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Dear Federal Party Leaders,

Re: Commitment to Advancing Métis Self-Government and a Nation-to-Nation Relationship

As Canada progresses through the federal election period, it is vital that Métis issues are a priority for the leaders who will shape the future of our shared country. Regardless of who forms the next government, I urge you to take the opportunity to learn about the Métis, including our history, our rights, and our unique paths to self-determination as one of the recognized Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

The Otipemisiwak Métis Government represents the Métis Nation within Alberta, which includes more than 70,000 registered Citizens. Our government is the oldest continuously operating Métis government in Canada. We are a self-governing Indigenous Nation, recognized by the Government of Canada as one of the rights-bearing successors to the historic Métis Nation.

In November 2022, our Citizens overwhelmingly adopted the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Constitution through a province-wide vote. This ratification, the largest ever undertaken by an Indigenous Nation in Canada, established the Otipemisiwak Métis Government as the sole representative of the Métis Nation of Alberta.

In 2019, we signed a Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Agreement with Canada. This legally binding agreement was an important step in the path toward full recognition of our inherent rights.

However, much work remains. As the next federal government takes shape, we call on each of you to commit to continuing this work in full partnership with our government.

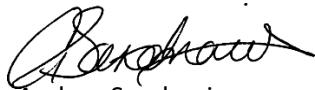
Specifically, we are asking for your commitment to:

1. Honour and advance the full implementation of our Self-Government Agreements with Canada.
2. Work with us toward a modern-day treaty for the Métis Nation within Alberta, grounded in recognition, respect, and a true nation-to-nation relationship.
3. Ensure that the voices and rights of Métis Citizens are respected in all federal policies, legislation, and funding decisions that impact our Nation.

Métis Citizens across Alberta have made their voices clear—they want strong, accountable, and self-determined governance that reflects our distinct culture, history, and legal traditions. Through the Otipemisiwak Métis Government, we are fulfilling that mandate. As a federal leader, your partnership is essential in building the tools and legal recognition required to realize our Nation’s vision for the future.

We look forward to the opportunity to collaborate in a respectful, government-to-government relationship and would welcome a meeting with you or members of your team during the campaign period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrea Sandmaier', written in a cursive style.

Andrea Sandmaier

President

Otipemisiwak Métis Government