



British Columbia Métis Federation

Statement of Cooperation (SOC)

This Statement of Cooperation made as of the Saturday, July 9th, 2011.

Between

The British Columbia Métis Federation

-and-

*North Saanich Michif Society (NSMS)*

The "Parties"

**Whereas**

1. The Métis people are one of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada whose Aboriginal rights are recognized and affirmed by Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.
2. The BCMF is recognized as a representative body for the Métis people living in British Columbia.
3. Except as provided herein, the Parties hereto acknowledge the independence and autonomy of one another.
4. The Parties will in a spirit of mutual respect and co-operation, work together on issues that affect the Métis people of British Columbia.
5. The Parties shall establish and maintain open and respectful communications with one another.
6. The relationship between the Parties shall be based on mutual trust and respect consistent with existing Métis community, business and consultation protocols.

**Now Therefore the Parties Agree**

1. BCMF will support the policy and programming needs of the NSMS;
2. The NSMS will support membership in the BCMF;



3. The BCMF will invite NSMS to all general meetings and ensure communication on a regular basis;
4. The NSMS will invite BCMF to meetings and ensure communications on a regular basis;
5. The NSMS agrees to participate in any BCMF elections and general meeting;

#### **BCMF Accountably**

1. BCMF agrees to hold democratic elections for its directors within two (2) years of its last election; and
2. The BCMF will respect the autonomy of NSMS and will ensure that the needs of the NSMS are considered when making decisions affecting the NSMS.

#### **Term of the SOC**

1. This SOC comes into effect as of the date it is fully executed by both parties, and continues until terminated by either Party or until such other date as the Parties may agree to hereafter in writing.
2. Either Party may elect to terminate this SOC upon the provision of sixty (60) days' advance written notice to the other Party.
3. The provisions of this SOC may only be amended by mutual consent and written agreement by the Parties.

#### **Dispute Resolution**

1. The Parties are committed to resolving any differences or disputes informally that may arise under this SOC in a timely, practical and respectful manner.
2. If differences or disputes under this SOC cannot be resolved within a reasonable period of time, it will be referred to the President of the NSMS and the BCMF President for resolution by them.

#### **General**

1. Any notices or communications required or permitted to be given pursuant to this SOC will be in writing and delivered to, or sent by prepaid courier, confirmed facsimile, or confirmed email, addressed as follows:



(a) in the case of BCMF:

British Columbia Métis Federation

Attention: Keith Henry, President  
13935 113 Avenue  
Surrey, BC V3R 2J6

Telephone: 1-778-388-5013  
Email: keithalfredhenry@gmail.com

(b) in the case of NSMS:

Attention: Richard Lucier-larson  
Address: SUITE 217 - 2433 MALAVIEW AVENUE SIDNEY B.C. V8L 4G4

Telephone: 1-778-426-4117  
Email: abmichif@gmail.com

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the Parties have agreed to this SOC.

Per: **Name of NSMS**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Lucier-larson", written over a horizontal line.

**Richard Lucier-larson, President**

**Date: July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Per: **British Columbia Métis Federation**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Keith Henry", written over a horizontal line.

**Keith Henry, President**

**Date: July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011**