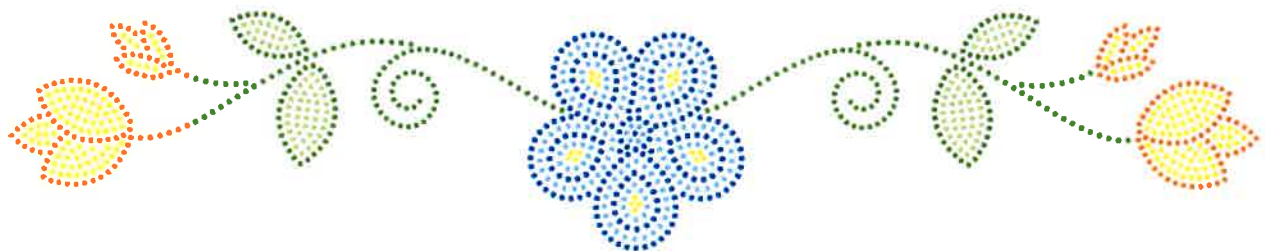
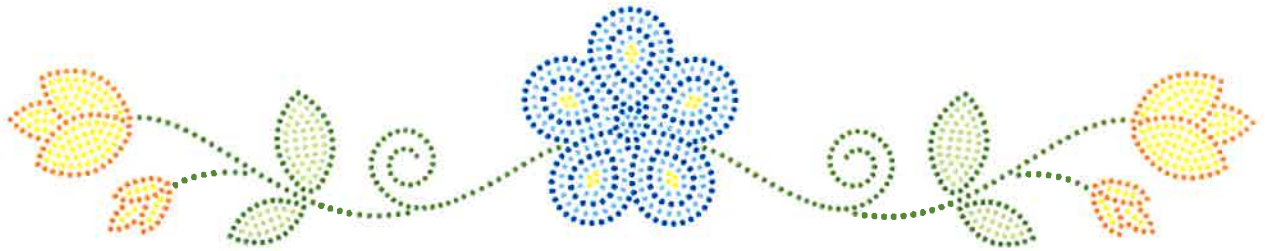




**EASTERN REGION III**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**PACKAGE**  
**July 9th, 2023**

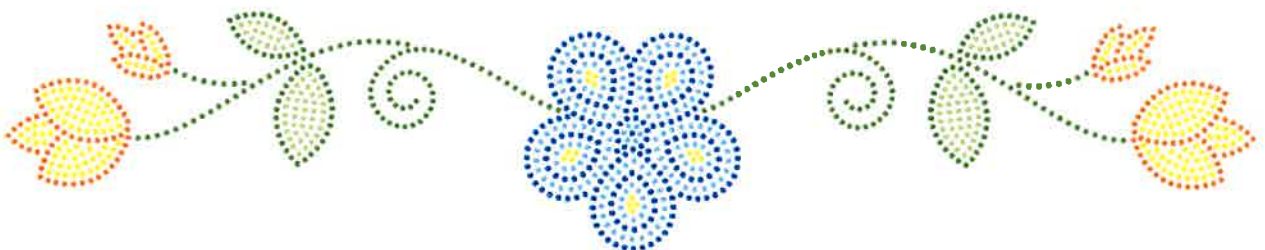




# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**MINUTES**



**Eastern Region III – Annual General Assembly  
July 9, 2022  
Indian Head Memorial Hall  
11:00 am**

**MINUTES**

<b>AGENDA</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>IMPLEMENTATION</b>
<b>Welcome/Call to Order Quorum</b>  <b>Introduction of Guests</b>  <b>Opening Prayer</b>	Meeting called to order at 11:03 am.  Marg introduced MN-S President Glen McCallum and First Lady Verna McCallum	Regional Rep   Ralph Blondeau
<b>Opening remarks – MNS President’s message</b>	President Glen spoke to the state of the nation and how far MN-S has come, the importance of the registry and the importance of being involved.	President Glen McCallum
<b>Approval of a recording secretary</b>		Motion to approve Virginia LaCroix as recording secretary. Moved by Gale Badley/ seconded by Shelly Kappell Carried
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Item added to agenda: Youth representative for ER III election.	Motion to approve agenda as amended: Moved by Sheila Pelletier/ Seconded by Linda Sopp Carried
<b>Approval of Minutes of Last AGA – Oct 24, 2021</b>	Marg read minutes of last AGA of Oct 24, 2021  No business arising.	Motion to approve the minutes from the Oct 24, 2021, AGA Moved by Tracey Rogers/ Seconded by Dixie Metz Carried.
<b>Regional Representative Report</b>	Marg acknowledged the local presidents present. Spoke about: - the impacts of covid and the MN-S response - the medical transportation program	<b>Motion to accept Regional Representative’s report as written and presented:</b>

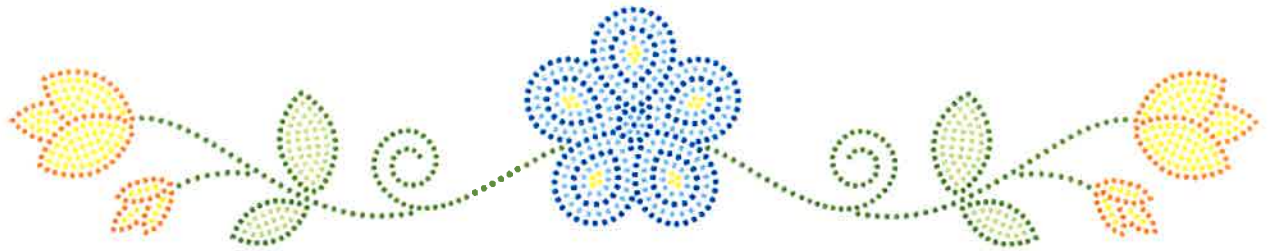
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MN-S working towards uninsured health benefits</li> <li>- Traditional Land Use Study</li> <li>- Update on UPIP and Bison Harvest Camp</li> <li>- Winter Fest</li> <li>- Batoche</li> </ul>	<b>Moved by Grace Racette/ Seconded by Trish Nykiforuk- Racette Carried</b>
<b>Break for Lunch</b>	12:00 pm to 1:00 pm – meeting resumed at 1:05 pm	
<b>Financial Report</b>	Marg presented the financial documents with highlights on the Income and a review of expenses.	Motion to accept the financial report included in AGA package and as presented to the AGA: Moved by Dixie Metz/ Seconded by Gale Badley Carried
<b>Youth election</b>	Two youths put their names forward for election Charlie Mondor and Raina LaCroix. Candidates introduced themselves and spoke a little about their background. Vote results were 14 -13 in favour of Charlie Mondor. AGA decided to have two representatives for ERIII and both were acclaimed to represent on the regional council.	
<b>Traditional Land Use Presentation</b>	Dexter Mondor presented the TLU story Map to AGA and gave brief overview of the project.	
<b>Motion to adjourn</b>		Motion to adjourn. Justin Amyotte

In Attendance:

Gale Badley  
Grace Racette  
Shelly Kapell  
Karey Kapell  
Marie Bunz  
Al Blondeau  
Ralph Blondeau  
Allan Brehaut  
J. Amyotte  
Tracy Rogers  
Leebert Poitras  
John Kuffner  
Tracy Bourassa  
Irene Doetzel  
Melvin Desjarlais  
Sheila Pelletier  
Jenna Pelletier  
Joe Pelletier  
Linda Sopp  
Dixie Metz  
Elizabeth Racette  
Dwayne Racette  
Linda Legace  
Kris Raab  
Ed Blondeau  
Tania Nault Gates  
Trisha N. Racette  
Virginia LaCroix  
Raina LaCroix  
Marg Friesen  
Garrick Schmidt – by phone  
Dextor Mondor  
Charlie Mondor (by phone for youth election)  
John Fayant  
Norin (sp?) (illegible)

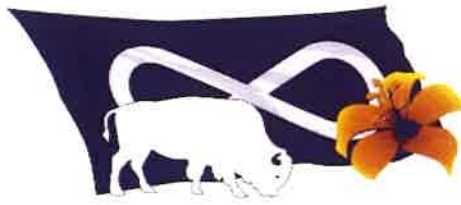
Guests:

Glen and Verna McCallum  
Sandy Friesen



**MN-S EASTERN REGION III  
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**





# Metis Nation Saskatchewan

## EASTERN REGION III REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

### **GOVERNANCE**

ERIII had seven regular council meetings in 2022-2023:

April 24, May 29, June 12, September 11, Oct 30, January 29, March 12

#### **Special Meetings**

Local Commission meeting December 11 2022

Metis Rights Conference May 6 & 7 2023

#### **Committee Meetings**

WinterFest planning meetings with committee January, February March

Bison Demo Camp meetings for Batoche with committee, April May June, July

Annual Bison Camp meetings with committee in April, May, June, July

#### **Regular Meetings in 2022:**

April 24, May 29, June 12, September 11, Oct 30

#### **AGM**

July 9 2022

ERIII Regional Council attended MNLA in November 2021 and June 2022

ERIII updated governing members on activities, events, and information with regards to local governance and governing activities of MN-S. All minutes are available to the membership upon request.

All locals in ERIII who are required to have an AGM, has successfully reelected or newly elected executives and I am looking forward to working together. Congratulations to all elected executives.

### **OPERATIONS**

Courtney is the office administrator and assists with multiple administrative functions and she also helps to coordinate all events, programs, and activities of the region. The Regional office hours are 9 to 5 mon-fri and closed weekends and holidays.

ERIII has two subleases for the office space to Saskatchewan Voice of People with Disabilities and MN-S Citizenship Registry.

The regional office has Metis merchandise for sale all year round. From hats to sashes, pins, books and more!

ERIII has purchased a handi-van to provide medical transportation services within the region. The program will be launched in September of 2023. The van will primarily used for medical travel, however from time to time may be used for social outings for seniors/elders. The information for the bus schedule will be posted, so watch for the updates. For further information, contact the regional office.

### **MN-S PROGRAMS**

#### **Medical Travel Assistance Program**

For many Métis citizens living in rural, remote, and urban areas, accessing necessary medical care can be challenging. The MN-S Medical Travel Assistance Program helps registered Métis citizens and their immediate family members requiring medical, cancer or dialysis appointments outside their home communities. The program offers support such as reimbursement of fuel costs, accommodation support and a healthy food allowance.

Program operating hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM.

**For more information, contact the MN-S Health Department at (306) 292-7480 or email [healthprograms@mns.work](mailto:healthprograms@mns.work)**

### **MN-S System Support Program**

The systems support program seeks to assist vulnerable citizens in obtaining and maintaining safe and adequate housing. As such the systems support program provides funding directly to housing, service, or goods providers to support citizens in accessing and maintaining housing.

ERIII has an in-house Systems Support Navigator, **Michelle Gendron, please contact Michelle if in need of such supports. Tel: 1-306-281-2570**

### **Community Enhancement Grant Program**

ERIII collaborated with 6 locals in the region to offer cultural program for early learners and families with the financial support from MN-S Ministry of Early Learning and Childcare (ELCC). The funding was \$50000 per local and 8 locals accessed the funds. Below is a list of the activities and events provided throughout the region:

Locals 103, 48 and 6

- planned WinterFest 2023, over 200 citizens attended. Included were dogsled relay races, voyager games, childrens winter activities, entertainment, elder's bingo and hotdog roast, chili and Bannock.
- hosted 2 Family Language Retreats included a Michif language resource kit for families.
- 2 Healing Through Humor workshops were postponed due to weather and will be rescheduled for the fall of 2023
- Purchased supplies and equipment for sewing workshops to make children's ribbon skirts and shirts, family oriented workshops are planned for the fall of 2023
- Traditional demo camp days with schools in the region. Demonstrations include hide tanning, dogsledding, oral teachings, Michif language resources and land based teachings

Local 87, 182 and 25

- Indigenous Day celebration in Estevan with red river cart installation at Estevan museum
- Traditional demo camp days with 6 schools in the southern part of the ERIII. Demonstrations include hide tanning, dogsledding, oral teachings, Michif language resources and land based teachings
- Jigging workshop for children

### **TRADITIONAL LAND USE STUDY**

The Traditional Land Use Study focuses on the preservation of memories about our Métis culture, tradition, way of life, oral history & storytelling. Because our area is so rich with Métis history, Parks Canada- Motherwell Homestead has collaborated with ERIII to include Métis culture at their historic site. To complete Phase 1 of the study, ERIII hosted an Elder's Gathering to honour 12

Elder participants and to launch the website of the online story mapping at the historic Motherwell Homestead in Dec of 2021. The story map can be found here: [www.metisnationsk.com/ER3map](http://www.metisnationsk.com/ER3map)



The project is now in phase 2 and continues to build on the interviews and content for the website. We hired Virginia LaCroix to coordinate the project activities and start on Phase 2 objectives. We also engaged Xterra, environmental consulting company.

ERIII owns the data collected with this project and will be shared based on mutually agreed arrangements. The mapping can and will be used for educational and industry purposes.

A newsletter and Facebook page has been developed which highlights the progression of the study. You can access the newsletter on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/preservemetishistory>

Please sign up for the newsletter and receive a copy in your inbox at:

<https://mnseasternregion3.com/eriii-tlu-study>

**OR** contact TLU coordinator to have a copy of the newsletter mailed out to you: **Virginia @ 306-311-8199**

### **LEBRET FARMLAND FOUNDATION**

The LFLF board have plans to work with SMEDCO to develop a business plan and feasibility study for revenue opportunities for the farm. The hall will be undergoing major repairs and renovations. The renovations hope to be completed by the spring of 2024. The renovations include new accessible washrooms and entrances, and a new kitchen. The roof has been replaced and the interior will be upgraded and refreshed. The water supply and septic tanks are also in the planning stages. The farmyard will get a facelift along with some new infrastructure. The accessibility upgrades are made possible by a federal grant.

There currently is 1 tenant who rents pastureland and the revenue covers the taxes and insurance.

There will be no occupancy or rentals for the remainder of the year. Cleanup continues this summer, some of the dilapidated buildings are planned for controlled burns this coming winter to prepare for the exploration study and demolition and cleanup.

LFLF will keep you posted on future developments.

### **URBAN PLANNING FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (UPIP)**

ERIII hosted a very successful WinterFest at the Lebret Farm and it was very well attended. Activities included Elder's merchandise bingo, entertainment and raffle draws, Voyageur games with prizes and Dogsled relays with cash prizes and medals, plenty of food with hotdog roast, snacks, Bannock, chili meal and children's outdoor activities.

ERIII hosted dogsled tours, land based camps, Traditional Buffalo camp in August 2022 and 1 winter camp in Jan 2022.

The camps were attended by youth and adults, elders. The buffalo camp was very successful, and it has gained a lot of interest. ERIII is planning to have this buffalo camp as an annual event. Traditional Bison Camp dates are August 11-13, 2023. Watch for registration and camp details or contact Courtney at regional office: 306-695-3425.

The remainder of the funds to bring Elders to Back to Batoche Festival in July 2023.

As a result of our success with this program and ERIII activities, we have been invited back to host a southern cultural camp at the Batoche Festival this year. ERIII will host a demonstration on Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup>. ERIII will be hosting 3 Elder dinners, Wild Boar dinner Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup>, pit roast Elk dinner Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> and a pit roast bison dinner on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **DUTY TO CONSULT**

ERIII has secured funding for over 2 years with Enbridge Pipelines. Total of \$12000. We will attend 4 consultation meetings per year to fulfill our obligation with Enbridge.

ERIII has been engaged by Sask Power. There will be a process for engagement in the fall of 2023, specifically for our region. Please watch for details.

We continue to respond to all DTC requests as we receive them or refer to DTC unit to respond on ERIII behalf.

### **CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM**

ERIII participated in constitutional reform discussion on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. It was well attended, and citizens participated in dialogue to potential changes to MN-S constitution which are the governing laws of our government. The consensus that the constitution and other legislative acts need to change to evolve with the changes of MN-S from a nonprofit structure to a government structure. Discussions included suggestions for changes to the Boundaries Act, Elections Act, Metis Act like the changes made to the Citizenship Act. We will hear the results of the reform process when it is completed.

Constitutional reform discussions continue and ERIII will be participating in a regional engagement August 26<sup>th</sup> 2023.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

ERIII Regional Council recently participated in a strategic planning session to prepare for economic opportunities in the region in April of 2023. We have appointed a board of directors and passed the articles of incorporation at the meeting held June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. ERIII must consider what opportunities are viable for economic growth for Metis Nation, which could potentially include job creation and economic sustainability for ERIII. The corporation is named Eastern Region III Infinity Developments Inc. Board appointments were considered and introductions to the Board of Directors will be made at a later date.

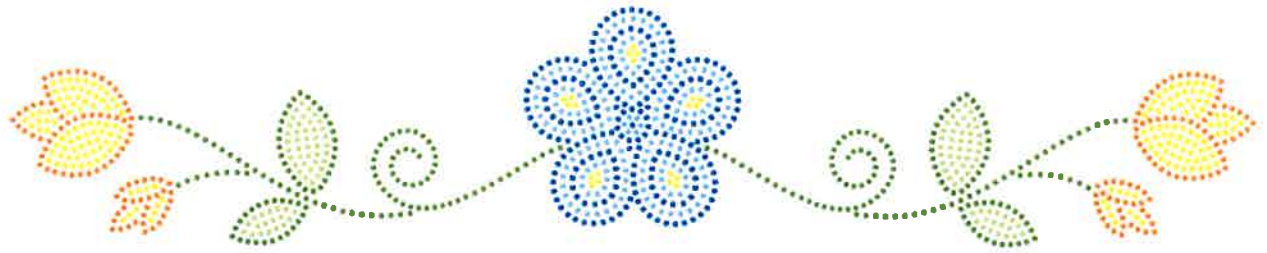
### **RELECTIONS**

I am extremely proud of the work ERIII Regional Council has accomplished in the past year and we continue to represent our communities with focused vision and participate fully in the growth of Metis Nation Saskatchewan. We advocate for the preservation of language, culture and identity by delivering culturally appropriate programs for all ages and providing opportunities to participate and gather. We are open to working with other stakeholders and will always do what is best for the citizens.  
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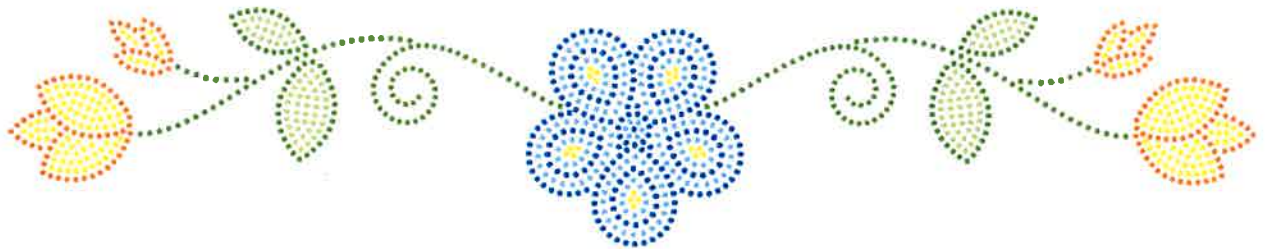
Respectfully submitted,



Marg Friesen  
ERIII  
Regional Representative



## **FINANCIAL REPORT**



**MNS Eastern Region III**  
**Annual Income Statement**  
**April 2022 through March 2023**

	Apr '22 - Mar 23
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
CEP North ticket sales	1,200.00
Community Enhancement Grant N	100,000.00
Community Enhancement Grant S	150,000.00
Enbridge	
Life Cycle Agreement	14,000.00
Enbridge - Other	-2,000.00
<b>Total Enbridge</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>
ERIII Metis Store	31.00
ERIII Store	1,796.50
GDI Student subsidy	2,524.18
General	1,690.85
Gov't of SK	5,336.86
MNS Regional Capacity	155,103.60
Parks Canada	
Motherwell Project	6,600.00
Parks Canada - Other	6,000.00
<b>Total Parks Canada</b>	<b>12,600.00</b>
Sask Culture Grant	10,000.00
Sublease Revenue	24,662.05
UPIP	
UPIP 2022-2023	-3,202.84
<b>Total UPIP</b>	<b>-3,202.84</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>473,742.20</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>473,742.20</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Advertising/Promotional	1,490.85
BTB Demo Camp	
Advertising/Promo	160.00
Facilitator Fee	2,000.00
Food/Beverages	2,557.36
Fuel	1,953.33
Honourarium	13,160.00
Rentals	4,596.01
Supplies/Materials	3,585.63
Travel	
Mileage	1,918.11
Per Diem	1,150.00
Travel - Other	12.36
<b>Total Travel</b>	<b>3,080.47</b>
BTB Demo Camp - Other	3,477.39
<b>Total BTB Demo Camp</b>	<b>34,570.19</b>
<b>CEG NORTH (6, 48, 103)</b>	
CEP North Entertainment	845.00
CEP North Food	848.27
CEP North Honourariums	750.00
CEP North refunds CK	1,000.00
CEP North Rentals	4,902.19
CEP North supplies	5,030.04
CEP North Travel/ accomodations	914.51
<b>Total CEG NORTH (6, 48, 103)</b>	<b>14,290.01</b>

**MNS Eastern Region III**  
**Annual Income Statement**  
**April 2022 through March 2023**

	<u>Apr '22 - Mar 23</u>
<b>CEG SOUTH ( 25, 182, 87)</b>	
CEP South - Travel expenses	1,922.75
CEP SOUTH Advertising/promo	306.50
CEP South Facilitators	21,405.00
CEP South Facility rentals	890.00
CEP South Food/ Catering	3,118.70
CEP South Honourariums	500.00
Contract services	250.00
<b>Total CEG SOUTH ( 25, 182, 87)</b>	<u>28,392.95</u>
<b>Contract Services</b>	
Consultant Services	800.00
<b>Total Contract Services</b>	<u>800.00</u>
<b>COVID 19 Relief Fund Expenses</b>	
Delivery	8,209.75
Delivery fuel	3,500.00
Eldercare	3,250.00
Equipment/Supplies	4,054.26
Food	25,649.17
Household Support	3,525.90
Rent/Mortgage Support	864.02
Technology	
Maintenance/Repairs	70.99
<b>Total Technology</b>	<u>70.99</u>
<b>Total COVID 19 Relief Fund Expenses</b>	<u>49,124.09</u>
<b>Enbridge Expenses</b>	
Honourarium	1,000.00
<b>Total Enbridge Expenses</b>	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>GOS Expenses</b>	
Food/Catering	349.80
Honourarium	5,000.00
<b>Total GOS Expenses</b>	<u>5,349.80</u>
<b>Lestock Farm Project</b>	
Contractor	10,000.00
Lestock Farm Project - Other	3,450.00
<b>Total Lestock Farm Project</b>	<u>13,450.00</u>
<b>New Office Project</b>	
Building structure	4,317.00
<b>Total New Office Project</b>	<u>4,317.00</u>
<b>Operations</b>	
Accounting/Bookeeping	6,908.51
Administrative Support	1,889.29
Advertising/Promo	7,076.75
Bank Service Charges/Fees	742.80
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	7,037.74
Copier Lease	2,063.76
Copier Usage	554.52
Document Purchase	30.00
Donation	100.00
Elder Honouraria	500.00
Equipment	11,149.93
Food/Caterer	602.30
Inventory (store)	219.64
Local Capacity	3,000.00
Maintenance/Repairs	18,846.21
Meetings	-1,142.12
Postage, Mailing Service	2,398.24
Rent/Lease	30,500.03
Student Bursary	400.00

**MNS Eastern Region III**  
**Annual Income Statement**  
 April 2022 through March 2023

	Apr '22 - Mar 23
Supplies	3,659.51
Telephone	427.23
Telephone, Telecommunications	
Fax, wifi	1,100.59
IBC	5,914.41
Telephone, Telecommunications - Other	271.02
Total Telephone, Telecommunications	7,286.02
Utilities	
Carbon Tax	37.60
Energy Delivery Charge	284.06
Utilities - Other	3,832.48
Total Utilities	4,154.14
Website	251.87
Operations - Other	1,813.70
Total Operations	110,470.07
Payroll Expenses	48,918.29
Program Expenses	
Workshop/Training Fees	1,000.00
Total Program Expenses	1,000.00
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00
Regional Council Expenses	
AGA	1,589.52
Catering/Food	1,074.01
Honourarium	6,300.00
Local Meetings	
Advertising	395.28
Facility Rental	75.00
Food	355.47
Travel/Mileage	3,312.67
Local Meetings - Other	122.61
Total Local Meetings	4,261.03
Travel/Mileage	3,409.16
Regional Council Expenses - Other	236.64
Total Regional Council Expenses	16,870.36
TLU PROJECT	
Coordinator	29,742.29
Elder Gathering	1,399.00
Elder Honourarium	1,750.00
Facilitator Fees	600.00
Motherwell Project	
Workshop/Presentation Honourari	5,600.00
Total Motherwell Project	5,600.00
Participant Honourarium	1,074.20
Professional Fees/Consultants	12,315.14
Supplies	420.51
Total TLU PROJECT	52,901.14

**MNS Eastern Region III**  
**Annual Income Statement**  
**April 2022 through March 2023**

	<u>Apr '22 - Mar 23</u>
<b>UPIP 2021-2022</b>	
Accommodations	3,360.50
Advertising/Promo	5,906.67
Event Pass/tickets	480.00
Facilitator/Educator Fees	16,500.00
Food/Caterer	2,296.73
Honouraria	250.00
Labour	1,060.00
Rentals	7,642.54
Supplies	9,062.22
Travel/Mileage	15,971.18
<b>Total UPIP 2021-2022</b>	<u>62,529.84</u>
<b>UPIP 2022/2023</b>	
Accommodations	3,190.09
Food Catering	1,669.94
Rentals	6,260.99
Supplies	5.07
<b>Total UPIP 2022/2023</b>	<u>11,126.09</u>
<b>UPIP Project</b>	
Equipment	3,495.28
Facilitator	2,000.00
Honourarium	500.00
Rental	400.00
Supplies/Materials	123.49
<b>Total UPIP Project</b>	<u>6,518.77</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>463,119.45</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>10,622.75</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>10,622.75</u></u>



Derek Pelletier

**MNS Eastern Region III**  
**Summary Balance Sheet**  
As of March 31, 2023

	<u>Mar 31, 23</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	298,440.06
Accounts Receivable	2,556.05
Other Current Assets	3,307.59
Total Current Assets	<u>304,303.70</u>
Fixed Assets	17,514.41
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>321,818.11</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	961.37
Other Current Liabilities	-19,845.85
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-18,884.48</u>
Total Liabilities	-18,884.48
Equity	<u>340,702.59</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>321,818.11</u></b>

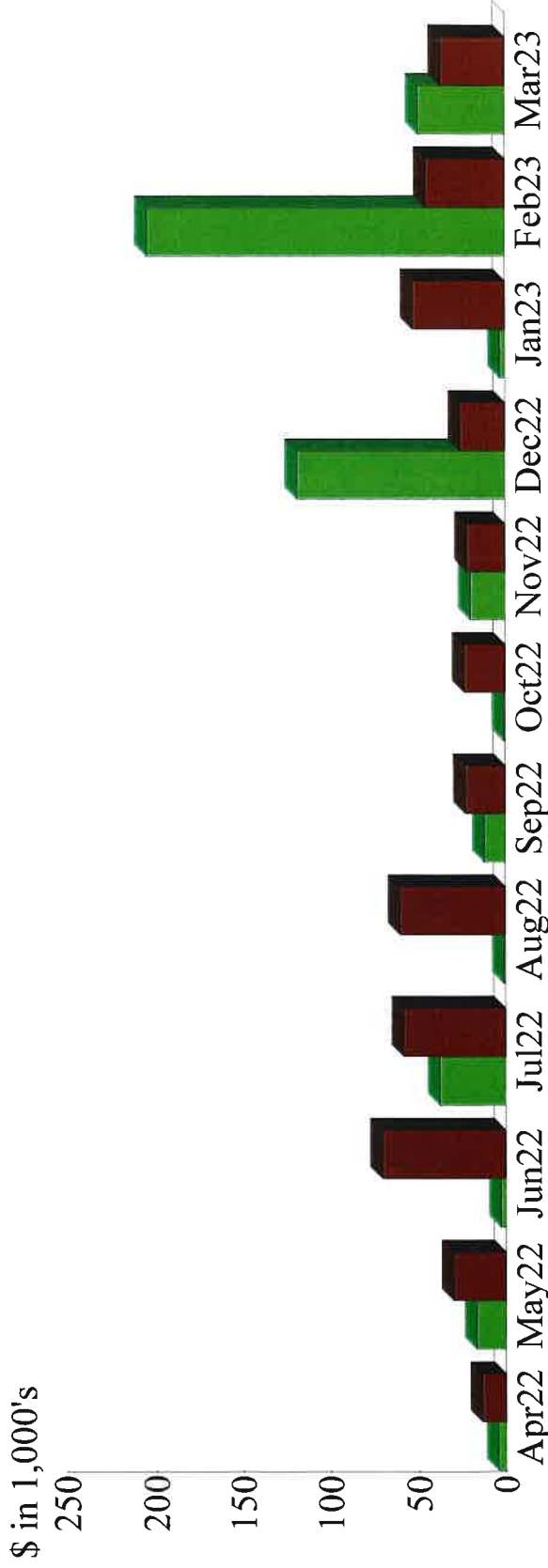


**MNS Eastern Region III**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
April 2022 through March 2023

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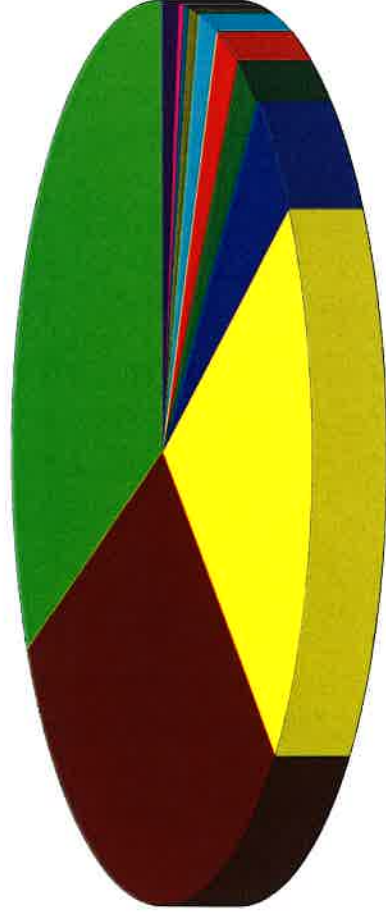
	<u>Apr '22 - Mar 23</u>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Net Income	10,622.75
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to net cash provided by operations:	
Prepaid Expenses	-2,500.00
GST/HST Payable	-3,796.66
Payroll Liabilities	270.47
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	<u>4,596.56</u>
Net cash increase for period	4,596.56
Cash at beginning of period	<u>293,843.50</u>
Cash at end of period	<u><u>298,440.06</u></u>

### Income and Expense by Month April 2022 through March 2023



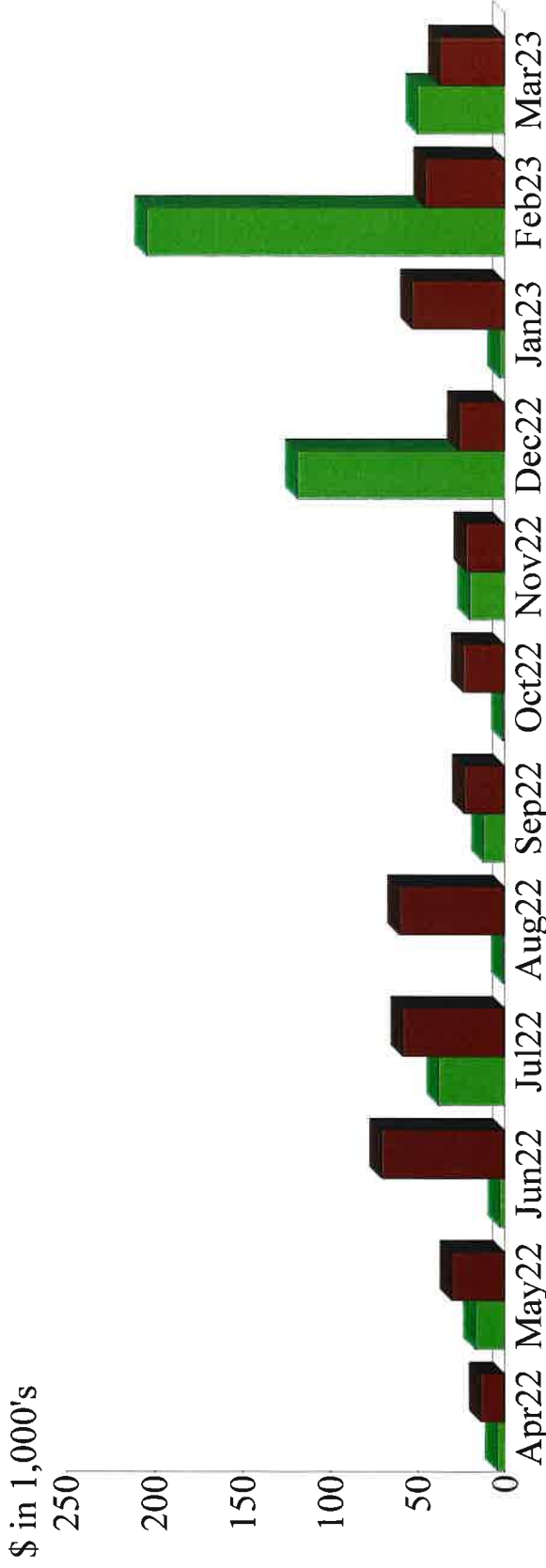
### Income Summary April 2022 through March 2023

MNS Regional Capacity	32.52%
Community Enhancement Grant S	31.45
Community Enhancement Grant N	20.97
Sublease Revenue	5.17
Parks Canada	2.64
Enbridge	2.52
Sask Culture Grant	2.10
Gov't of SK	1.12
UPIP	<b>\$-3,202.84</b>
GDI Student subsidy	0.53
Other	0.99
Sub-Total	\$473,742.20

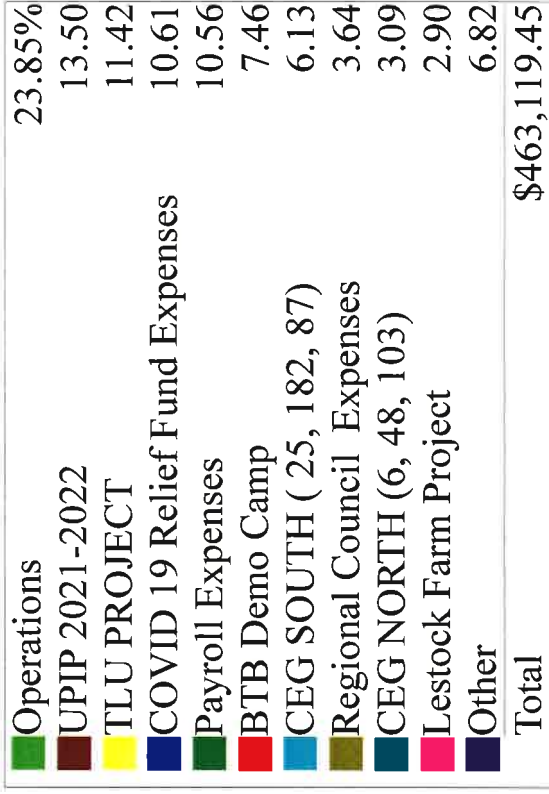


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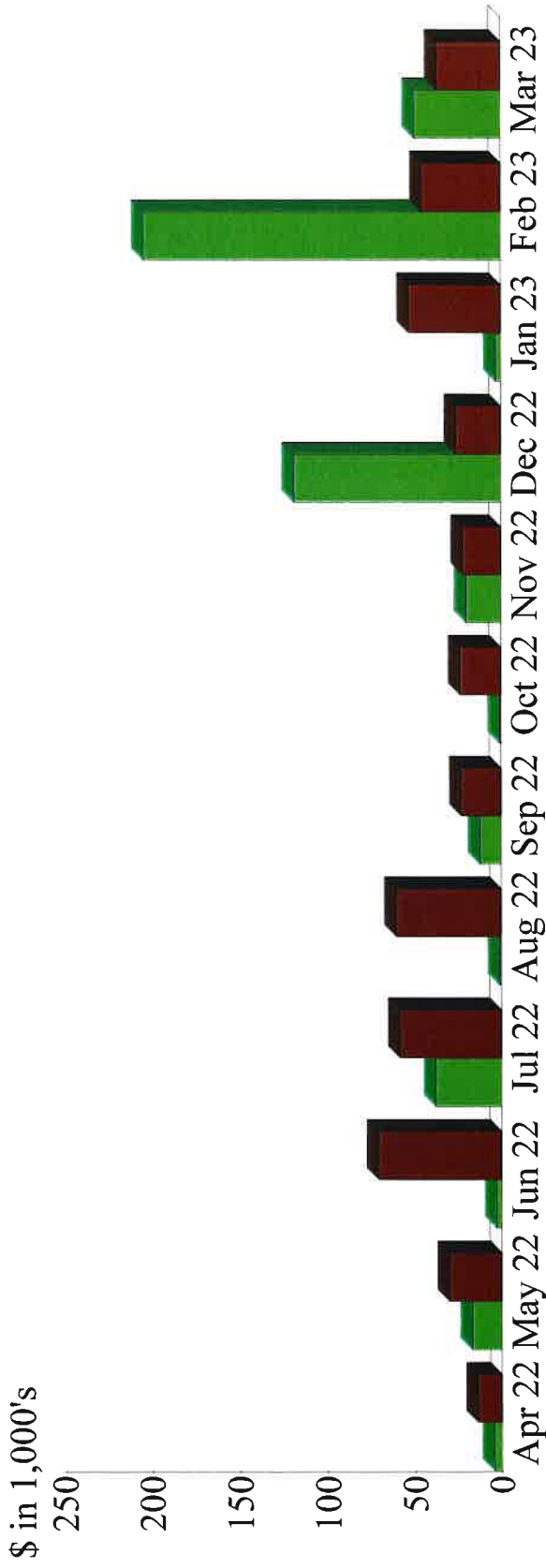


### Expense Summary April 2022 through March 2023



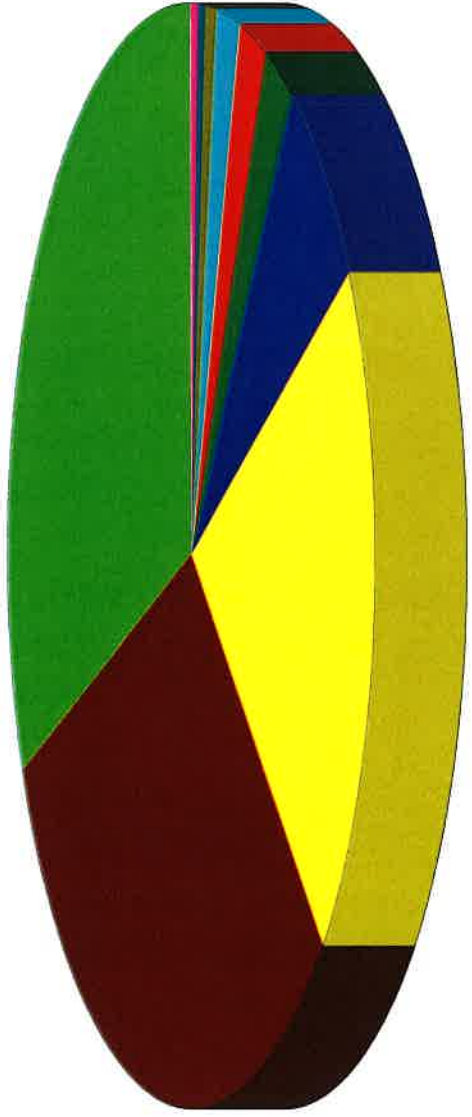
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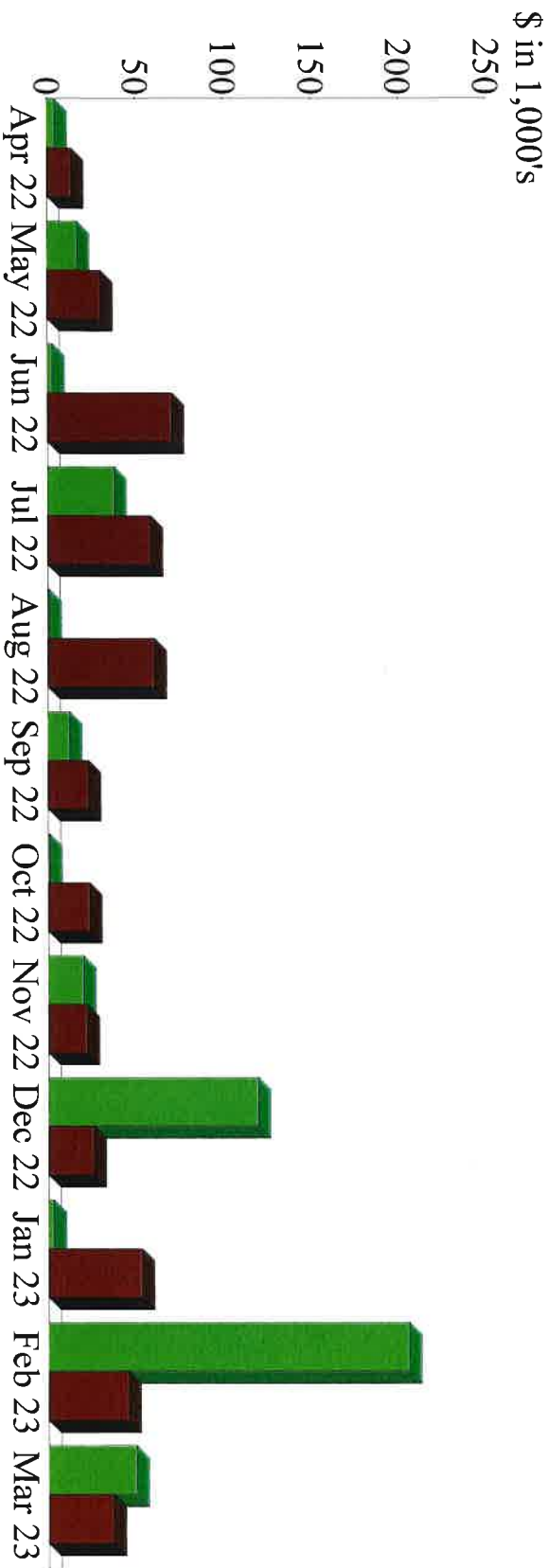
MNS Capacity	31.57%
CEP SOUTH	31.45
CEP North	21.22
BTB 2022	7.36
Motherwell Project	2.64
Enbridge	2.52
Sask Culture	2.10
GOSC	1.12
UIPIP 2022-2023	<b>\$-3,202.84</b>
ERIII Operations	0.03
Sub-Total	\$473,742.20

Income Summary  
April 2022 through March 2023



By Class

### Income and Expense by Month April 2022 through March 2023

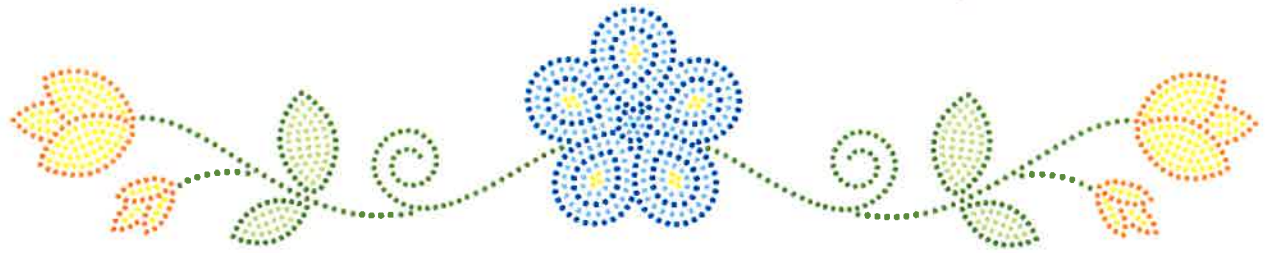


### Expense Summary April 2022 through March 2023



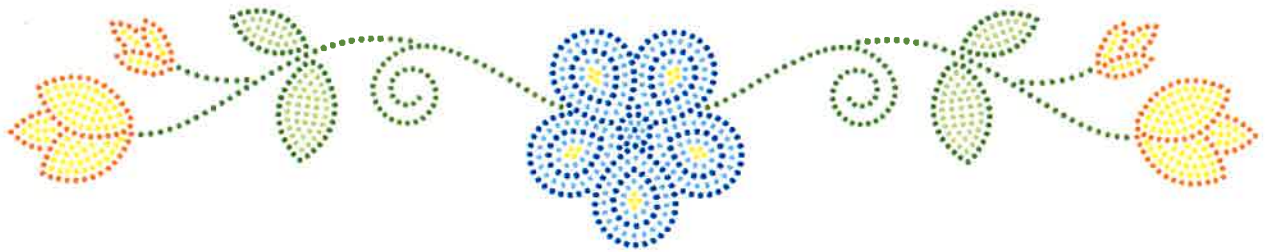
MNS Capacity	37.58%
UPIP	14.37
CVD 19	11.70
TLU PROJECT	9.79
BTB 2022	7.56
CEP SOUTH	6.13
Lestock Farm Project	3.02
CEP North	2.89
UPIP 2022-2023	2.40
Motherwell Project	1.34
Other	3.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$463,119.45</b>

By Class



## INFORMATION

## ITEMS



# Articles of Incorporation

## **Preamble**

Metis Nation – Saskatchewan Eastern Region III (MN-S ERIII) including the Lebret Farmland Foundation (LFLF) having intent to pursue economic development for the Metis citizens of MN-ERII, commenced a process to form and operate an economic development corporation. This entity will be operated entirely on business principles, is free from non-business influences and is for the benefit of the Metis citizens residing in MN-S ERIII.

## **ARTICLE 1: Name**

The name of the Economic Development Corporation will be ERIII Infinity Developments Inc.

## **ARTICLE 2: Shareholders**

Metis Nation – Saskatchewan Eastern Region III will be the sole shareholder of ERIII Infinity Developments Inc. MNS-ERIII will be comprised of the interests of the Locals of MN-S ERIII and the LFLF.

## **ARTICLE 3: Incorporation**

ERIII Infinity Developments Inc. shall be a registered entity with Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan and will comply with all requirements of registration.

## **ARTICLE 4: The business of the Corporation**

ERIII Infinity Developments Inc. will focus investment and business development on opportunities that support the communities of MN-S Eastern Region III. Additionally, there will be focus on industry and resource sectors development opportunities that will be considered. A Code of Ethics will be developed to determine what business activities ERIII Infinity Developments Inc. will not engage in.

#### **ARTICLE 5: Strategic management model**

ERIII Infinity Developments Inc. Board of Directors will develop a strategic plan to be approved by MN-S ERIII by motion at regional council. The strategic plan will set the direction for the corporation and will allow for the hiring of a CEO as soon as plausible. The strategic plan will incorporate a budget for the immediate and medium-term future. The Board of Directors will report regularly on progress to the shareholders and present a report for the annual meeting.

#### **ARTICLE 6: Tactical Management Model**

The corporation will be managed corporately, with the management preparing an annual business plan with accompanying budget, for approval by the Board of Directors. Detailed tasks will be outline and linked to the strategic plan. Performance of management will be measured by progress of the business plan.

#### **ARTICLE 7: Scope of business**

ERIII Infinity Developments Inc. shall be responsible to create new business activity through startups or investments in existing businesses, or both; to acquire existing businesses at an opportune time; and to grow existing businesses through organic growth or accretive acquisitions.

ERIII Infinity Developments Inc. may enter beneficial strategic partnerships with any other business, or person or association at any time.

Decisions to exit any business arrangement may be made by the Board of Directors, unless the exit would result in the loss of control of ERIII Infinity Developments Inc., upon which a decision will be made by the shareholder.

#### **ARTICLE 8: Financial Management**

Under the supervision of the Board of Directors, and with the participation of the Board of directors and the Shareholder, management will prepare the Business Plan, the operating budget, and the capital budget of the corporation. The Vision and Objectives of ERIII Infinity Developments Inc., as determined by the Board of Directors and the shareholders will guide the operational planning process.

Management will be responsible for keeping accurate financial records, report regularly to the Board on the financial condition of the Corporation, ensure that external reviews are completed, and all compliance issues are observed.



Management has the authority to manage cash not required for ongoing investment or operating activities in a prudent manner. The Board shall supervise the CEO and staff in this function, with cash management policies and procedures.

Distribution of surpluses shall be managed by the board, subject to the guidelines of the strategic plan.

#### **ARTICLE 9: The Board of Directors**

The Board shall consist of 5-7 members, who shall be recruited by the MN-S ER III economic development working group and appointed to represent the group. Prospective board members shall have business skills and experience, or business education or both or have knowledge of industry; be generally available and enthusiastic for the duties; and have a clean background check.

Chair of the Board will be the Regional Representative of Metis Nation – Saskatchewan Eastern Region III.

The board shall meet quarterly, and quorum is to be set at 50% plus one member.

Failure by a Board of Director to attend two consecutive meetings shall result in dismissal from the Board. Conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction for any criminal matter shall result in dismissal from the Board. Individuals who are bankrupt or in bankruptcy proceedings shall not sit on the Board.

No alternate Directors are to be allowed.

Following appointment of the Founding Board, members shall determine board terms varying from 2 or 3 year terms.

At subsequent Annual General Meetings, only those positions left vacant, either at the end of term or by resignation, shall stand for election.

Nominations shall come from the Nominating Committee of the Board, which shall consist of the chairperson and two other members of the board. Board nominations will also be vetted through MN-S ER III before proceeding.

The board executive shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary with alternating terms of 2 years or 3 years to be determined by the inaugural board of directors.

No person shall be both a Director and an employee of MN-S ER III or the LFLF.

The Board shall develop and adopt a code of conduct for Board members and staff.

During the first year the Board shall refine the process for elections for subsequent years.

The Board shall be compensated for reasonable expenses.

#### **ARTICLE 10: Committees.**

The Board of Directors shall perform as the Committee of the Whole on most issues, with the exceptions of:

The Audit Committee

Nominating Committee

The Audit Committee, a standing committee appointed by the board, shall review financial statements prior to quarterly and annual meetings and recommend their approval to the Board. The Audit Committee shall also meet with the external assurance providers to commission the review. The external assurance providers are appointed by the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting.

#### **ARTICLE 11: Reporting**

The Board is responsible for reports to be submitted to the shareholders regularly and in a timely fashion.

The CEO and staff of the corporation report to the Board.

The Board may elect to transmit such reporting to the Shareholders at the AGM, or it may elect to summarize the information to be supplied to the Shareholders. In either case, the information reported to accurately portray the financial condition of ERIII Infinity Developments Inc., the risks and opportunities encountered by ERIII Infinity Developments Inc. and verify the corporation is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations affecting business.

The Board shall report to the shareholders within 6 months of the end of the fiscal year, both by Shareholders report and at an Annual General Meeting.

#### **ARTICLE 12: Disputes**

Political disputes need to be resolved by the democratic process. If the Shareholders interests and the Board interests are out of alignment, they shall be resolved by the elections process at the Annual General Meeting.

Commercial disputes should be resolved by negotiation. Failure to resolve by negotiation shall result in arbitration, with an arbitration process to be defined by the Board in its initial year and incorporated in bylaws.

Conflicts of interest are best addressed by the Code of Ethics. The founding Board, working with the CEO, shall research and develop a Code of Ethics to be adopted by the Board, and presented to the Shareholders for adoption and discussion.

### **ARTICLE 13: Articles of Incorporation approval**

These Articles of Incorporation shall be adopted by the Regional Council of ERIII, made up of the Presidents of the locals, with a simple majority prevailing, at a duly constituted meeting.

Changes to the Articles of Incorporation may only be made at the corporation's Annual General Meeting, with sufficient notice period for consideration by the shareholders and must have two-thirds approval.

A symbolic version of the Articles of Incorporation shall be displayed at the Regional Level.

## **OVERVIEW: PROPOSED MÉTIS SELF-GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION AND IMPLEMENTATION BILL**

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### **Background**

The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO), Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) and Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) entered into Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreements (MGRSGAs) with Canada on June 27, 2019. These Agreements set out a number of core-governance jurisdictions (e.g. elections, citizenship, internal operations, financial management, accountability) and were to provide recognition that these entities represent members of rights-bearing Métis communities that have a Section 35 right of self-government inclusive of those jurisdictions. Pursuant to these Agreements, recognition as Indigenous governments would occur under federal legislation on a future effective date. Although it was Canada's intention to introduce federal recognition legislation immediately following the signing of the MGRSGAs, the COVID-19 pandemic and other external factors delayed the introduction of legislation in Parliament.

On July 6, 2021, Canada signed a Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Agreement (SGRIA) with the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF). Rather than conferring recognition on a future effective date, Canada provided upfront recognition of MMF as an Indigenous government with core-governance jurisdictions, binding between the parties upon signing.

The use of upfront recognition for the MMF was followed by requests from MNO, MN-S and MNA to have their governments similarly recognized immediately as Indigenous governments. In November 2021, Canada re-engaged with MNO, MN-S and MNA to update their MGRSGAs to incorporate the elements and techniques utilized in the MMF SGRIA, and align all four Métis governance agreements by offering similar recognition to all four Métis governments.

The updated Agreements, which recognize the MNO, MN-S, and MNA as Indigenous governments upon signature, and which include a commitment to negotiate replacement core-governance Treaties, were signed on February 23, 2023 with the MNO and on February 24 with the MN-S and MNA.

The legislation, if passed by Parliament, would ultimately give force and effect to future core governance Treaties once they have been negotiated, ratified and signed; a constitution established; core laws passed; a tax treatment agreement completed; a Fiscal Financing Agreement in place; a Treaty Implementation Date mutually agreed-upon; and, an Order in Council issued to bring the Treaties into force.

## **Engagement Process**

The proposed legislation has been co-developed with input from the implicated Métis Governments. The implicated Métis Governments have indicated their support.

## **Provincial Interests**

The provincial governments of Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta are aware of the updated Agreements and Canada's commitment to introduce proposed legislation. As MNO, MN-S and MNA begin their transition into governments in Canadian law, their engagement with the provinces will likely increase, for example, as and when the parties negotiate agreements in other areas of jurisdiction beyond core-governance that fall under provincial jurisdiction, such as education and health.

## **Next Steps**

If the proposed legislation is adopted, Canada will negotiate core-governance Treaties with MNO, MN-S and MNA.

As a part of those negotiations, Canada will ensure the duty to consult, and where appropriate, accommodate, any Indigenous groups that may potentially be adversely impacted is discharged.

## **KEY ELEMENTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

### *Purpose and Objectives*

- The proposed legislation would have the following purpose and objectives:
  - To advance the government-to-government relationship with certain Métis Governments;
  - To advance the recognition of the right to self-determination, including the inherent right to self-government as recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, of certain named Métis collectivities;
  - To provide the legislative framework to give legal force and effect to future core-governance Treaties entered into by certain Métis Governments and Canada; and,
  - To contribute to the Government of Canada's commitment to implementation of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

### *Provisions relating to recognition*

- The proposed legislation would provide for recognition of the Métis Governments, or more specifically: recognition that each Métis Government is authorized to act on behalf of respective Métis collectivities that hold rights recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

### *Provisions on Treaty implementation*

- The proposed legislation would provide that:
  - The future Treaties will be approved, given effect, declared valid, and have the force of law.
  - They will be Treaties within the meaning of sections 25 and 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.
  - Each Métis Government that has entered into a Treaty with Canada has the jurisdiction set out in the Treaty, including the authority to make laws in relation to those matters.

### *Other*

- The proposed legislation would also include provision for:
  - Any supplementary self-government agreements as having the force of law upon issuance of an Order in Council;
  - Tax treatment agreements as having the force of law for the period they are in force.

### ***General and Consequential Amendments as follows:***

- **Judicial notice of Treaties:** Judicial notice would be taken of each Treaty, supplementary self-government agreement and tax treatment agreement, and publication by the King's Printer is evidence of the Treaty, supplementary self-government agreement and tax treatment agreement.
- **Judicial notice of Métis Government laws:** The proposed legislation would provide for judicial notice of a Métis Government law that is included in the public register of laws maintained by a Métis Government, in accordance with the applicable Treaty. Such a Métis Government law is evidence of that law.
- **Statutory Instruments Act:** The *Statutory Instruments Act* would not apply to a Métis Government law.
- **Orders and Regulations:** The proposed legislation would give the Governor in Council the authority to make regulations or orders it considers necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act, a Treaty, a supplementary self-government agreement, a tax treatment agreement or other agreements related to the implementation of a Treaty. It would also provide that the Governor in Council ensure that the applicable Métis Government has a meaningful opportunity to collaborate in the policy development leading to the making of such regulations.
- **Amendments:** The proposed legislation would give the Governor in Council the authority, by order, on the recommendation of the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, to add, amend or remove information from the schedule, such as the name of a Métis Government or collectivity.

- Actions and decisions deemed valid: The proposed legislation would provide that any action taken or decision made by a Métis Government before the effective date of the Treaty to which it is a party is deemed to have been taken validly or made to the extent that the action taken would have been valid under the Treaty.
- Access to Information Act and Privacy Act: The proposed legislation would provide for consequential amendments to the *Access to Information Act* and the *Privacy Act* by listing Métis Governments as Aboriginal governments for the purposes of those acts.

## **Annex – Citizenship**

The proposed legislation would recognize that each Métis Government is authorized to act on behalf of its respective Metis collectivity.

While there is no provision that explicitly references citizenship in the proposed Bill, jurisdiction over citizenship will be included in future core-governance Treaties.

The Métis Governments define their collectivities in part by registering citizens according to the guidelines established in *R. v. Powley* (2003). The *Powley* guidelines include the following criteria: self-identification as Métis, distinctiveness from other Indigenous Peoples, ancestral connection to the Historic Métis Nation, and acceptance by the Métis Nation as represented by the individual Métis Governments.

Citizens of the MNO, MN-S and MNA mandate their respective Métis Government to exclusively exercise, advance, and address Métis rights, interests, and historic grievances, and to make decisions according to its own laws, policies, customs, and traditions as a democratic representative body that provides responsible and accountable self-government.

## Key Messaging – Legislation – June 19<sup>th</sup>

**Overall message:** This legislation shows that Canada recognizes jurisdiction of our own affairs as we continue to develop our own self-government processes. This includes work already underway like our constitutional reform process.

1. Métis in Saskatchewan have been fighting for their rights 1885.
2. If passed, the legislation affirms the Government of Canada, regardless of which party(ies) form government, must negotiate a treaty with the Métis in Saskatchewan.
3. It supports the self-government work already that has been underway for many years already – work by the Executive, the PMC, and Locals.
4. The legislation will give Métis people a path to true self-determination.

### **BASIC QUESTIONS & TALKING POINTS:**

1. What is the legislation?
  - This legislation recognizes the MN-S Self-Government Recognition and Recognition Implementation Agreement with Canada.
  - If passed by the Federal Government and implemented in to law, it secures our right and Canada's responsibility to negotiate a treaty with the Métis in Saskatchewan.
  - It also affirms jurisdiction over our core governance.
  - Protects our identity, language and culture, and governance space.
2. How will things change if it becomes Canadian law?
  - Initially, nothing will change.
  - It will be a law that the federal government must negotiate with the MN-S the space for our MN-S leadership to continue the self-government work that's been underway for years.
  - It affirms the MN-S, under the direction of our citizens, jurisdiction under Canadian law to represent our citizens.
3. This is how we realize the dream our ancestors had for us and our future generations.
  - This is what we've been fighting for in Saskatchewan – since 1885.
  - This is the work that's been happening since the first locals began forming in the early to mid-1900s.
  - This is the political recognition we fought for in the 1970s/80s when Canada was repatriating its constitution.
  - More recently, this is the work we've all embarked on through constitutional reform, the PMC, and all our locals.
4. Next steps
  - Next, we will begin negotiations to complete a treaty.



We will work to create the government our citizens direct us to create, now that we have the space we need to finish this work.

**Re: Issues in Ontario:**

- For generations, Métis and First Nations communities have lived in harmony together, side-by-side, in Northern Saskatchewan.
- We have worked collaboratively to maintain these relationships and have ensured that throughout our self-government process MN-S leadership has engaged with surrounding First Nations communities, Tribal Councils, and the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations.
- We are committed to continuing this dialogue and maintaining a positive and strong relationships with First Nations and with FSIN as our negotiations for self-government progress with the federal government.
- Any questions concerning the relationship between Ontario First Nations and the Métis Nation should be directed to the Métis Nation of Ontario.
- Any questions about Ontario First Nations' position with respect to our legislation should be directed to Minister Miller or the Métis Nation of Ontario.