



MÉTIS LEARNERS PROTOCOL



We the undersigned acknowledge the importance of post-secondary education and training for Métis peoples, their families, and communities and the need for improved levels of participation and success for Métis learners in post-secondary education and training in British Columbia and beyond.

Whereas the unique history and culture of the Métis peoples of the West Kootenay and Boundary regions must be respected, honoured, and celebrated; and

Whereas Selkirk College respectfully and solemnly acknowledges the autonomy of the Métis peoples to exercise their respective title, rights, and jurisdictions, and to independently represent their interests and aspirations; and

Whereas the Métis peoples have a history of respecting and recognizing each other's interests, as well as working in partnership and cooperation, as neighbours and relations, in support of each other's interests and aspirations; and

Whereas the undersigned wish to foster a long term, respectful relationship which recognizes the history, culture, values, traditions, education and learning needs of Métis peoples; and

Whereas the parties firmly believe that improved, formal dialogue and partnerships are fundamental to:

- Defining the needs of Métis learners;
- Improving access to and coordination of learning opportunities and services to Métis learners;
- Improving quality of learning experiences and services; and
- Addressing the gaps in capacity to deliver those learning experiences and services.

So therefore the undersigned understand and agree to work collectively, and in the spirit of mutual respect, trust, and mutual benefit, to increase engagement with, access to, and participation of Métis learners of the West Kootenay and Boundary regions in post –secondary education through:

- Improved response to and inclusion of indigenous ways of knowing, and the interests and needs of Métis learners and their communities in the development and delivery of programs and services,
- Meaningful consultation and collaboration with Métis learners and communities in developing programs and services with a view to improving access and success,
- Commitment to develop a process for defining the parameters for use of traditional and cultural knowledge when same is included in Selkirk College activities,
- Collaboration on joint funding and project proposals that may enhance program and service delivery and the,
- Commitment to develop a process to evaluate the effectiveness of this MOU and to act upon recommendations put forward by that evaluation.

Dated this: 6th day of June, 2014

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