

BC Métis Federation Welcomes Central Okanagan Metis Community

Statement of Cooperation signed between BCMF and Metis Association of Central Okanagan ("MACO")

August 18, 2021, (X̣ẉṃə̣θ̣ḳẉə̣ỵəm (Musqueam), Ṣḳẉx̣ẉụ́7̣mesh (Squamish) and ṣə̣ḷiḷẉə̣ṭə̣ł (Tsleil-Waututh)/ Vancouver, B.C.) - The BC Métis Federation has signed a new Statement of Cooperation (SoC) with the Metis Association of Central Okanagan ("MACO").

BCMF President Keith Henry stated, "Creating the concept of Partnership Communities is at the core of everything we do at the Federation. I am very honoured to announce the formal signing of this Statement of Cooperation. MACO joins our Partner Communities today and we are very much looking forward to a long and productive relationship."

MACO President Greg Mazur stated, "Today is an excellent day for our community and we are thrilled to be officially signing a Statement of Cooperation with the BC Metis Federation. Being able to sign this new agreement during the 10 year anniversary event in Kelowna made this so special for our board and local Metis members in attendance."

The Statement of Cooperation forms a relationship of mutual recognition and commitment to work together to support effective Metis governance and address the needs of our Metis members locally in Kelowna such as culture, health, employment, education, etc. The relationship recognizes the importance of communication, transparency, and policy support based on trust and respect.

The BC Métis Federation will continue to sign Statement of Cooperation agreements as an important first step to building accountable and transparent Métis governance in BC. Eight other Partner Communities are currently working alongside BCMF and are listed on BC Metis Federation's website [here](#).

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