



Intergovernmental Meeting between Northwest Territory Métis Nation and the Government of the Northwest Territories

Yellowknife (May 4, 2023) – Premier Caroline Cochrane, Minister Diane Archie, Minister R.J. Simpson, Minister Shane Thompson, Minister Caroline Wawzonek, Minister Paulie Chinna, and Minister Julie Green met with the Northwest Territory Métis Nation (NWTMN) President Garry Bailey, Vice-President Paul Harrington, Secretary-Treasurer Betty Villebrun, President Arthur Beck, President Trevor Beck, and President Allan Heron on May 2, 2023, for their bilateral meeting under their intergovernmental memorandum of understanding. The meeting was hosted by the NWTMN in Yellowknife, NT.

The meeting focused on continuing to share information and perspectives between the two governments, including around:

- advancing public health priorities,
- supporting Métis health benefits,
- addressing medical travel issues,
- improving health service delivery,
- engaging on education initiatives,
- GNWT hiring practices including Indigenous Métis representation,
- supporting economic development,
- advancing housing initiatives, and
- advancing productive land claim negotiations.

Quick Facts

- The Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding recognizes the importance of the government-to-government relationship between the Northwest Territory Métis Nation and the Government of the Northwest Territories.

- The agreement commits both governments to meet twice per year.
- The *Memorandum of Understanding between the Northwest Territory Métis Nation and the GNWT* was initially signed in November 2012 and was renewed in December 2017 and in April 2022 for another four-year term.

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