

CANADA-MÉTIS NATION HOUSING SUB-ACCORD

This Sub-Accord is effective from the 19th day of July 2018.

B E T W E E N:

Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada
as represented by the Right Honourable Prime Minister

- 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

(hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”)

Whereas the Métis Nation has recognized that shelter is a basic human need and that provision of adequate, suitable and affordable housing is required;

And whereas through the National Housing Strategy, the Government of Canada committed to co-develop distinctions-based housing strategies for First Nations, Inuit and Métis Nation partners;

And whereas further to that, Budget 2018 committed \$500 million over ten years to support the implementation of a Métis Nation Housing Strategy;

And whereas the Governing Members of the Métis Nation share a common history, culture and political will and have taken shared positions on housing;

And whereas the Métis Nation is proposing a Métis Nation Housing Strategy with the following key elements:

- Focus on reduction of the Core Housing Need gap that exists between Métis Nation citizens and non-Indigenous Canadians;
- Employ a multi-stakeholder approach to address the housing needs of Métis Nation citizens across the housing continuum;

- Embed authority and funding to design, deliver, and administer distinctions-based housing services within the Métis National Council’s Governing Members;
- Utilize existing infrastructure, in particular Métis housing corporations, to deliver new and enhanced programs to supply Métis housing;
- Increase the number of affordable and subsidized housing units available specifically to Métis Nation families and citizens; and,
- Ensure program and service design is flexible to address the specific needs of each region.

And whereas the Parties are committed, as set out in a *Canada-Métis Nation Accord* dated April 13, 2017, to advancing reconciliation and a nation-to-nation, government-to-government relationship through the established Permanent Bilateral Mechanism between Canada and the Métis National Council and its Governing Members, to enable annual priority setting, joint policy development and progress to be measured on an ongoing basis;

And whereas the Parties have identified housing as a policy priority to be pursued under the terms of the Accord;



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And whereas the Parties, under the terms of this Accord may enter into companion accords, agreements, protocols, or any other arrangements deemed suitable in order to achieve jointly established policy priorities;

And whereas Canada and the Métis Nation seek to enter into a Métis Nation Sub-Accord on Housing in order to provide a framework for the negotiation and implementation of Governing Member Housing Agreements;

Therefore be it resolved that the Métis Nation and Canada enter into a Housing Sub-Accord under the *Canada-Métis Nation Accord* in order to provide a framework for the negotiation and implementation of Governing Member Housing Agreements that increases the supply of affordable housing, improve housing affordability for vulnerable households, improve and preserve the quality of affordable housing and foster safe independent living for Métis Nation citizens.

1. Title of Sub-Accord

- 1.1. The Sub-Accord will be known as the Canada-Métis Nation Housing Sub-Accord ("the Sub-Accord").

2. Recognition

- 2.1. The Parties agree that the Sub-Accord will be the sole National Accord under the Métis Nation Housing Strategy.
- 2.2. The Parties agree that the Government of Canada will enter into five Housing Agreements, one with each Governing Member.

3. Objectives:

- 3.1. The main objectives of the Sub-Accord are to:
 - 3.1.1. Advance self-determination within the Métis Nation by supporting housing programs to be developed, managed and delivered by Métis Nation institutions;
 - 3.1.2. Address the housing needs of the Métis Nation across the housing

continuum to ensure that there is adequate, suitable, affordable and sustainable housing for Métis;

- 3.1.3. Address the needs of the most vulnerable Métis people, including those who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, persons with disabilities, survivors of domestic violence, those with mental health problems and addictions, veterans, seniors and youth;
- 3.1.4. Improve the sustainability of Métis housing corporations currently providing subsidized and affordable housing;
- 3.1.5. Increase the awareness of Métis housing needs in urban, rural and remote areas among municipal, provincial and federal stakeholders;
- 3.1.6. Identify best and promising practices in the provision of Métis delivery of social and market housing initiatives;
- 3.1.7. Increase capacity of Métis housing institutions to address the housing needs of Métis people; and,
- 3.1.8. Increase Métis home ownership levels within the Métis Nation.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

- 4.1. The Parties agree that the Governing Members have the primary responsibility for the design, delivery, and administration of housing programs and services for Métis Nation citizens in their respective provinces.

5. Eligible Programs

- 5.1. The Governing Members agree to provide housing programsto address the housing needs of the Métis population and to ensure that there is adequate, suitable and affordable housing for Métis people. These programs may include, but are not limited to programs that support the following activities:

- 5.1.1. Increase the level of home ownership of Metis people;
- 5.1.2. Increase the supply of affordable housing: this may include construction of or conversion to affordable housing, and homeownership or rental, all targeted to households in need;
- 5.1.3. Improve housing affordability for vulnerable households: this may include rent supplements or shelter allowances to address affordable housing needs, and homeownership assistance, all targeted to households in need;
- 5.1.4. Improve the capacity and sustainability of Métis housing corporations by establishing adequate replacement reserve funds;
- 5.1.5. Improve and preserve the quality of affordable housing: this may include renovation, rehabilitation and repair of existing affordable housing for households in need;
- 5.1.6. Foster safe independent living: this may include support for construction of, and modifications and renovations to affordable housing, that provide accommodations for victims of family violence or extend independent living for households in need i.e seniors and persons with disabilities; and provide support to Métis people to assist them in sustaining their current housing in preparation for future transition.

6. Financial Provisions

- 6.1. Canada will invest a total of \$500,000,000 in Métis Nation Housing Agreements with Governing Members in 2018/19 through to 2027/28 with the following schedule:
 - 2018/2019 – \$45,000,000
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 - 2020/2021 – \$51,250,000
 - 2021/2022 – \$51,250,000
 - 2022/2023 – \$51,250,000
 - 2023/2024 – \$51,250,000
 - 2024/2025 – \$51,250,000
 - 2025/2026 – \$51,250,000
 - 2026/2027 – \$51,250,000
 - 2027/2028 – \$51,250,000

- 6.2. Specific allocations will be subject to negotiations with all Governing Members.

7. Accountability and Outcomes Framework:

- 7.1. For achieving the objectives of this Sub-Accord and assisting in its implementation, the Parties agree that the Métis Nation Housing Agreements will include the following elements:
 - Planning;
 - Financial reporting;
 - Performance measurement;
 - Outcomes-Based Public reporting;
 - Funding allocations;
 - Evaluation; and,
 - Dispute resolution
- 7.2. The parties agree to the establishment of a joint oversight table, with all Governing Members, to assess progress at the three (3) year mark in the Sub-Accord in order to, among other things, determine future years' allocations based on a co-developed needs assessment.

8. Dispute Resolution

- 8.1. Each Governing Member Housing Agreement between Canada and Governing Members shall include a co-developed dispute resolution mechanism that is efficient, fair and responsive to disputes if and when they arise.

9. General

- 9.1. All commitments of funding provided within the Sub-Accord will be subject to Parliamentary appropriation of such resources.
- 9.2. Nothing in this Sub-Accord affects existing bilateral self-government processes that are in place between Canada and the Métis Nation or on-going work of the parties to address pressing socio-economic issues of the Métis Nation.
- 9.3. Nothing in this Sub-Accord will be construed so as to limit the ability of the Métis Nation and its

Governing Members to enter into supplemental, additional, or other agreements regarding the provision of Indigenous housing programs and/or services of general application with other federal, provincial, or private sector parties.

- 9.4. 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.

- 9.5. The Sub-Accord shall be in effect for 10 years commencing July 19th, 2018.
- 9.6. 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 the Parties.
- 9.7. 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 a personal delivery, by post or by fax addressed to the recipient.

Signed this day of , 2018.

ON BEHALF of the GOVERNMENT OF CANADA:



The Honourable Dr. Carolyn Bennett
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ON BEHALF of the MÉTIS NATION:




Clément Chartier
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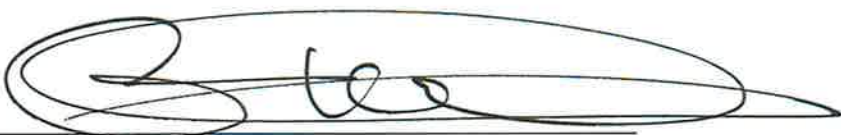
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