



British Columbia Métis Federation

Statement of Cooperation (SOC)

This Statement of Cooperation made as of the Saturday, August 11th, 2012.

Between

The British Columbia Métis Federation

-and-

Dawson Creek Métis Federation (DCMF)

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 DCMF;
2. The DCMF will support membership in the BCMF;



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

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 DCMF 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
300-3665 Kingsway, Vancouver, BC
V5R 5W2
Telephone: 1-778-388-5013
Email: k.henry@bcmetis.com

(b) in the case of DCMF:

Attention: Robert Sloan, President
206-10432 17th Street
Dawson Creek B.C.
V1G 4C2
Phone: 1-250-719-6203
Email: annette.fellers@hotmail.com

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties have agreed to this SOC.

Per: **Name of DCMF**



Robert Sloan, President

Date: August 11th, 2012

Per: **British Columbia Métis Federation**



Keith Henry, President

Date: August 11th, 2012