

March 31, 2022

Audrey Poitras  
President  
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Dear President Audrey Poitras,

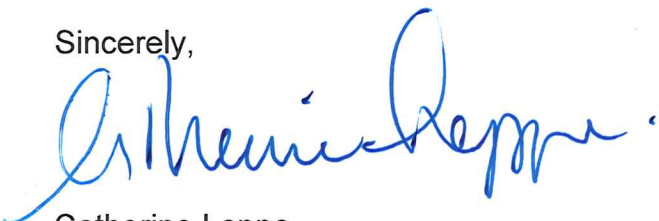
I wanted to confirm the status of the Métis Nation of Alberta as an Indigenous governing body *under An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Children, Youth, and Families* (the Act). Under the Act, an Indigenous governing body means a council, government, or other entity authorized to act on behalf of an Indigenous group, community, or people that holds rights recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.

As you are aware, Canada recognizes the Métis Nation within Alberta as an Indigenous group, community, or people holding rights recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*. Further, these rights are confirmed in The Metis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement between Métis Nation of Alberta and Canada. Both recognize that the Métis Nation of Alberta is mandated to represent the Métis within Alberta in respect of its collectively held rights and interests, particularly to implement and exercise its right to self-determination and its inherent right to self-government.

I understand, my staff has previously reached out to Tyler Fetch, your Intergovernmental Relations Advisor, to invite him to join the launch of the co-development of the data strategy working group. We look forward to his continued participation.

Indigenous Services Canada looks forward to supporting your team in their work regarding child and family services and working with the Province of Alberta.

Sincerely,



Catherine Lappe  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Child and Family Services Reform Branch  
Indigenous Services Canada

