



Canada

Canada-Métis Nation Economic Development Sub-Accord

This Sub-Accord is effective from the 13th day of June 2019.

B E T W E E N:

Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada
as represented by the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada

- and -

The Métis Nation
as represented by the Métis National Council and its Governing Members: the
Métis Nation of Ontario, Manitoba Metis Federation, Métis Nation - Saskatchewan,
Métis Nation of Alberta and Métis Nation British Columbia

WHEREAS Canada and the Métis Nation (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties") entered into the Métis Economic Development Sub-Accord on March 18, 2015 which committed the parties to work together to develop a strategy for Métis Nation economic development;

WHEREAS that Accord identified business development, participation in major economic and resource development projects, labour force development, strengthening the role of Métis Nation and their designated affiliated institutions in advancing economic development, and partnerships as the critical elements for a Métis Nation economic development strategy;

WHEREAS the Parties under the Canada-Métis Nation Accord may enter into companion accords, agreements, protocols, or any other arrangements deemed suitable in order to achieve jointly established policy priorities;

WHEREAS Budget 2016 provided \$25 million over five years for the further development and implementation of the Métis Nation Economic Development Strategy;

WHEREAS Canada and the Métis Nation entered into the Canada-Métis Nation Accord on April 13, 2017, which

commits the Parties to work, on a nation-to-nation, government-to-government basis, to renew the relationship, based on cooperation and respect for Métis Nation rights and to improve the socio-economic conditions of Métis Nation citizens and their access to social and economic programs and services that address their needs;

WHEREAS economic development is identified as one of the priorities of the Canada-Métis Nation Accord;

WHEREAS the Parties concluded a Memorandum of Understanding on a Canada-Métis Nation Economic Development Strategy and Accord in July, 2018 in order to renew and strengthen efforts to advance the development and implementation of a Métis Nation Economic Development Strategy through a renewed Canada-Métis Nation Economic Development Accord;

WHEREAS Budget 2019 provides \$50 million over five years, starting in 2019-20, to enhance the funding of the Métis Capital Corporations to support the start-up and expansion of Métis small and medium-sized enterprises;

WHEREAS Budget 2019 proposes to create an Indigenous Growth Fund managed by the National Aboriginal Capital Corporation Association, to allow all Aboriginal Financial

Associations, including Métis Capital Corporations and others, to support more Indigenous entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS the Parties agree to negotiate support for national coordination, research and policy development in support of Métis Nation economic development.

NOW THEREFORE the parties enter into this Métis Nation Economic Development Accord as a Sub-Accord under the Canada-Métis Nation Accord.

1. Title of Accord

- 1.1. The Accord will be known as the Canada-Métis Nation Economic Development Accord (“the Sub-Accord”).

2. Recognition

- 2.1. The Parties agree that Governing Members as well as their designated affiliated institutions, the Métis Capital Corporations, are best placed to design, deliver and administer economic development programs for Métis Nation citizens.

3. Priorities

- 3.1. The Parties acknowledge that their work will be guided by the priorities outlined in the 2018 Métis Nation Economic Development Strategy.

4. Objectives

- 4.1. Through Budget 2019 investments into the Métis Capital Corporations, the main objectives of the Sub-Accord are to:
 - 4.1.1. Advance self-determination within the Métis Nation by supporting economic development programs and services that are developed, managed and delivered by Métis Nation institutions;
 - 4.1.2. Increase business development within the Métis Nation;
 - 4.1.3. Enhance the funding of the Métis Capital Corporations to support the start-up and expansion of Métis small and medium-sized enterprises;

- 4.1.4. Access to capital for Métis Nation entrepreneurs and financial institutions;

- 4.1.5. Strengthening the role of Métis Nation designated affiliated institutions in advancing economic development; and

- 4.1.6. Expanding partnerships with federal departments and agencies, provinces, and the private sector including the continuation of the Métis Economic Development Symposium process.

5. Implementation

- 5.1. Consistent with other priority areas of the Canada-Métis Nation Accord, the Minister and the Presidents of the Métis National Council and its Governing Members will establish a Canada-Métis Nation Working Group on Métis Nation Economic Development (“the Working Group”).
- 5.2. The Working Group will be comprised of senior officials from the Government of Canada, the Métis National Council and its Governing Members and their designated affiliated capital corporations and will develop terms of reference for its operations.
- 5.3. Discussions of the Working Group and technical sub-committees will result in a series of joint recommendations, policy/programmatic options, and proposals, including implementation timelines, financial considerations and delivery mechanisms toward the implementation of the priorities of the Métis Nation Economic Development Strategy.
- 5.4. The Working Group will present these recommendations, options and proposals to the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada and to the Presidents of the Métis National Council and its Governing Members through the Permanent Bilateral Mechanism.
- 5.5. The Parties will be guided by the following factors in implementing the priorities of the Métis Nation Economic Development Strategy:

- 5.5.1. The Parties will ensure linkages are established between work carried out under the Sub-Accord and that being carried out in the areas of labour market development and Métis Nation educational institutions given their critical contributions to broader Métis Nation economic development goals.
- 5.5.2. Métis Nation economic development corporations and institutions play a central role in Métis Nation economic development;
- 5.5.3. Canada will adopt a whole-of-government approach to support Métis Nation economic development; and
- 5.5.4. Evidence-based promising practices should be used to inform proposals and recommendations.

6. Financial Provisions

- 6.1. Canada will invest a total of \$50 million through five-year contribution agreements with the Métis Capital Corporations in 2019-2020 through to 2023-24 with the following schedule:
 - 2019-2020 - \$10 million
 - 2020-2021 - \$10 million
 - 2021-2022 - \$10 million
 - 2022-2023 - \$10 million
 - 2023-2024 - \$10 million
- 6.2. Métis Capital Corporations will have continued access to the Aboriginal Business Financing Program (ABFP) and Aboriginal Developmental Lending Assistance Program (ADLA) in a manner that is consistent with their historic usage.
- 6.3. Proposals in other priority areas of the Sub-Accord with significant policy and/or financial implications

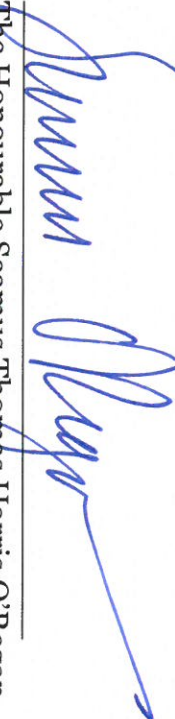
will require vetting through appropriate federal policy approvals processes and will follow the budgetary timelines of the Government of Canada.

7. General

- 7.1. All commitments of funding provided under the Sub-Accord will be subject to Parliamentary appropriation of such resources.
- 7.2. Nothing in the Sub-Accord affects existing or future bilateral and tripartite processes that are in place between Canada and the Métis Nation or ongoing work of the Parties to address pressing socio-economic issues of the Métis Nation.
- 7.3. The Sub-Accord does not recognize, deny, define, affect or limit any Aboriginal or Treaty rights within the meaning of section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.
- 7.4. The Sub-Accord shall be in effect until March 31, 2024.
- 7.5. The Sub-Accord may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties. To be valid, any amendments to the Sub-Accord shall be in writing and signed by designated officials of both of the Parties.
- 7.6. Any demand, notice or other communication to be given in connection with the Sub-Accord shall be given in writing and may be given by personal delivery, by email, by post or by fax addressed to the recipient.
- 7.7. The Parties agree that it is desirable to have no disruption of services to Métis Nation citizens through the duration of the Sub-Accord.

Signed this 13th day of June, 2019.


ON BEHALF of the GOVERNMENT OF CANADA:

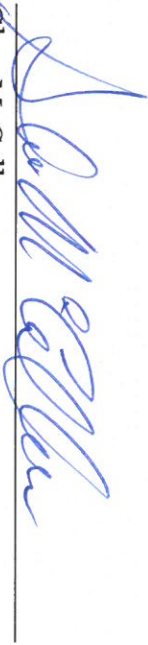

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