

Organization's Name	Métis National Council (MNC)
Vision	N/A
Mission	Overall, the MNC's central goal is to secure a healthy space for the Métis Nation's on-going existence within the Canadian federation.
Mandate	Since 1983, the MNC has represented the Métis Nation nationally and internationally. It receives its mandate and direction from the democratically elected leadership of the Métis Nation's governments from Ontario westward. Specifically, the MNC reflects and moves forward on the desires and aspirations of these Métis governments at a national and international level.
Key Activities/ Current Projects	<p>Since 1983, the Metis National Council has represented the historic Metis Nation in Canada at the national and international level. Over these past two decades, we have continued to push forward on and make important strides in our overall self-government agenda.</p> <p>Over the past year, we have made some very important gains in our agenda and keeping all Metis citizens aware of developments is a priority.</p> <p>For example, we now have a national definition of Metis for citizenship within the Metis Nation that has been adopted by all Metis governments from Ontario westward. Based on this definition, we continue to push forward on the establishment of a Metis Nation Registry. For more information, visit the Metis Nation Governance section of</p>

this website.

As well, on September 19, 2003, the Supreme Court of Canada delivered its landmark decision in *R. v. Powley* which recognized and affirmed the existence of Métis, as a distinct Aboriginal people, with existing rights protected by s. 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982. . This landmark case, as well as, other on-going Metis rights litigation is central to the Metis National Council's agenda. For more information, visit our [Powley case](#) and [Metis Rights](#) pages.

The Metis Nation has also recently engaged a new multilateral process with Canada and the provinces from Ontario westward in order to begin addressing rights-based issues and other priorities for the Metis people. The [Metis Nation Multilateral Process](#) site is just a click away.

And finally, the historic reference of Metis people in the federal government's Speech from the Throne hopefully signals that the longstanding Metis exclusion from Canada's agenda is beginning to change. For full coverage on this Metis inclusion and related documents, [click here](#).

These are just some of the exciting developments that are on-going in the Metis Nation. This is truly a very exciting time in our history. Please check this site regularly to stay informed. With www.metisnation.ca, we want to ensure that all citizens of the Métis Nation, as well as, those interested in learning more about the Métis Nation have access to useful, important and relevant information on the internet.

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