

Government of Alberta-Metis Settlements General Council

Long-Term Governance and Funding Arrangements

Context:

The 1989 Alberta-Metis Settlements Accord and subsequent corresponding 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.

On May 25, 2011, the Government of Alberta and the Metis Settlements General Council committed to a process to conclude long-term governance and funding arrangements.

That process has led to consensus between the Parties of the following key commitments, to be implemented over a ten-year period, which will strengthen Settlement governance, contribute to the long-term sustainability of Settlement communities, and establish a fiscal relationship with the province comparable to that of other local governments.

Commitments:

- ❖ **Effective governance and enhanced accountability:** *Measures to strengthen Metis Settlements governance, including clearer definition of roles and responsibilities, stronger financial management and accountability, and the building of governance capacity.*
- ❖ **Efficient and sustainable provision of programs and services:** *Initiatives that allow Settlements to effectively and efficiently deliver core services, including infrastructure, on par with neighbouring communities, that provide access to sustainable housing, and that promote safe and healthy communities.*
- ❖ **Investing in people and fostering individual initiative:** *Strategic initiatives in the areas of education, training and capacity building designed to reduce socio-economic gaps, increase self-sufficiency, and enable Settlement members to make greater contributions to their communities.*
- ❖ **Regional participation and partnerships:** *Collaborative partnership initiatives to promote a more effective and efficient delivery of services and increased participation by Settlements and Settlement members in the regional economy, including maximizing benefits under the Co-Management Agreement and establishing a Metis Settlements consultation policy.*

Implementation:

- ❖ *Alberta and the Metis Settlements will continue discussions to implement the agreed-upon key elements of these long-term governance and funding arrangements.*
- ❖ *The details of the arrangements will be set out in further agreements which will identify specific measures or initiatives, funding arrangements, timeframes and the responsibilities of the Parties.*
- ❖ *Alberta and the Metis Settlements will establish an evaluation framework that will set out performance measurements, outcomes and periodic reviews of the long-term governance and funding arrangements.*
- ❖ *The Minister of Aboriginal Relations and the President of the Metis Settlements General Council will meet periodically with the Premier of Alberta to review progress.*

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