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President

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Dear Red River Métis leader,

Thank you for agreeing to serve the Red River Métis as Minister of Sports & Youth with the support of your Associate Minister, Clint Webb, as well as Associate Minister of Education supporting Minister JoAnne Remillard.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate you on your successful election. Putting your name forward to lead shows your dedication to your Nation, and your victory at the polls shows the trust your Nation has chosen to place in you. I look forward to working with you during this term.

The MMF – the National Government of the Red River Métis – has seen unparalleled growth in recent years. Growth centred on the legacy of our Ancestors and the vision of the leaders who came before us. We've signed major economic agreements that will benefit the entirety of our Nation. We've entered into historic recognition agreements, including a Self-Government Agreement and Treaty. We've negotiated the transfer of funds and programs that our leaders in 1967 could have only dreamed of. We've built an asset base that will ensure no outside government, federal or provincial, can harm us.

Of course, our work does not stop there and we will need your expertise to finish what we started.

Cabinet-wide Mandates

In this election, I spoke at events from Boissevain in the south to Thompson in the north. At every event, my commitment to our Nation was clear. This term, we will: ensure the Treaty passes through the final stages of the House of Commons, negotiate a settlement for the Land Claim, continue to make generational investments in our Nation's future, protect the section 35 rights of our People, and safeguard and strengthen our government and its institutions.

For our government to fulfill this ambitious mandate we must all commit to a shared philosophy. Regardless of your portfolio, all leaders will be bound to the following principles:

- 1) We are a listening government, hearing the vision of our grassroots leaders, valuing collaboration, and building programs and services that meet these visions.
- 2) We are bridge-builders, dedicated to breaking down silos with your fellow Cabinet Ministers and advancing multi-portfolio strategies that place our People first.
- 3) We are fiscally responsible, committed to making timely budgets and pursuing external, non-MMF funding streams.

As you know, since the days of the Buffalo Hunt, we have relied on the voices of our grassroots Citizens and Elders to help guide us every day. As such, I am once again mandating every elected official to work within your Region to find innovative ways to support your existing Locals through enhanced communication, revitalize the Locals that have been deemed non-active, and establish new Locals in villages where there's significant interest and population base.

I am also mandating every Minister to work with the Minister of Beyond Borders to develop a strategy to implement programs and services Beyond Borders. Now more than ever we need to unite, serve, and protect our Citizens living outside of Manitoba.

Your Portfolio's Mandate:

In addition to this, your portfolio will prioritize the following immediate actions during your mandate:

Sports & Youth

- 1) Work with federal government, provincial government, and private institutes to fund Red River Métis youth programming.
- 2) Continue to lead youth programming in sports and land-based camps.
- 3) Work with the Minister of Education to elevate the importance of youth participating in sport during their K-12 years and reward them for such initiatives.
- 4) Conduct a feasibility study for the MMF to support the creation of a competitive Junior B hockey team.
- 5) Continue to partner with your fellow Ministers to ensure the voice of youth are captured within all new and relevant programming.
- 6) Work with the Ministers of Métis Employment and Training as well as Information Technology to equip the next generation of Red River Métis for the new economy by developing new AI and computer literacy programming.

Education

You will support the Minister of Education to:

- 1) Secure funding to bring on dedicated staff and resources for Red River Métis K-12 students and their families.
- 2) Work with the provincial government to amend the Louis Riel Institute Act so that the institution is truly able to fulfill the vision of our People.
- 3) Work with the province to re-develop the K-12 curriculum involving Louis Riel and the Red River Métis consistent with their commitment in the Louis Riel Act.
- 4) Work within High Schools to ensure Red River Métis students are aware of our Post-Secondary Education Program and develop a survey so we can understand and support their educational aspirations.
- 5) With the support of the Minister of Culture, Heritage, and Michif Language, develop ways to incentivize students to take Michif Language courses offered in post-secondary and private institutions.
- 6) Continue to build partnerships with other academic institutions to identify areas of collaboration.
- 7) Continue developing the Louis Riel College into an institution that can offer more diploma and, in the future, degree programs.

Of course, you do not carry this weight alone. You can rely on your Cabinet colleagues, the full support of my team wherever needed, and the expertise of our public service to ensure these directives are converted into reality. To track these mandates, you must work with your Directors to send a report to the President's Office and Policy and Delivery Unit every 6 months.

The Chief Operating Officer will be in touch with you to connect you with the department(s) that will be supporting you in fulfilling this mandate.

As your President, I have the utmost confidence in your abilities to fulfill these mandates. Thank you for your leadership, your dedication to our People, and your commitment to protecting the legacy of the Red River Métis.

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President David Chartrand
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