



MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
Resolution on the Environment

WHEREAS the relationship of the Métis Nation to the land and resources on its traditional territory is at the core of Métis Nation identity, the values transmitted from generation to generation through cultural means, Métis traditional knowledge, and the advancement and protection of our own Michif language; and,

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) passed Ordinary Resolution #1 at the 2017 MNA AGA directing the MNA to undertake climate change initiatives and programs including actions aimed at increasing Métis involvement and awareness of climate change, while creating capacity and economic opportunities for Métis citizen; and

WHEREAS the MNA conducted 18 provincial engagement sessions from which responses highlighted concerns regarding the environment, its changes, and its impact on both Métis and wildlife health; and,

WHEREAS the MNA Métis Rights and Accommodation Environment Department seeks to establish an initiative to respond to the feedback on climate change and the environment to ensure a greater and more meaningful role for Alberta Métis in addressing and managing climate change and environmental impacts while creating opportunities to Métis citizens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MNA Provincial Council fully support the MNA in adoption of its vision to support a healthy Earth that will enable Métis citizens to practice their culture and traditions in a resilient and interconnected ecosystem supported by clean air, water, and land; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MNA Provincial Council fully support the MNA in the adoption of its pillar goals of Protection of Tradition and Culture, Reduce Impacts on the Environment, and ensuring Community Driven Involvement (see attached); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MNA Provincial Council fully support the MNA in designing and undertaking environmental initiatives and programs, including community-based climate monitoring as per the Askîy initiative, aimed at fulfilling the Environment pillar goals, increasing Métis involvement and awareness of environmental changes and impacts, and creating capacity and economic opportunities for Métis citizens.

MNA Environment Department – Vision and Pillars

Vision – *ka miywasin askîy (it will be good in the future)*
(*ka-mee-wah–sin ahs-ski*)

Métis citizens can practice their culture and traditions in a resilient and interconnected ecosystem supported by clean air, water and land.

Pillar #1: Protection of Tradition and Culture – *kakiyaw pimatisiwin (how we were raised)*
(*kak-ee-yau (ow) · pee-mat-si-win*)

- **Transfer** – To facilitate the transfer of traditions and culture through the culturally-appropriate collection, storage, protection and management of traditional knowledge from one generation to the next.
- **Use** – To protect the environment and Métis rights through the ethical use of traditional knowledge.
- **Sustain** – to support environment and Métis rights initiatives that look at understanding how ecosystem disturbances can impact resiliency and interconnectedness.

Pillar #2: Reduce impacts on the environment – *nitohta askîy ekwa asîniwak (listen to the earth and our people)*
(*ni-duh-ta · ahs-ski · esk-wa · eh-sin-eh-wak*)

- **Monitor** – to understand the present environmental condition and assess how it changed from both a scientific and cultural perspective.
- **Consult** – to provide advice on how environment and climate changes could impact Métis rights, values and methods to reduce the risk of further impacts.
- **Outreach** – to educate and communicate with MNA citizens about environmental and Métis rights impacts.

Pillar #3: Community driven involvement – *mamowi niso ka matotin (helping each other together)*
(*ma-mo- weh · nee-so · ka · mah -to-tin*)

- **Engage** – to bring together Métis citizens to understand what environment issues are important and encourage collaboration, trust, and respect within the Nation.
- **Empower** – to make Métis citizens stronger and more confident in developing environmental stewardship.
- **Execute** – to complete community-led initiatives that will contribute to Métis values and their relationship with the environment.