



## HARVESTERS COUNCIL VOLUNTEER CALL OUT

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Are you an experienced harvester? Interested in sharing your knowledge of Métis harvesting in Alberta and the implementation of the harvesting policy with Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) citizens and MNA Provincial Council (PC)?

We're issuing an open call to MNA citizens interested in representing their Region on the Harvesters Council.

### **Background**

In 2019, the MNA signed the new *Métis Harvesting in Alberta Policy* with the Government of Alberta. The MNA is seeking citizens from each MNA Region to form the Harvesters Council that will advise PC on the implementation of newly signed policy, the *MNA Harvesting Policy*, and all applicable guidelines.

### **Council Structure**

- The council will be comprised of one chair, six regional members, and one Métis Elder. The MNA President will be an ex-officio member of the Harvesters Council.

### **Council Roles and Responsibilities**

The Harvesters Council will advise and make recommendations to PC regarding:

- Guidelines in relation to conservation concerns and Métis harvesting consistent with the *MNA Harvesting Policy*, including:
  - Limitations on seasonal harvesting
  - Tracking of species
  - Other matters
- Recommend changes or amendments to the *MNA Harvesting Policy*
- Other issues relevant to Métis harvesting throughout the province
- Timely reporting to PC

Other responsibilities include:

- Fulfilling roles and responsibilities set out in the *MNA Harvesting Policy* and the terms of reference.
- Carrying out tasks as directed by PC

- Annual planning
- Orientation of new members
- Providing recommendations

### **Qualifications for Regional Members**

- Must be an approved MNA Harvester
- Knowledge of the aims and objectives of the MNA
- Ability to adhere to and understand MNA policy, rules, and regulations
- Communicate clearly and effectively both verbally and in writing
- Awareness of MNA governance structure
- Willing and able to meet time requirements of the Harvesters Council
- Ability to cooperate – to work toward decisions and face their implications

### **Commitment**

- The Harvesters Council will meet, at a minimum, once every 12 months
- Meeting and conference calls may be held as required

### **Remuneration**

Harvesters Council members are entitled to reasonable expenses incurred in the exercise of their duties and will not exceed the travel, meal, and accommodation rates established by the MNA.

### **How to Apply**

Please send the following documents to [cletendre@metis.org](mailto:cletendre@metis.org):

- Résumé
- Personal statement regarding rights, responsibilities, and values of Métis harvesting practices, your harvesting experience, and what you hope to achieve as part of the Harvesters Council
- Two Letters of Reference:
  - One from elected MNA leadership (provincial, regional, or local)
  - One professional reference

Regional members will be selected and contacted on the strength of their application. Registration deadline is March 20, 2020.