



DECISION OF THE OTIPEMISIWAK MÉTIS GOVERNMENT JUDICIAL TRIBUNAL

**RE: LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE OF THE CITIZENS' COUNCIL REQUEST FOR
OPINION, 2025-02**

This is the unanimous opinion of the Judicial Tribunal in reply to the request from the Legislative Proposal Assessment Committee of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Citizens' Council dated March 3, 2025.

The request concerned two questions, and the Tribunal's response to each question is set out below.

Response

- 1) *Are gender identity, gender expression, intersexuality, and all Citizens who identify with the 2SLGTBQIA+ community currently protected under the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Constitution.*

Yes.

- 2) *Why does the Constitution use broad language and not explicitly identify any sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, physical and mental disability, or other immutable personal characteristics?*

That was the language chosen by the drafters of the Constitution and approved by the Citizens of the Métis Nation within Alberta when they considered this specific aspect of inclusivity.

Dated this 19th day of MARCH, 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Chartrand", written over a horizontal line.

Lionel Chartrand, Chairperson
On behalf of the unanimous panel