
MÉTIS VOICES. MÉTIS CONSTITUTION.

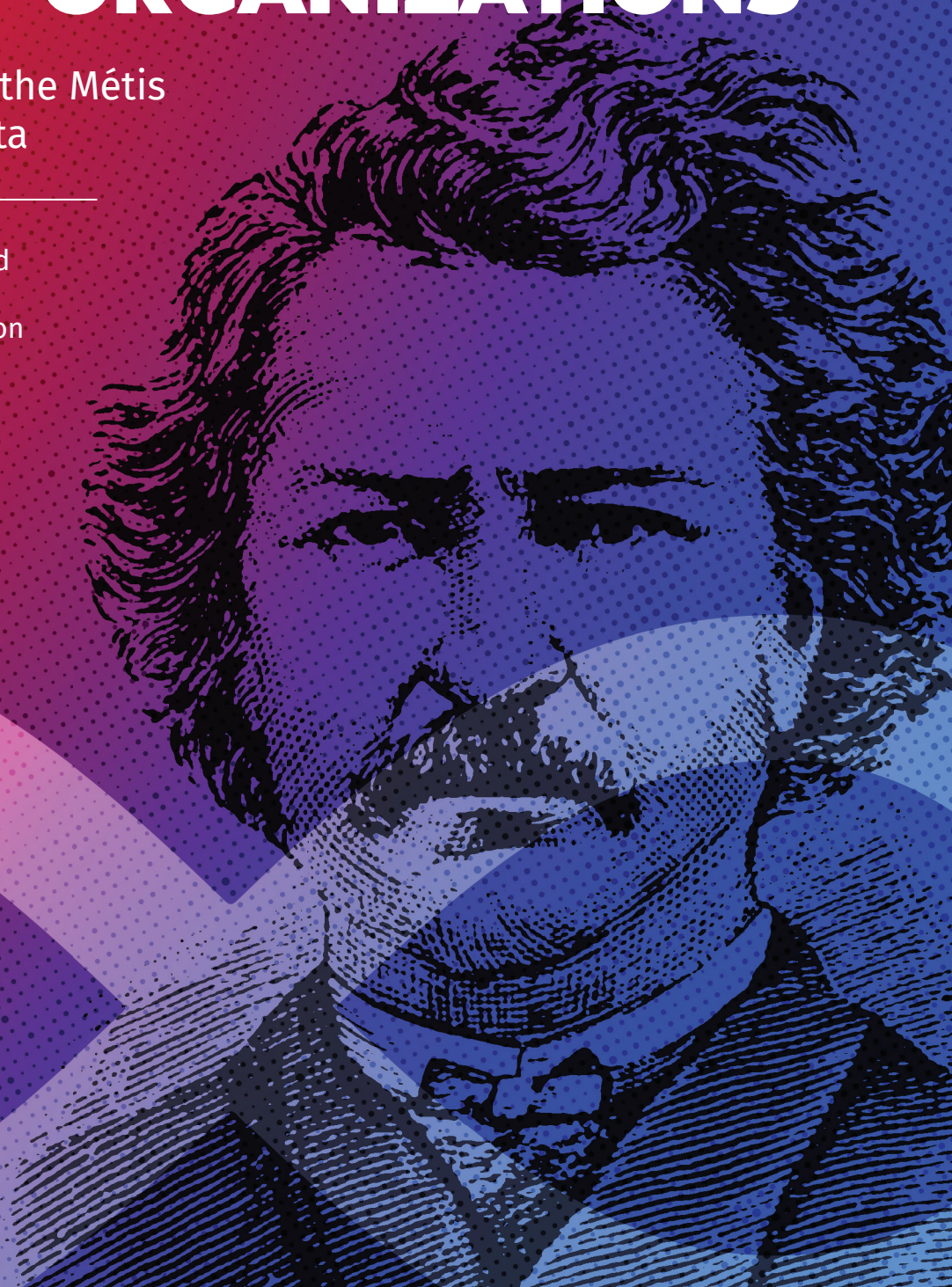


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The MNA represents over 56,000 verified Métis Nation citizens across Alberta and has been the democratic self-government of the Métis Nation within Alberta for over 90 years. The MNA has the only objectively verifiable registry of Métis Nation citizens that is relied upon by both the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta to identify legitimate Métis rights-holders in Alberta.

The MNA is also the only recognized Métis government in Alberta that is in self-government negotiations with Canada based on a Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement that was signed in July 2019.

The MNA has:

- built a credible and objectively verifiable registry system to identify our citizens;
- established democratic processes and institutions at the provincial, regional, and local levels;
- advanced the rights of our citizens and communities, whether that be in the courts or through negotiated agreements with other governments;
- listened to and worked to address the interests and needs of our citizens and communities every day; and
- built a province-wide program and services delivery structure and institutions to try to meet the needs of our citizens, wherever they may live.

By signing the MGRSA, Canada recognized that the MNA is mandated by the Métis Nation within Alberta to implement our inherent right to self-government. The Supreme Court of Canada has recognized that Canada is the level of government with constitutional responsibility for the Métis. After a long process of negotiation, Canada and the MNA have established a nation-to-nation, government-to-government relationship leading to full recognition of our right to self-government in Canadian law.

No other group claiming to speak for the “Métis” in Alberta has been recognized by Canada as representing Métis Nation citizens with a right to self-government, and no such group has signed an agreement that will lead Canada to recognize it as a Métis government. Only the MNA is on track to deliver genuine self-government for the Métis Nation within Alberta.

All individuals who meet the MNA’s definition of citizenship are invited to register as MNA citizens. The MNA is committed to representing the interests of all its citizens.