



RESOLUTION 8

SUBMITTED TO THE 2025 SUMMER
MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Reinstatement of MNBC Citizenship for Individuals Previously Removed for Not Meeting Métis Homeland Criteria under the *Citizenship Act*

Legislation Affected: n/a

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Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: April 20, 2025

Vote Required for Approval: Majority

WHEREAS

1. In any good governance, it is imperative to have current and historic information to verify Métis citizenship.
2. Métis Citizenship needs to be reviewed periodically, and updated to reflect changes brought on by new information, changes to Policy, etc.
3. With the new findings in the report provided by the Panel of Experts that conducted the review of the “Seven Communities” and if they were Historical Métis Communities as MNO has suggested, which comprise of the communities and areas listed below as:
 - 1) Northern Ontario Historic Métis Community;
Upper Great Lakes Métis Communities, inclusive of:
 - 2) Northern Lakes Superior Historic Métis Community,
 - 3) Sault Ste. Marie Historic Métis Community,
 - 4 Killarney Historic Métis Community.
 - 5) Georgian Bay Historic Métis Community,
 - 6) Abitibi Inland Historic Métis Community,
 - 7) Mattawa/Ottawa River Historic Métis Community.
4. The findings of the Expert Panel is that the Seven Communities represented by the Métis Nation of Ontario do meet the National Definition established by the *Métis National Council (MNC)* as adopted by all current and former Governing Members (MMF, OMG, MN-S, MNO, MNBC) and

other Métis Governments (NWTMN), and in the experts' opinion that these communities are indeed an integral part to the Métis Nation and its Homeland.

5. Based on the National Definition of Métis that affirms that, "Métis means a person who self-identifies as Métis, is distinct from other Aboriginal peoples, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry, and who is accepted by the Métis Nation".

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The Métis Nation British Columbia provide Citizenship for applicants who received letters stating they were not approved for Citizenship, or reinstate Citizenship for people removed from the Citizenship Registry because they could not provide family ties to a Historical Métis Homeland because at the time, MNBC did not recognize the seven Communities and areas as outlined in the report as Historical Métis Communities.