



LETTER OF INTENT

Dated for reference October 27, 2021

BETWEEN

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
("British Columbia")

AND

THE MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA
("MNBC")

(Collectively, the "Parties")

WHEREAS:

- A. The Parties entered into the Métis Nation Relationship Accord in September of 2006 and renewed the Accord in November 2016, committing to strengthen relationships between the provincial government and Métis people.
- B. The purpose of this Letter of Intent is to outline the Parties' understanding that British Columbia and the MNBC are advancing their relationship and are proposing a new "whole of government" approach to Métis relations as a partnership between MNBC and British Columbia respecting Métis self-determination.

COLLABORATIVE PRIORITIES:

With this Letter of Intent, the Parties intend to create a new collaborative, accountable, cross government approach to Métis relations incorporating an Assistant Deputy Minister's Committee to help coordinate the framework and vision in step with ongoing programs and initiatives of other ministries with MNBC.

1. The Parties acknowledge the opportunity to sunset the previous Métis Nation Relationship Accord II, and move to a reconciliation agreement in an emerging landscape of reconciliation as being framed by the *Declaration Act on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Calls to Justice.
2. The Parties propose to co-develop a new Métis Relations Working Table as the hub of engagement for MNBC and government with an approach to relations that



formalizes dialogue and integrates engagement on Métis priorities across all of government.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS:


3. Upon signing on this Letter of Intent, the Parties agree to immediately begin developing the technical requirements needed to formalize the table.
4. This Letter of Intent may be executed in counterparts and facsimile by the Parties.

On Behalf of the Métis Nation BC:



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On Behalf of the Province of British Columbia:



Hon. Murray Rankin, QC
Minister of Indigenous Relations and
Reconciliation