



Land Acknowledgement Protocol When Acknowledging the Métis Nation within Alberta

This page is designed to guide the appropriate language for referring to Métis lands and people in your Indigenous land acknowledgements within Alberta.

When referring to Métis and acknowledging the territory you are on throughout Alberta, it is appropriate to say that you are “within the Métis Nation homeland.”

When referring to people who live on the lands, it is appropriate to use the terms ‘Métis’ or ‘Otipemisiwak’ [oh-tih-pem-soo-wuk] or [Oh-teh-pim-swak], meaning “the people who rule themselves.”

The Métis Nation within Alberta is recognized as a rights-bearing collective, with inherent rights to self-determination and self-government acknowledged in the *Otipemisiwak Métis Government Constitution* (2022) and the *Métis Nation within Alberta Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Agreement* (2023).

For more information about who the Métis are, and the National definition of Métis, please click the link below:

AlbertaMetis.com/metis-in-alberta/national-definition-of-metis/

If you would like to refer to an Otipemisiwak Métis Government District(s) or Territory, please refer to them by name and not by their number.

You can find more information on the Territories and Districts here:

AlbertaMetis.com/governance/districts/

A note on protocol: It is important to understand that land acknowledgments are intended for settlers to recognize Indigenous Peoples' connection to the land they inhabit. As such, it's inappropriate to ask an Indigenous person or people to perform this acknowledgment.

Thank you for utilizing these guidelines in the development of your Indigenous land acknowledgments and ensuring accurate representation and respect for the Citizens of the Métis Nation within Alberta.