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Dear President Poitras:

Thank you for your July 25, 2019 email regarding consultation with Métis. I understand that it is an important conversation to the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA).

As you mentioned in your letter, I am familiarizing myself with the draft Métis consultation policy. I understand that funding was provided to the MNA and five of the Regions to conduct research, traditional land use studies, and meetings between the Provincial Office, Regions and Locals on the topic of consultation. At this time, Alberta will not be moving forward with the draft consultation policy and will instead focus on the outcomes of such research and land use studies. Dependent on these results and on the needs of Métis and industry stakeholders, Alberta may revisit the development of a consultation policy for Métis.

The Ministry of Indigenous Relations has a credible assertion process that is open and available for Métis to enter if they wish to be consulted. I encourage you to work with my department to understand the process. Please contact Lisa Tchir, Assistant Deputy Minister of Consultation, Lands, Policy and Planning, for more information. Ms. Tchir can be contacted at lisa.tchir@gov.ab.ca or 780-643-9968.

The perspectives of Métis and the MNA are important to me and my department, and I invite you to contact my office at 780-422-4144 to schedule a meeting for fall 2019 to discuss further.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to send your email.

Sincerely,

Rick Wilson

Minister of Indigenous Relations

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