



June 11, 2025

Jason Ekeberg
Otipemisiwak Métis Government
Citizens' Council Representative
Provincial Secretary

Re: Mandate Letter for the Secretary of the Treasury

Dear Secretary Ekeberg,

It is my pleasure to reaffirm your appointment as Provincial Secretary to the Cabinet of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government, holding the portfolio of **Secretary of the Treasury**.

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. **Ensure Financial Transparency & Accountability** by supporting Administration in the continued implementation and delivery of financial management systems that provide clear, accessible reporting to Citizens as required by the Constitution and the Financial Management Act.
2. **Provide Rigorous Oversight** of Citizens' Council budget processes, expenditures, and Representative expenses as set out in the Financial Management Act, and act as a liaison between the Citizens' Council and District Captains with respect to budgetary allocations and financial oversight.
3. **Advocate for Secure & Sustainable Funding** by supporting Administration negotiations of funding streams and models which will support long-term governance operations and program delivery.
4. **Oversee Citizens Gathering Financial Reporting** by collaborating with Administration and the Auditor General to ensure comprehensive financial reports are developed for presentation at Citizens' Gatherings.
5. **Protect the Nation's Resources** by ensuring Administration takes all steps necessary to optimize banking and investment strategies to maximize government returns on existing resources.
6. **Safeguard the Nation's Finances** by ensuring that Administration conduct thorough cost-benefit analyses for all proposed legislation and major initiatives prior to their finalization by Citizens' Council, and act as one of the two required signing authorities for the Otipemisiwak Métis Government.

In your role, you will have support from and liaise with the Office of the President, the Senior Executive Officer, and the Finance and Self-Government Departments 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