

British Columbia Métis Federation
Statement of Cooperation (SOC)

This Statement of Cooperation made as of the Sunday, September 11th, 2011.

Between

The British Columbia Métis Federation (BCMF)

-and-

The Nova Métis Heritage Association (NOVA)

The "Parties"

Whereas

1. The Métis people are one of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada whose rights are recognized and affirmed in the Canadian Constitution Act, 1982, s. 35.
2. The BC Metis Federation 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 NOVA;
2. NOVA will support membership in the BCMF;

3. The BCMF will invite NOVA to all general meetings and ensure communication on a regular basis;
4. NOVA will invite BCMF to meetings and ensure communications on a regular basis;
5. NOVA 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 NOVA and will ensure that the needs of NOVA members are considered when making decisions affecting them.

Term of the Statement Of Cooperation

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 agreement by 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 NOVA 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 - BC Métis Federation
#300-3665 Kingsway, Vancouver, BC V5R 5W2

Phone: 778-388-5013
Email: k.henry@bcmetis.com


(b) in the case of NOVA:

Attention: Ken Fisher, President
Address: 10586 King George Blvd
Surrey, BC - V3G 2X3

Phone: 604-589-7879
Email: novametis@shaw.ca

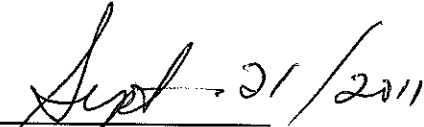
IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties have agreed to this mutual understanding.

Per: **Nova Metis Heritage Association**



Ken Fisher, President

2011



Date: September 21st,

Per: **British Columbia Métis Federation**



Keith Henry, President



Date: September 21st, 2011