



MEMORANDUM OF SHARED RECOGNITION AND COOPERATION

Metis Nation of Alberta

(A registered Association pursuant to the Societies Act of Alberta)

Made Between

-and-

City of Edmonton

(A corporation registered pursuant with the Municipal Government Act)

WHEREAS, *The Métis Nation of Alberta exists to represent all Métis people in Alberta, with the objective to promote Métis cultural, economic, educational, political and social development;*

AND WHEREAS, *The City of Edmonton is a major urban centre where services relevant to all people's quality of life can be accessed regardless of religion, colour, creed, nationality, political standing, or other forms of prejudice;*

AND WHEREAS, *the City of Edmonton recognizes the Métis Nation of Alberta as the legitimate, autonomous, governing structure of the Métis people of Alberta, and through its representation, the Métis Nation of Alberta understands, advocates and upholds the distinct identity of the Métis people as one of three constitutionally recognized Aboriginal peoples in the Canadian Constitution;*

AND WHEREAS, *both the Métis Nation of Alberta and the City of Edmonton agree to collaborate and share common values; and to celebrate the history, culture, and contributions of the Métis people of Edmonton with her citizens so they may work together in peace and the spirit of unity and harmony;*

NOW THEREFORE, the parties affirm:

- The Métis people have been part of the development and the rich, vibrant history of Edmonton, contributing to the pioneering spirit of establishing a place of harmony, balance and commerce on the banks of the North Saskatchewan River;
- The Métis Nation of Alberta is acknowledged as having a unique role through its mandate, its representation, and responsibility for the Métis people residing in Edmonton;
- The successes and well-being of the Métis people in Edmonton, is directly linked to that of all other citizens of Edmonton; and
- The Métis Nation of Alberta and the City of Edmonton are intrinsically tied together with a shared vision of building a great City together.

And commit to the following:

- Creating opportunities for ongoing engagements, through annual gatherings of staff, or opportunities for shared projects and initiatives that are guided by principles of working in unity and harmony, fairness and respect for all people, and within the spirit of honesty, integrity, and professionalism;
- Ensuring the historical recognition of each party's histories, cultures and contributions through acknowledgements, communications and other forms of recognition as opportunities arise;
- Ongoing conversations regarding issues and concerns of shared interest that affect the immediate or long term well-being of all people that make Edmonton their home; and
- During Métis Week which includes November 16th, the parties shall recognize the relationship created by this Memorandum; and the City of Edmonton will fly the Métis Flag in recognition of the Métis leader, Louis Riel; and the Métis Nation of Alberta will fly the City of Edmonton Flag in recognition of this relationship with the City of Edmonton.

As entered into this 30 day of Sept, 2013,

For the Métis Nation of Alberta

Audrey Poitras
President, Audrey Poitras

For the City of Edmonton

Stephen Mandel
Mayor, Stephen Mandel