



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**ALBERTA MÉTIS FEDERATION**

On Behalf of its  
Member Communities

And

**MANITOBA MÉTIS FEDERATION**

On Behalf of the  
Manitoba Métis

(together known as the Parties)

**WHEREAS** the Red River Settlement is the Birthplace of the Métis Nation and the Heart of the historic Métis Nation Homeland;

**AND WHEREAS** our Provisional Government led by President Louis Riel, the Father of Manitoba, brought the Métis Nation into Confederation through the *Manitoba Act, 1870*;

**AND WHEREAS** after joining Canada our Métis families faced a Reign of Terror resulting in thousands of our people leaving our newly founded province of Manitoba and moving predominantly westward to parts of our Homeland to join existing Métis villages or start new ones;

**AND WHEREAS** the first attacks against our Nation and our families was by militia and soldiers from Ontario and Quebec and further east, and today we continue to defend our people from waves of non-Métis individuals originating from outside our Homeland and who are attempting to steal our identity and resources, weaken our governance, and destroy our legacy;

**AND WHEREAS** the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) is the democratically-elected government representing its Citizens and protecting the claims, rights, freedoms and interests of the Métis Nation's Manitoba Métis, who prior and subsequent to 1870, were also known as the Red River Métis;

**AND WHEREAS** the Alberta Métis Federation (AMF) is the democratically-elected federation of Member Communities which collectively protects the claims, rights, freedoms and interests of the Métis Nation's Alberta Métis who are Citizens of AMF Member Communities;

**AND WHEREAS** the Manitoba Métis and the Métis of Alberta share a deep history, kinship, and identity, as part of the Métis Nation, with many AMF Member Community Citizens having roots in Manitoba and, specifically, in the Red River Settlement;

**AND WHEREAS** after one hundred and fifty years of long hard struggle and great sacrifice, the Métis Nation has finally begun to secure constitutional recognition and receive the social and economic benefits well-deserved as a partner in Confederation;

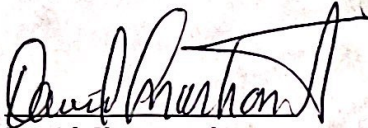
**AND WHEREAS** the MMF and AMF wish to work together in the spirit of nation-building and, as part of the historic Métis Nation, as kin and as neighbours to establish a relationship for cooperation to protect our Nation and to benefit our Métis Citizens;

**NOW THEREFORE** the MMF and AMF enter into this Memorandum to:

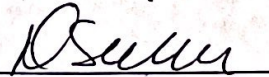
1. Engage in a cooperative and open dialogue to identify and address priorities and develop common approaches with regard to:
  - a. protecting our historic Métis Nation identity;
  - b. exercising Métis Nation rights under section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* across the Métis Nation Homeland including addressing trans-boundary challenges and opportunities;
  - c. strengthening the bonds of the nation-to-nation and government-to-government relationship between Canada and the Métis Nation;
  - d. partnering to pursue legal, cultural, economic, business and other mutually agreeable opportunities; and
  - e. honouring Métis Nation Veterans, Elders, families and children.
2. Build a supportive relationship, while recognizing and respecting the independence of the other and acknowledging this may lead to divergent approaches and goals; and,
3. Express a common understanding and good faith intention to work together.

This Memorandum does not create any legally binding rights or obligations between the MMF and AMF, nor does it affect any Aboriginal and Indigenous rights, or any claims to lands or resources, or any other legal entitlements of the MMF and the AMF.

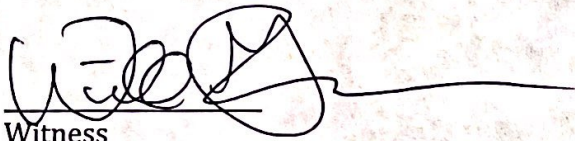
In witness whereof the MMF and AMF have signed this Memorandum at the city of Edmonton, in the province of Alberta on July 21, 2021.



David Chartrand  
President  
Manitoba Métis Federation



Diane Scoville  
Chairperson  
Alberta Métis Federation

  
Witness

**See: Witness Signature Schedule.**

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Witness

**Witness Signature Schedule:**

Witnesses to the Signature of Dianne Scoville on behalf of the AMF:

**Signed for and on behalf of Willow Lake Métis Association**

Signature



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Name:


Stella Lavallee

Title

President

**Signed for and on behalf of Owl River Métis Community Association**

Signature



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Name:

Jack Quintal

Title

President

**Signed for and on behalf of Fort McKay Métis Community Association  
(o/a Fort McKay Métis Nation)**

Signature



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Name:

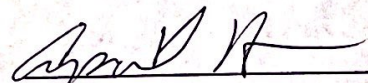
Ron Quintal

Title

President

**Signed for and on behalf of Chard Métis Community Association**

Signature



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Name:

Raoul Montgrand

Title

President

**Signed for and on behalf of Edmonton Métis Community Association**

Signature



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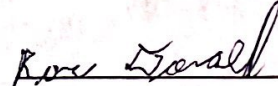
Name:

Darcy Donald

Title

President

**Signed for and on behalf of Athabasca Landing Métis Community Association**

Signature   
Name: Ron Donald  
Title: President

**Signed for and on behalf of Lakeland Métis Community Association**

Signature   
Name: Melina Scoville  
Title: President