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August 1, 2012

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Dear Keith Henry:

Your letter of July 16, 2012, addressed to the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister, and the Honourable Christy Clark, Premier, regarding Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) election issues, has been forwarded to me for response.

The focus of your letter was a proposal by the MNBC Board of Directors to utilize a mail-in ballot process for the upcoming MNBC elections. I have been informed that the MNBC elections will be held through a polling station process as in previous elections.

Sincerely,

Peter Cunningham  
Assistant Deputy Minister

pc: The Right Honourable Stephen Harper  
Prime Minister

Honourable Christy Clark  
Premier

Honourable Mary Polak  
Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation



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Dear Keith Henry:

Thank you for your email of August 7, 2012, in response to my August 1, 2012, letter to you regarding concerns you have raised about the Métis Nation BC (MNBC) election process.

MNBC is a self-governing entity with internal structures whose role it is to ensure that appropriate practices are conducted. The members of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) have a role in this, and are familiar with the legislation in question. If they feel that MNBC legislation is not being properly adhered to, they should be making that known to the MNBC executive and requesting that the MNBC executive respond to their concerns.

The Province of British Columbia does not have a role in directing or supervising the election processes of MNBC.

Again, thank you for writing.

Yours truly,

Peter Cunningham  
Assistant Deputy Minister