



DECISION OF THE OTIPEMISIWAK MÉTIS GOVERNMENT JUDICIAL TRIBUNAL

RE: 2026-01-ACCEPTANCE OF CITIZENSHIP APPEAL

This is a decision of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Judicial Tribunal [“Tribunal”] on whether to hear the appeal of a denial of a citizenship application. Accordingly, the Tribunal has decided not to hear the appeal but wishes to issue reasons for its decision.

The Tribunal may hear an appeal of a decision of the Registrar as set out under Section 39 of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government’s Citizenship Act; however, the Applicant has not satisfied the Tribunal that a decision of the Registrar has been made.

The evidence submitted includes a letter dated November 27, 2025, by the Senior Genealogist indicating that they are unable to process the Applicant’s application for citizenship because the applicant did not provide enough information on the family tree to complete the required generational links. The Tribunal reviewed the documents and records provided by the Applicant but has no further information.

The Tribunal notes that among the materials is a July 30, 2025, letter from the Saskatchewan Post-Adoption office apparently indicating the link between the Applicant and the Métis ancestor, however we are not in a position to confirm this.

The Applicant also claims there is DNA evidence of a biological first cousin once removed which allegedly makes the necessary connection; however, the Tribunal has insufficient evidence to confirm this. Further, this appears to be the incorrect description of the document submitted as it shows a ½ first cousin once removed or a second cousin. Additionally, there is a claim of DNA ancestry results showing a biological sibling also showing the Applicant’s claimed ancestral connection, but there are no documents submitted under the application showing those records. Lastly, there is a suggestion that DNA evidence might be obtained from the Applicant’s father, which would possibly constitute persuasive evidence for the Registrar’s consideration.

Gathering such further evidence that may be missing from the Applicant’s citizenship application could be submitted to the Registrar, along with any other additional evidence considered appropriate by the Applicant, to provide additional evidentiary support for the Registrar to consider in deciding whether there is sufficient evidence to support granting the citizenship application.

In the Tribunal’s view, an appropriate procedure would be for the Applicant, after completing the application and submitting what is deemed necessary by the Registrar, to make a written demand of the Registrar to process his application and issue a written decision with reasons.

The Judicial Tribunal ordinarily should not simply take over the role of an institution of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government and make decisions independently of the appropriate body.

Should the Registrar fail to make a decision after the Applicant completes an application with his best effort to provide the requested information, the Tribunal would entertain an application by



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the Applicant to make an order compelling the Registrar to process the application and take into account the evidence submitted and to provide reasons for its decision.

If the Applicant is not satisfied with any ultimate decision of the Registrar, they would be free to appeal within 30 days from the Registrar's decision.

Dated this 28th day of January, 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. Chartrand', written over a horizontal line.

Lionel Chartrand, Chairperson

On behalf of the unanimous panel