

# Statement of Intent

## Enhanced Community Policing for Metis Settlements in Alberta

The Metis Settlements and His Majesty in Right of Alberta, as  
represented by the Premier of Alberta  
Signed March 29, 2023

### Context

- ∞ Whereas, the Government of Alberta has had a long and productive relationship with the Metis Settlements dating back to the *Métis Population Betterment Act, 1938*.
- ∞ Whereas, the 1989 *Alberta-Metis Settlements Accord* and subsequent legislation established the foundation for Métis people in Alberta to secure their own land base, preserve and enhance Métis culture and identity, gain local autonomy, and achieve economic self-sufficiency.
- ∞ Whereas, the eight Metis Settlements are unique to Alberta and are recognized as Métis governments through the 1990 *Metis Settlements Act*.
- ∞ Whereas, by signing of this Statement of Intent, the Government of Alberta and the Metis Settlements are building on the last 35 years of work to endeavor to ensure that Metis Settlements are safe, sustainable, and vibrant Métis communities.

### Shared vision/objectives

- ∞ Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement, East Prairie Metis Settlement, Elizabeth Metis Settlement, Fishing Lake Metis Settlement, Gift Lake Metis Settlement, Kikino Metis Settlement, Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement, and Peavine Metis Settlement and His Majesty the King in Right of Alberta (Government of Alberta), as represented by the Premier of Alberta, desire to collaborate to achieve the following objectives:
  - Foster safe and secure Metis Settlements and explore solutions to address rising crime rates.
  - Position mental health and addictions recovery as a central component to effective enhanced community policing and corrections.
  - Enhanced community policing to attain Metis Settlement sustainability that welcomes economic development and investment.

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- ∞ Since 2013, the Government of Alberta has provided funding for enhanced community policing to the Metis Settlements under the Long-term Governance and Funding Arrangements agreement and there is a commitment from the province to continue to support enhanced community policing and mental health and addictions recovery on the Metis Settlements.
- ∞ Collaboration between the Government of Alberta and the Metis Settlements on this effort is exemplified in the Government of Alberta's commitment to provide funding for enhanced community policing through the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) on Metis Settlements.
- ∞ This Statement of Intent reflects the Parties' mutual desire to work together. Service agreements between the Metis Settlements and the RCMP will operationalize enhanced community policing for the Metis Settlements in Alberta.



Metis Settlements of Alberta  
LEADING TOGETHER

∞ This document is not intended to create any legal rights or responsibilities, or binding legal obligations, such as contractual obligations on the signatories.

Signed on March 29, 2023

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Honourable Danielle Smith  
Premier of Alberta

Signed on March 29, 2023

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Stan Delorme  
Chair of Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement

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Honourable Rick Wilson  
Minister of Indigenous Relations

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Raymond Supernault  
Chair of East Prairie Metis Settlement

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Honourable Mike Ellis  
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services

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Kathy Lepine  
Chair of Elizabeth Metis Settlement

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Charles Gladue  
Chair of Fishing Lake Metis Settlement

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Linda McLeod  
Chair of Gift Lake Metis Settlement

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Chad Cardinal  
Chair of Kikino Metis Settlement

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Alden Armstrong  
Chair of Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement

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Greg Gauchier  
Chair of Peavine Metis Settlement