



Office of the President

June 11, 2025

Cabinet of the Citizens' Council
Otipemisiwak Métis Government

Re: President's Mandate: My Commitment to Our Future

Tansi Citizens of the Métis Nation within Alberta,

Today, I share with you my mandate as your President and my promise to work for our Nation's future. As leader of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government, I take seriously my duty to serve you, the Métis Citizens of Alberta, with honesty, courage, and a strong commitment to our shared goals of self-government, prosperity, and cultural strength.

We stand at an important time in our history. Together, we will work to negotiate a modern Treaty to secure our rights and self-determination. We will build strong relationships with other governments and create programs that support Métis families and communities across all five Métis Territories. Our work will follow the principles of our Constitution: fairness, accountability, and a firm commitment to Métis self-determination.

My Key Priorities

In the next year, I will focus on these important tasks:

1.) Self-Government and Treaty Work

- Lead negotiations for a modern Treaty that protects our rights and lands and reflects what Citizens want.
- Put into action the 2023 Self-Government Agreement, including securing long-term funding agreements with Canada.

2.) Protecting Métis Rights and Advancing Reconciliation

- Follow the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action in all government work.
- Make sure Crown consultation processes are strong and that District Councils have the power to protect Métis rights and resources.

3.) Building Strong Government Relationships

- Represent our Nation at the Métis National Council
- Represent the Otipemisiwak Métis Government in meetings Nation-to-Nation and Government-to-Government meetings both Provincially and Federally.
- Create partnerships that help Métis voices be heard in decisions affecting our communities.

4.) Supporting Métis Culture and Economic Growth

- Grow Métis tourism projects like Métis Crossing to share our culture and create jobs.
- Support programs that preserve our language, stories, and traditions for the future.

5.) Being Open and Accountable

- Provide regular updates to Citizens about progress on self-government and Treaty negotiations.
- Listen to District Councils and Citizens to ensure your voices guide our work.

Working Together

This work belongs to all of us as Métis Citizens, as Otipemisiwak. It is rooted in the strength of our ancestors and the hopes we have for our children and grandchildren. The challenges we face will require unity, creativity, and hard work. But I know the strength of our people. Together, we will honour our past, meet today's challenges, and build a better future for generations to come.

I ask you to join me in this work. Share your ideas, engage in upcoming consultations on the Treaty process, and take part in building our government. Our success depends on all of us working together.

Thank you for your trust and for believing in our Nation's future. Marsee.

Sincerely,



Andrea Sandmaier
President

Otipemisiwak Métis Government