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President

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Minister Will Goodon
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Minister of Housing
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Dear Minister Goodon,

I would like to thank you for agreeing to take on the role of Minister of Identity Protection and Inter-Indigenous Relations in addition to your roles as Minister of Housing and Property Management.

Since the 2022 Mandates were given, the MMF – the National Government of the Red River Métis – has continued the unprecedented advancements with all orders of government and industry.

Federally, we signed the *Red River Métis Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Treaty* on November 30, 2024, fulfilling the vision of our Elders and historic leaders. Provincially, we have continued to build a strong relationship with the government of Manitoba, moving forward on critical files, such as the Ste. Madeleine MOU. We have also worked with municipalities across the province to continue to meet Red River Métis needs from Emerson to Churchill. We have made unprecedented progress with industry, growing our capital investment portfolio and signing a never-before-seen agreement with PADCOM.

We also worked with our First Nations relatives and partnered with the Chiefs of Ontario to co-host an Indigenous Identity Fraud Summit to tackle the rampant identity theft faced by Indigenous Nations in Canada from coast-to-coast-to-coast. It is clear that – as a result of our recent political and legal victories – our Identity has been under attack. It is with this in mind that, as part of this Cabinet Shuffle, I am establishing a new portfolio called *Identity Protection and Inter-Indigenous Relations*.

The MMF's 2022 Mandate Letters instructed all Ministers to, among other things, pursue funding from outside the MMF, develop Beyond Borders initiatives, and work together to fulfill your mandates. These mandates continue to apply to those receiving new portfolios and Mandate Letters as a result of this Cabinet Shuffle.

Other mandates, specific to your portfolio as **Minister of Identity Protection and Inter-Indigenous Relations**, that will help fulfill MMF's agenda of sustainable growth to the benefit of all Red River Métis are as follows:

- Work with the Policy and Delivery Unit to develop protocols, procedures, and policies on the preservation of our unique Red River Métis Identity;
- Work with the Policy and Delivery Unit to work with external and internal researchers and commission new research that will help protect Red River Métis Identity;
- Educate institutions on the unique identity of the Red River Métis and share our distinct history and messaging through presentations to scholars, Citizens, politicians, as well as in the media as appropriate;
- Work with your fellow Ministers to establish protocols with other governments and institutions that will ensure opportunities meant for Red River Métis are protected for Red River Métis; and
- Work with the MMF's Ambassador of International and Inter-Indigenous Relations to establish lasting partnerships, negotiate relationship agreements, and foster collaboration with other Indigenous Governments across the world.

I will also be instructing the MMF Chief Operating Officer to hire a position to support you in this new role. Your roles as Minister of Housing and Property Management, and your responsibility to fulfill the mandates given to these portfolios in 2022 remains.

I know that I can count on you to deliver on this mandate. You can count on support from myself and my team when needed – as well as fellow Ministers – to help you in fulfilling this mandate. Our Nation has placed great trust in us to continue the historic progress we have made in recent years, and I trust that by fulfilling the mandate found in this letter we will meet these expectations.

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