



Office of the President

June 11, 2025

Brooke Bramfield
Otipemisiwak Métis Government
Citizens' Council Representative
Provincial Secretary

Re: Mandate Letter for Children & Family Services

Dear Secretary Bramfield,

It is my pleasure to re-affirm your appointment as Provincial Secretary to the Cabinet of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government, holding the portfolio of Secretary of Children & Family Services.

As a Provincial Secretary and member of Cabinet, you hold a critical role in advancing our Nation's priorities and serving Métis Citizens across Alberta. Your leadership, alongside your colleagues, will help drive progress on key initiatives, including the negotiation of a modern Treaty to secure and protect our rights and self-determination; a historic opportunity to benefit current and future generations. At a time of shifting political landscapes both federally and provincially, your work must be strategic, adaptable, and rooted in our Constitution's vision of fairness, accountability, and the advancement of Métis self-government in Alberta. Together, we will uphold these principles while ensuring our laws and policies reflect the needs of Citizens in all five Métis Territories and beyond.

The Otipemisiwak Métis Government is committed to strengthening our Nation-to-Nation and government-to-government relationships, asserting our jurisdiction, and delivering programs that improve the lives of Métis families and communities. As both an ambassador and key part of the executive branch of this government, as well as in a renewed focus on developing our governance framework here at home, your portfolio will play a vital role in shaping our future. As outlined in the Self-Government Act, you will collaborate with the Citizens' Council, engage meaningfully with Citizens, and ensure transparent decision-making that aligns with our collective goals. The path to a modern Treaty requires unity, persistence, and bold leadership; qualities I know you will bring to this role.

I am confident that your dedication will help us meet these challenges and seize the opportunities ahead. By working with integrity and purpose, you contribute to a stronger, more self-sufficient Métis government that honours our past while building a brighter future. Thank you for stepping forward in service to our people, and I look forward to achieving meaningful progress together.

With respect to your portfolio area, over the next 12 months, you are empowered with the following mandate:

1. **Support C-92 Implementation** by working with Administration to establish Métis-led child welfare systems that prioritize family preservation and cultural continuity.
2. **Advocate for Prevention and Early Intervention Programs** development in collaboration with Administration, in order to reduce the number of Métis children in government care.
3. **Support Culturally-Grounded Foster Care and Adoption Systems** by collaborating with Administration to advance service delivery models and systems that maintain children's connections to Métis identity and community.
4. **Enhance & Expand Family Reunification Programs** by supporting programming developed and delivered by Administration which provides wraparound supports including housing, counseling, and life skills training.
5. **Empower all Métis Children and Families** in Alberta by improving access to culturally grounded programs and services that enhance wellbeing, strengthen identity, and encourage active participation in community.
6. **Build Partnerships** with education and health service providers to create seamless support networks for vulnerable families in collaboration with Administration.
7. **Advocate for Sustainable Federal and Provincial Funding** on the advice of Administration, which supports Métis-specific child and family services.
8. **Ensure Accountability Measures** are implemented by Administration to track outcomes and ensure services meet community needs and expectations.

In your role, you will have support from and liaise with the Office of the President, and the Child & Family Services Department through their associated Directors and/or Department heads.

As you move forward in this vital role, remember that your leadership is part of a greater journey; one shaped by the resilience of our ancestors and the dreams of future generations. The work ahead will demand courage, creativity, and unwavering commitment to our Nation, our Citizens, and our Government; but it is through this collective effort that we will secure true self-determination, protect our rights, and build a thriving Métis Nation within Alberta. I have every confidence in your ability to rise to this challenge with integrity and heart. Together, let us honor our past, serve our people, and forge a legacy of strength and unity. *Marsee*, thank you, for answering this call to leadership.

Sincerely,



Andrea Sandmaier

President

Otipemisiwak Métis Government