Survey

30
policy review/ consultations completed

21
RRP-led, citizen focused engagement sessions hosted

Environment, Climate Change and Way of Life

The MNO made significant progress in Environment, Harvesting and Way of Life this year, including the development of the **2025 Harvest Survey** which gathered information from over one thousand Métis harvesters. The team also advanced harvest governance through ongoing meetings with COTH, the development of harvesting education modules, and regular harvester communications. They supported numerous policy engagements and responded on key issues including species at risk, food security, public safety, and climate change.

UNDRIP and Research

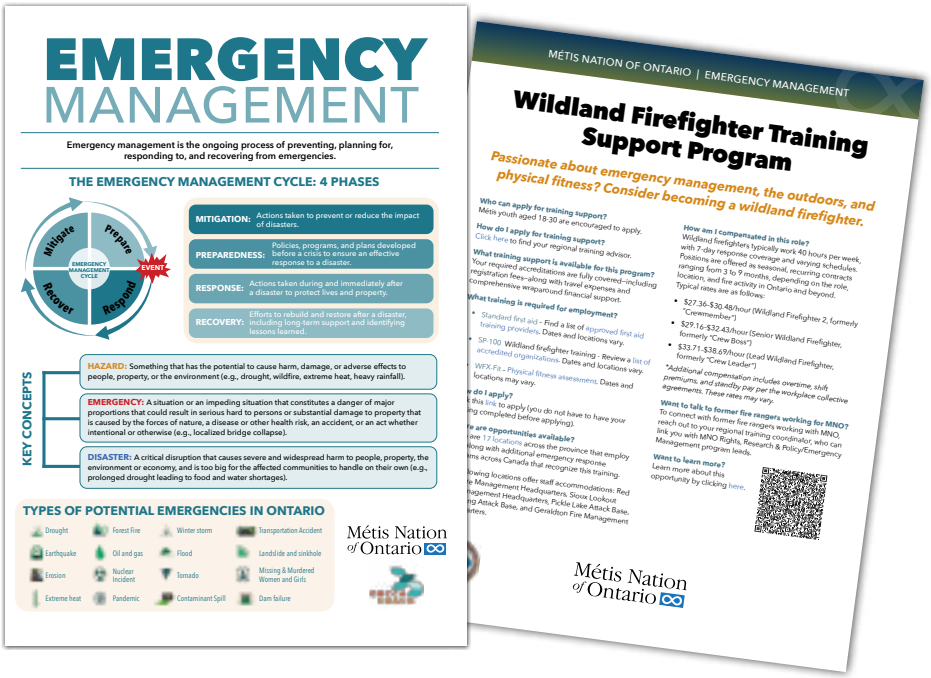
In 2025, the MNO advanced Métis rights, awareness, and representation through policy, advocacy, and education initiatives. This included responding to more than 30 external policy requests and consultations, submitting eight bill responses to the Government of Canada to help ensure Métis rights were considered in legislation, and providing the **Annual Progress Report** on the implementation of the **United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act to Justice Canada**. The team also helped elevate Métis perspectives on climate change internationally through a presentation at the Adaptation Futures Conference in Christchurch, New Zealand, while continuing to strengthen community understanding through Métis 101 and MNO 101 presentations and information sessions on the **Métis Experience in Residential School Research Project.**

Climate Change

The MNO released the Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy—a community-driven roadmap focused on protecting lands, waters, and Métis ways of life for generations to come, along with Regional Climate Action Plans, which will bring the Strategy to life at the local level. The team also participated in **Goose Moon Tables** and responded to more than 30 external policy requests and consultations, which advanced Métis-specific priorities in federal climate and policy development.

Emergency Management

This year, the Emergency Management team developed the **Emergency Management Framework** which can be used internally and externally and provides strategies for responding to a wide variety of emergencies. The team has also formed an **Emergency Management Steering Committee** to provide strategic direction and consultation before an emergency is declared.





LOOKING AHEAD

Looking ahead, the MNO will continue the development and availability of **Harvesting education modules**. The UNDRIP and Research team will continue to advance the Residential School Research Project by conducting in person interviews. The project will also include the creation of a travelling museum exhibit. The team is also working towards a draft MNO Research Strategy that will ensure all research initiatives across the MNO best serves the goals and priorities of Métis citizens as identified by the PCMNO.

With the creation of the **MNO Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy**, along with the nine **Regional Climate Action Plans**, the Environment and Climate Change team plan to build upon these strategies as they continue to advocate for Métis-specific engagement in policy and project development. The **MNO Emergency Management Team** will continue building the MNO's capacity for mitigating and responding to emergencies grounded in Métis needs and experiences.

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

Core Services

FINANCE

The Finance Branch of the MNO oversees financial operations to ensure sustainability, transparency, and efficiency in support of the Métis community. Core responsibilities include payroll administration, tax reporting, financial statements, cash flow management, and funding oversight for more than 220 programs. The team also manages invoicing, collections, statutory filings, audit coordination, and provides financial support to volunteer-led Community Councils. With a focus on maximizing value and maintaining compliance, the branch ensures that all financial processes are efficient, accountable, and aligned with the MNO's broader goals.

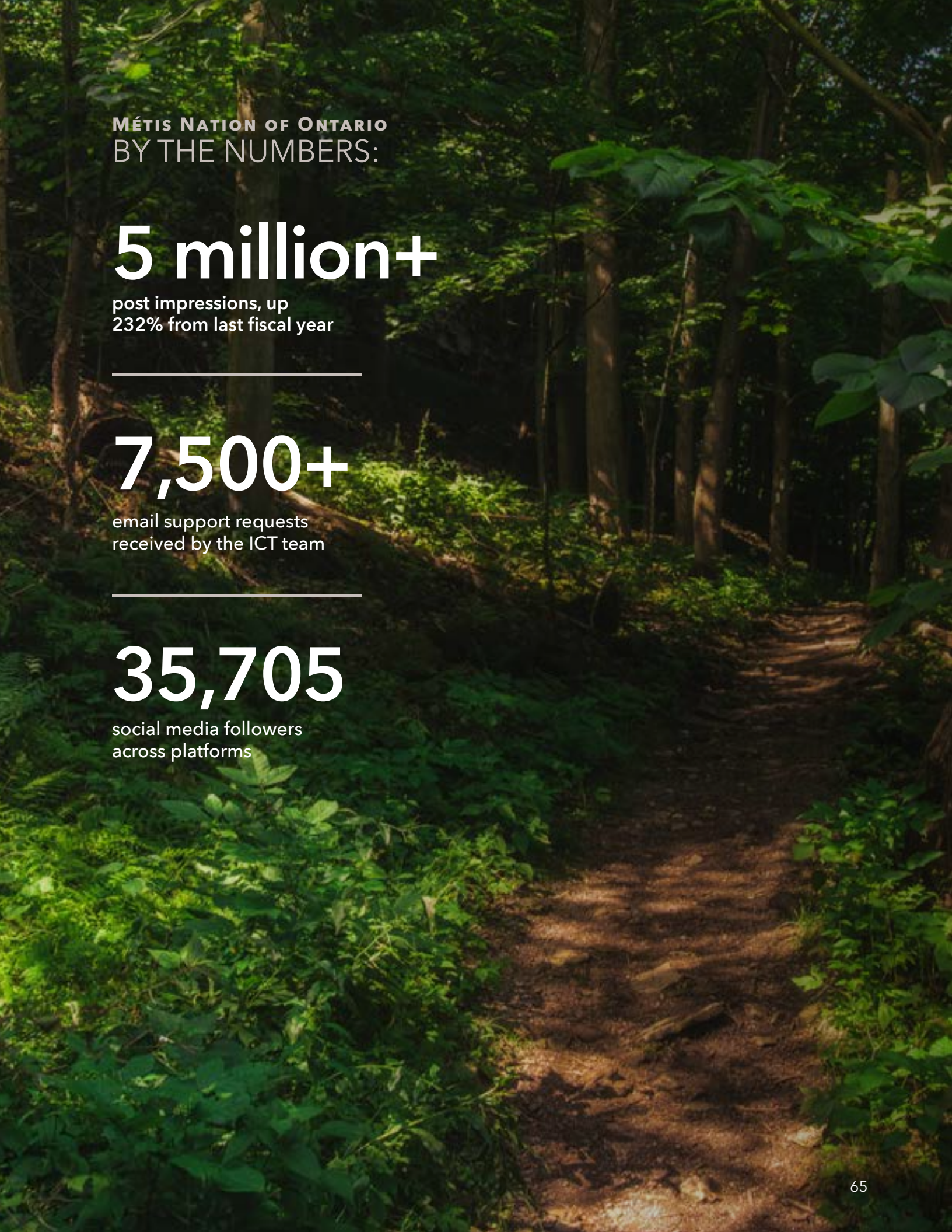
HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources branch enhances the MNO employment experience through recruitment, employee relations, training, performance management, and compliance. It fosters a culture of excellence, integrity, and inclusivity by leading strategic initiatives and offering personalized support. The goal is to create a motivated, high-performing team that drives MNO's success, benefiting Métis citizens through efficient HR practices and a positive work environment.

MNO LEGAL SERVICES BRANCH

Formed in 2024, the Legal Services Branch provides in-house legal counsel to support MNO's strategic priorities, risk management, and effective internal governance. It collaborates with the C-Suite to develop processes that advance MNO's goals. The branch also works closely with MNO's General Counsel (Aird & Berlis LLP) and external legal advisors, supported by an internal team of policy and research advisors to deliver strategic legal guidance across key MNO branches.



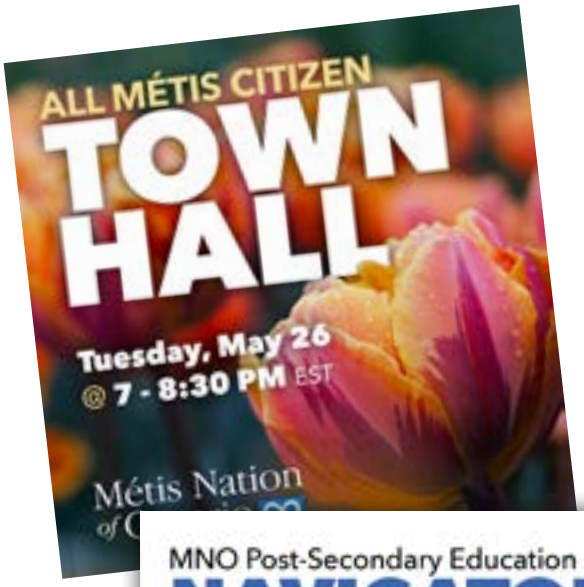


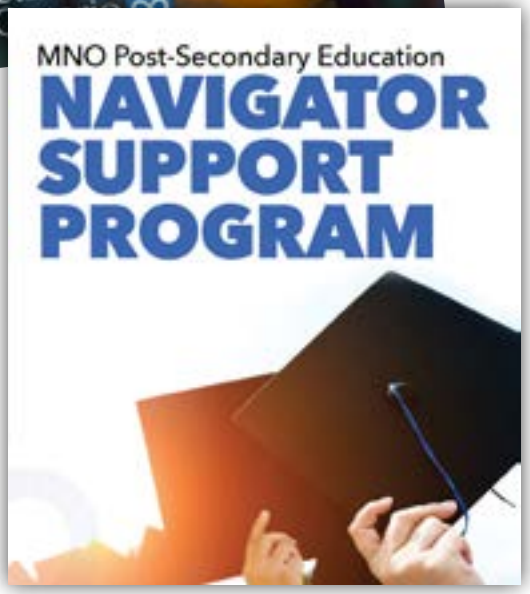
Métis Nation of Ontario
BY THE NUMBERS:

5 million+
post impressions, up 232% from last fiscal year

7,500+
email support requests received by the ICT team

35,705
social media followers across platforms





INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

The Information and Communication Technology (ICT) branch supports all MNO departments by managing the critical technology infrastructure needed to deliver on the MNO's Statement of Prime Purpose. ICT is directly responsible for the deployment, maintenance and support of 15 virtual servers, over 35 VPN connected remote location based secure firewall routers and switches, 550+ users and their associated desktop and laptop computers and software and security, 40+ printing and scanning devices, 12 Terabytes of data backup, 500+ cell and smartphones and the vast array of software, hardware and security technologies used by the MNO on a daily basis. Additionally, ICT continuously seeks improvements, updates, and cost-saving ways to deliver technology services to the MNO.







COMMUNICATIONS

The MNO Communications branch is dedicated to informing Métis communities in Ontario through compelling and respectful communications. The branch provides strategic advice and produces a wide range of materials that enhance understanding of the MNO's programs, services, and objectives. The branch serves both internal and external audiences, supporting key stakeholders such as the MNO President, the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO), and regional communities. The Communications team is committed to maintaining consistent messaging and a strong public image, ensuring that all communications reflect the values and aspirations of our vibrant Métis Nation. Our responsibilities extend to both internal and external audiences, encompassing a diverse range of tasks, including:

- Identity management and branding
- Design and creative directions for all MNO publications and multimedia materials
- Management of MNO's social media platforms
- Updates and maintenance of the MNO website
- Monitoring media covering and liaising with local, provincial and federal media
- Production of the Métis Voyageur publication
- Video production services







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REGISTRY

Elina Hill
Registrar

The MNO Registry—administered independently by Know History Inc., an objective third-party organization—verifies Métis citizenship in Ontario by assessing applications in accordance with the MNO Registry Policy, including the National Definition for Métis. The Registry manages all core functions related to citizenship and harvester registration, including processing applications, issuing cards and certificates, updating citizen records, and maintaining the SASH database for more than 33,000 citizens. This includes managing contact information, data consents, and historical and genealogical records.

The Registry also conducts genealogical research and provides trusted, unbiased data and analysis to support MNO programs, councils, and leadership in cultural, social, political, and legal initiatives. In addition, the Registry verifies citizenship for internal and external requests, collaborates with provincial partners, and delivers community-facing services such as Mobile Registries and public presentations.

A key objective of the Registry is to uphold and support Métis harvesting rights by registering harvesters, identifying harvesting areas, and supporting Captains of the Hunt. Through these activities, the Registry helps ensure the integrity, accuracy, and accessibility of Métis citizenship records while supporting the broader governance and rights-based work of the MNO.





Métis Nation of Ontario
BY THE NUMBERS:

9,300

citizen checks for MNO departments and authorized third parties

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2,325

new citizenship applications approved

1,700

harvester applications processed

SUCCESSES AND MILESTONES

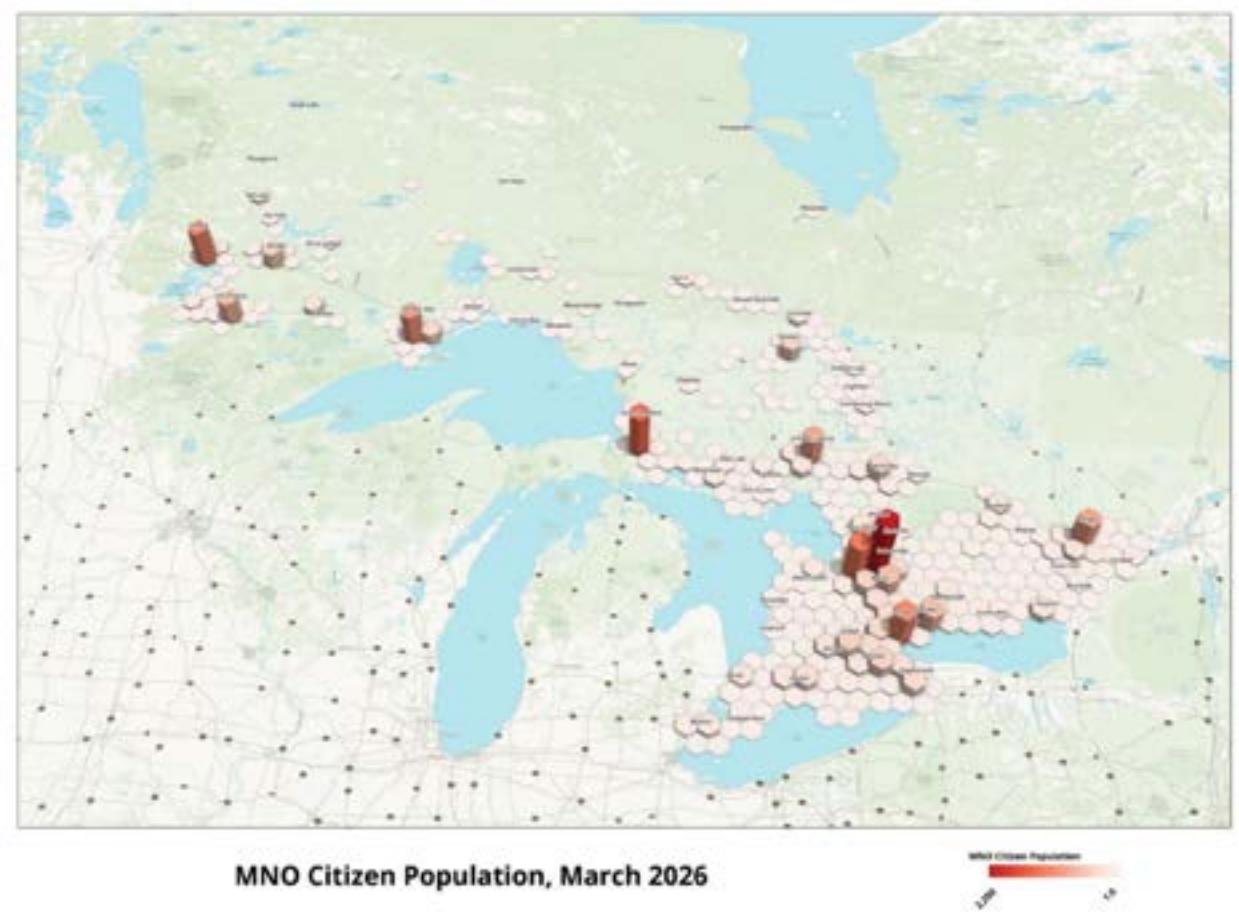
This year, Registry reached a milestone of 100,000 client service tickets created since 2019. Each ticket represents support provided to applicants, citizens, or harvesters, from helping them register their families or renew their cards, to providing answers or next steps on complex issues related to genealogy or other file documentation. This milestone reflects Registry's ongoing commitment to providing timely and consistent support to applicants, citizens, and harvesters.

Registry worked closely with the Community Relations team to verify candidates and securely provide electoral lists for 21 community council elections across the province. Additional supports like providing population, mapping, and boundary-related data helps support ongoing council and governance discussions, including charter updates.

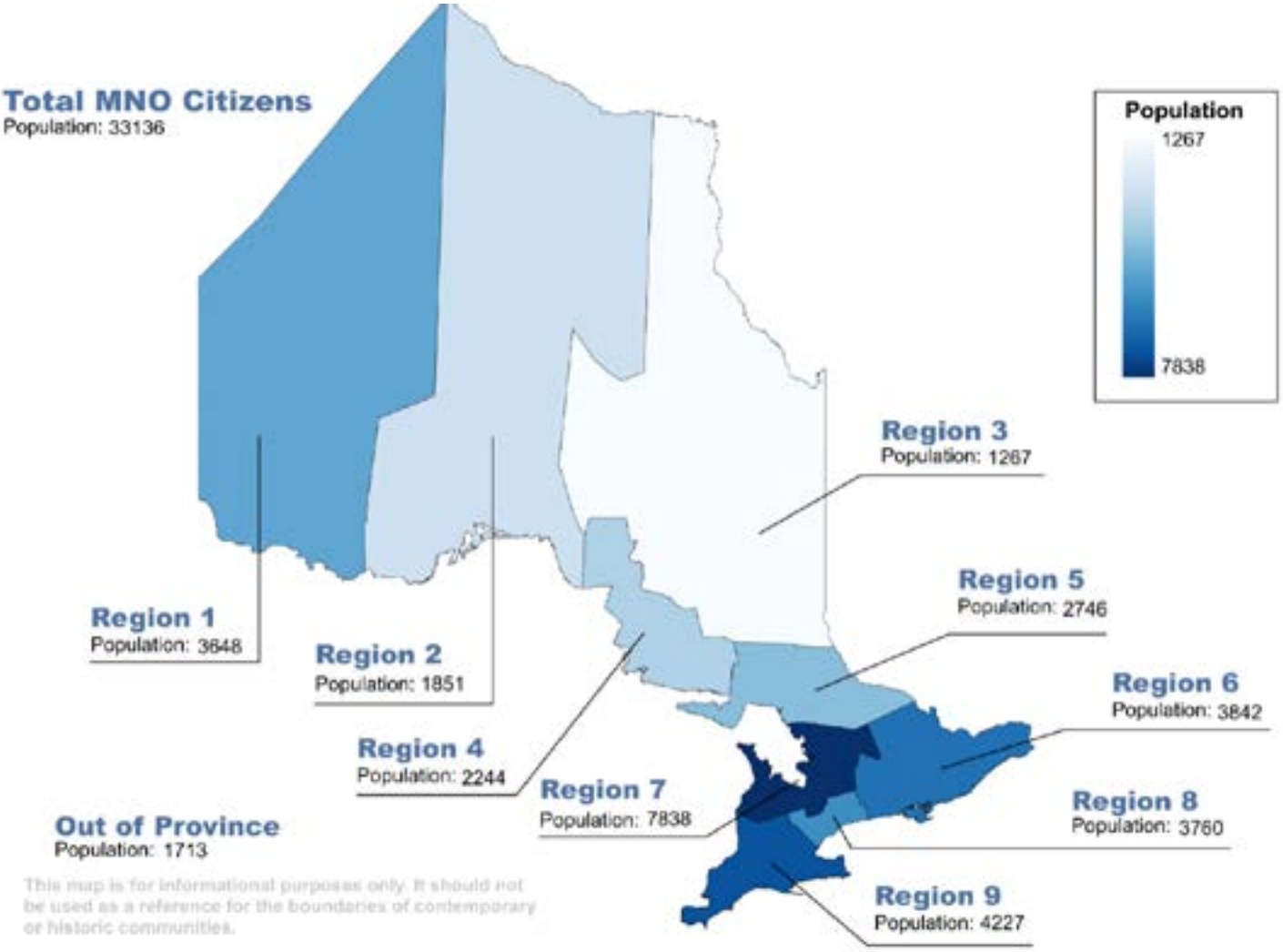
The Mobile Registry team visited all nine regions again this year. These in-person visits strengthen relationships with communities and increases access to citizenship, harvesting, and Registry services for citizens who may otherwise face barriers to support.

The Registry also produced geographic and population analysis tools, including heat maps identifying citizen population distribution across Ontario and in proximity to MNO facilities. In addition, Registry provided location and population data to support specific requests and operational needs from MNO programs and departments. These initiatives support strategic planning, advocacy, and service delivery across the organization.

Registry also launched an updated public registration portal providing a more seamless experience for people and citizens looking to apply for citizenship, harvesting, or to update their contact information.



MNO Citizen Population, March 2026



LOOKING AHEAD

The MNO Registry will continue supporting citizens and harvesters through regional mobile registries and initiatives, while issuing renewal reminders and processing expired citizenship cards.

POWLEY INSTITUTE

THE POWLEY INSTITUTE: ONTARIO'S FIRST MÉTIS-LED RESEARCH CENTRE

A Historic First

A major milestone of the 32nd Annual General Assembly held in Sault Ste. Marie last year was the passage of the Powley Institute Act, which formally establishes the Powley Institute as the first facility in the province to host Métis-led research, cultural preservation, and education on Métis history and way of life. Named in honour of Steve and Roddy Powley—whose courage and determination in the landmark Supreme Court case R. v. Powley helped secure constitutional recognition of Métis rights in Canada—the Institution stands as a tribute to their legacy and to the strength, sacrifice, and persistence of all those who came before them.

The Institute is located in Sault Ste. Marie, home to some of the oldest river-lot settlements in the country, where long before the city bore its current name, Métis families built homes along the St. Mary's River—raising children, fishing, trading, and helping to forge the economy that would one day become Canada.

Research at the Institute will focus on historical and contemporary topics affecting the Métis Nation of Ontario. Additionally, the Institute will preserve the former Central United Church and its beautiful theatre for the use of the broader Sault Ste. Marie community as a performance and meeting space. Future plans of the Institute include a museum and storefront to support Métis artists and communities across Ontario.







ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Métis Voyageur Development Fund

The Métis Voyageur Development Fund (MVDF) is a Métis-owned and controlled, arm's-length economic development agency dedicated to supporting Ontario Métis-owned and controlled businesses. Operating independently with its own governance structure, MVDF's sole mandate is to provide financing and business development support to Métis entrepreneurs. Businesses in which at least one owner is Métis and holds a minimum 50% ownership interest are eligible to access MVDF's programs and services.

Through its unique mandate, MVDF offers flexible financing with competitive interest rates and fewer restrictions than many traditional lenders. In addition to financing, MVDF partners with entrepreneurs by supporting business planning, facilitating access to professional expertise, and providing opportunities for ongoing training and skills development.

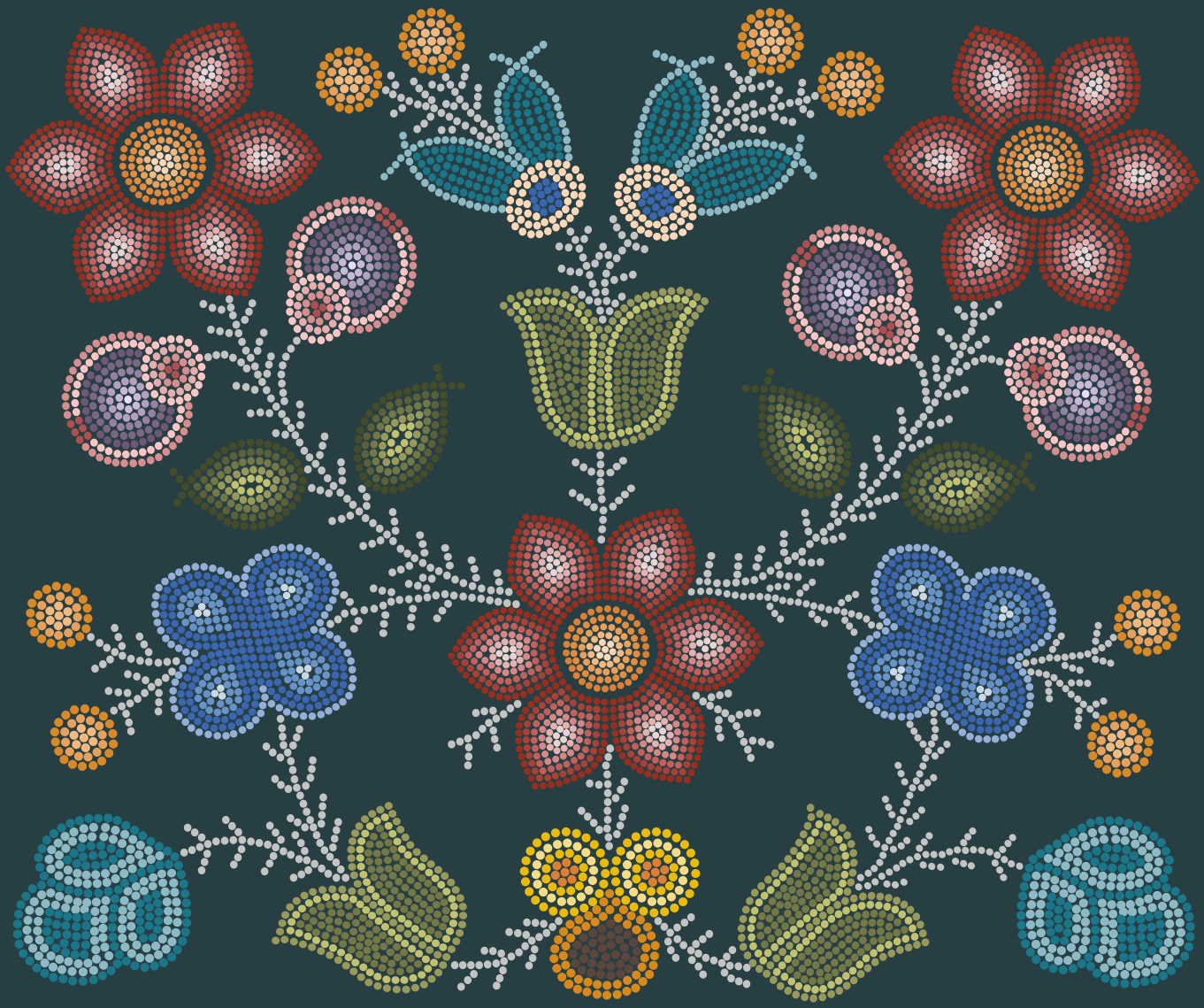
By maintaining a strong loan capital base and reinvesting in Métis businesses, MVDF helps foster entrepreneurship, strengthen the Métis economy, and support sustainable economic growth across Ontario.

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Cultural Commission

The Métis Nation of Ontario Cultural Commission (MNOCC) is the charitable arm of the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO), established to preserve, celebrate, and promote Métis history, values, traditions, arts, culture, and heritage. As an incorporated not-for-profit organization and registered charity, the MNOCC provides a dedicated vehicle for charitable initiatives, fundraising, and stewardship, enabling individuals and organizations to support Métis cultural priorities through tax-deductible donations.

Operating as an arm's-length organization with its own governance structure, the MNOCC maintains a close connection to the MNO and plays an integral role in advancing its broader vision and objectives. As one of the three corporate entities that make up the MNO—alongside the MNO Secretariat, which serves as the administrative arm, and the Métis Voyageur Development Fund, which supports economic development—the MNOCC strengthens the MNO's capacity to invest in cultural preservation, education, and community initiatives for the benefit of present and future generations.



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