

Before:

Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal
Land Panel

Between:

Lawrence (Lorne) Ladouceur

Appellant

-and-

Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement

Respondent

-and-

Metis Settlements General Council

Respondent

-and-

Metis Settlements Land Registry

Respondent

Concerning:

Land dispute

Hearing Date:

September 7, 2017

Decision Date:

October 27, 2017

DECISION

The Hearing – parties, place and date

MSAT Panel members:

Lorne Dustow, Chair
Phyllis Collins, Panel Member
Ross Daniels, Panel Member

MSAT Staff:

Harold Robinson, Tribunal Secretary
Amanda Wyatt, Dispute Resolution Officer

Participants:

Lorne Ladouceur, Appellant
Bruce Barry, Lorne Ladouceur's Agent/Representative
Horace Patenaude, Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement Council Chairman, Respondent
Archie Handel, Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement Council member, Respondent
Harold Blyan, Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement Council member, Respondent
Jack Boucher, Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement Council member, Respondent

Shelley Durocher, Observer
Jenelle Durocher, Observer

Hearing:

Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 9:00 AM
Canalta Hotel, Lac La Biche, Alberta

1.0 Context

[1] On March 3, 2017, Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement posted a Notice of Available Land indicating that the Provisional Metis Title (PMT) interest in the SE-21-063-16-4 (the land) was available. Eligible applicants had until March 17, 2017 to apply for the PMT interest in the land.¹

[2] The Appellant, Lawrence (Lorne) Ladouceur, did not apply for the posted PMT interest before the March 17, 2017 application deadline. On April 4, 2017, BLMS Council awarded the PMT interest in the land to another settlement member, who had applied for it.²

[3] On April 5, 2017, Lorne, through his agent, Bruce Barry (Bruce), filed an appeal in writing with the Appeal Tribunal. He asked the Appeal Tribunal to issue an order:

- of prohibition freeing any actions concerning the land until the appeal is heard;
- directing BLMS to transfer the Metis title interest to Lorne;
- of mandamus directing the BLMS to hold a member workshop within one month of the Appeal Tribunal's order about the *Metis Settlements General Council (MSGC) Land Policy*;
- of mandamus directing the Registrar of the Metis Settlements Land Registry (MSLR) to reinstate the practice of sending notification letters to those holding PMT interest prior to the expiry of the PMT interest; and
- for costs, based on the malice that the majority quorum of BLMS Council has shown Lorne.

[4] We have considered Lorne's arguments and dismissed his appeal. Lorne's matter is dismissed for the simple reason that PMT interests come first and foremost with responsibilities to improve the land within the timelines permitted by the MSGC Land Policy and to then apply to convert the PMT interest to full Metis title within the permitted time frame and Lorne did not meet these responsibilities. Furthermore, once a PMT expires, the *MSGC Land Policy* permits settlement councils to post and award PMT or other types of interests at its discretion.

¹ See Notice of Available Land in the final hearing package, Tab 17

² See BLMS Council Motion, #113/04/17 in the final hearing package, Tab 13

1.1 Evidence before the Panel

[5] A draft hearing package was distributed to the parties on July 31, 2017. Additional documents were received and the final hearing package was distributed to the parties on August 23, 2017. The following evidence is relevant:

- i. The PMT interest in the land was initially held by Settlement member, Valarie Larocque. She first acquired the PMT interest in the land in 1994, which she subsequently renewed for a second five year term, effective November 2, 1999 to October 31, 2004.³
- ii. Valerie Larocque transferred her renewed PMT interest in the land to Lorne Ladouceur on April 14, 2003.⁴ As set out in the Notice of the Registration of an Interest from the MSLR dated June 5, 2003, the PMT interest was registered to Lorne with the expiry date being October 31, 2004.⁵
- iii. The MSLR sent Lorne a notice on July 23, 2004 advising him that the PMT interest will expire on October 31, 2004 and further advising him that PMT interests can only be renewed for a single five year period. Meaning that members can only hold a PMT interest for a maximum of 10 years (including the renewal period).⁶ The MSLR then suggests that Lorne approach the settlement office to determine whether he has made sufficient improvements to qualify for Metis Title.
- iv. Lorne and BLMS representatives signed a **Memorandum of PMT** on September 7, 2004 and the Memorandum of PMT was sent to the MSLR.⁷ The Memorandum of PMT includes a number of conditions, including the following:

1(1) You have the exclusive right to use and occupy the land for 5 years, starting November 1, 2004 and ending October 31, 2009 as long as you are making improvements needed to get Metis title and using the land for the purpose of farming.

³ See Amendment to a Memorandum of PMT dated June 6, 2000 at Tab 37 of the final hearing package and Notice of a the Registration of an Interest at Tab 36.

⁴ See Land Interest Transfer Form dated April 14, 2003 in final hearing package at Tab 35.

⁵ See Notice of Registration of a Transfer from the MSLR dated June 5, 2003 in the final hearing package at Tab 32.

⁶ See MSLR letter dated July 23, 2004, Tab 31.

⁷ See Memorandum of PMT dated Sept 7, 2004, Tab 30.

1(2) If you have not received Metis title to the land at the end of the first 5 year term, but in the settlement's opinion you are productively using the land and have made satisfactory progress on improvements, you can renew this grant for one more 5 year term.

3(3) Your provisional Metis title ends on the date specified in the notice unless before then you file a Notice of Appeal with the Appeal Tribunal

5(3) It is completely up to the settlement council to decide whether you should receive compensation for the improvements you leave, and if it decides you should receive compensation it will decide how much by taking into account how much you paid for the improvements and how much you owe the settlement (including cleanup costs if there are any).

- v. The MSLR wrote to the BLMS Land Clerk on October 14, 2004 indicating that additional documents were required to complete the transfer of a new PMT interest to Lorne, including a "Request to Cancel the Registration or Recording of an Interest" Form (MSLR07) and a "Request to Record or Register an Interest" Form (MSLR01).⁸
- vi. On September 15, 2005, the MSLR wrote directly to Lorne that the PMT interest expired on October 31, 2004 and that it is the Registrar's duty under section 30(1)(b) of the MSLR Regulations⁹ to revise the Registry to show that the PMT interest has been cancelled.
- vii. Lorne and the BLMS Land Clerk filled in the forms on September 22, 2005, including the Request to Cancel the Registration or Recording of an Interest and Request to Record or Register an Interest.¹⁰ Lorne received a letter from the MSLR on October 11, 2005 indicating that the PMT interest in the land was registered in Lorne's name, and would expire on October 31, 2009.¹¹
- viii. On September 30, 2009, the MSLR wrote to Lorne advising him that his registered PMT interest in the land expires on October 31, 2009. The MSLR also advises Lorne that if he has met the conditions in the Memorandum of PMT, he

⁸ See MSLR letter, dated Oct 14, 2004, Tab 29.

⁹ Section 30(1)(b) of the MSLR Regulations reads that "Subject to section 29 and subsection (2), a registration must be revised (b) if the registered interest is created for a specified period and the period has passed. See Tab 41 of the hearing package.

¹⁰ See Tabs 26 and 27 of the hearing package.

¹¹ See MSLR letter dated October 11, 2005, Tab 25.

can apply to settlement council for the full Metis title interest in the land, or apply for a renewal of the PMT before it expires.¹²

- ix. Lorne submitted MSLR05 form to the MSLR to renew the PMT interest. The form was signed by the Settlement Administrator and the MSLR confirmed in writing on October 23, 2009 that Lorne's PMT interest in the SE-21-063-16-4 was renewed, with a new expiry date of September 2, 2014.¹³
- x. The MSLR Land Search Report for the SE-21-063-16-4 from April 6, 2017 shows that BLMS holds the Metis title interest in the land. It also shows that Lorne has a registered PMT interest in the land, with a recording date of October 11, 2005. The Land Search Report does not show that Lorne's PMT interest was renewed on September 1, 2009, with a new expiry date of September 2, 2014. A special search of the MSLR's "Interest Registers" is required to find this latter information.¹⁴
- xi. At some point before or after the PMT interest expired, Lorne applied to renew the PMT interest, but according to the MSLR land submission report dated February 26, 2016, it was rejected because "this PMT has had a renewal already." The note suggests that Lorne explore whether the PMT interest could be cancelled using MSLR form *MSLR07*, and whether he might be given a new PMT interest.¹⁵
- xii. A series of council minutes provide additional context. These include minutes from:
 - a. October 14, 2014¹⁶: Mr. [Lorne] Ladouceur [who was not yet elected to BLMS Council] had concern for the expired PMT at SE-21-063-16-4. His PMT expired September 2014. He advised Council that he wants to preserve the PMT for traditional land use as this interest is not feasible for farm land as it has too much rock. Council advised Mr. Ladouceur of the requirement to get a Metis title... Mr. Ladouceur advised Council ... that MSLR does not send out [expiry] notices anymore.... Vice Chairman Mr. Blyan entertained a motion to accept the application where it [the PMT interest in the land] will not be posted as available land. [Noting that] the Land Use Bylaw must be reviewed

¹² See MSLR letter dated Sept 30, 2009, Tab 24.

¹³ See Tabs 21-23.

¹⁴ See Tab 10 and Tab 22 of the hearing package.

¹⁵ See readout of online submission that renewal "rejected." Tab 20.

¹⁶ Note: these minutes from October 14, 2014 were tendered on the morning of the hearing on September 7, 2017. They were accepted into the hearing record as EXHIBIT 1 by the Panel because they are relevant and should have been included when the Appeal Tribunal initially requested all relevant Council minutes for the hearing package.

and amended first. **Motion#305/10/14**: Harold Blyan made a motion to receive the application for the Renewal of PMT for Lawrence Ladouceur at SE-21-063-16-4 and whereas no decision will be made at this time. Seconded by Elmer Ghostkeeper, all in Favour, Carried. (Application to be kept on file for future review as per MSGC Land Policy and BLMS Land Management Bylaw.)

- b. February 21, 2017: **Motion #50/02/17** [Lorne Ladouceur now on Council] Cyril Boucher moves to post available land as a new PMT on SE-21-063-16-4, seconded by Harold Blyan. 4 in favour, 1 abstained, carried.¹⁷
- c. March 7, 2017: **Motion #058/03/17** Archie Handel moves to accept the February 21, 2017 Council minutes, seconded by Cyril Boucher. 4 in favour, [Chairman, Horace Pateneau was absent], carried.¹⁸
- d. March 21, 2017: **Lorne's PMT Concerns** Land was posted and [Lorne] didn't know he had to put in an application, wanting to know what can be done to get his land.
- e. April 4, 2017: **Motion #113/04/17** Harold Blyan moves to grant Mathew Pateneau a PMT on SE-21-063-16-4, seconded by Archie Handel. 3 in favour, 1 opposed and 1 abstained, carried. Lorne returned at 2 pm.

xiii. The Notice of Available Land was posted on the public bulletin board on March 3, 2017. It reads that the PMT interest in the SE-21-063-16-4 is available to build a house or operate a farm, ranch or an approved business. It reads that eligible applicants must be

- A member;
- Must be up to date on outstanding land levies...
- Must not exceed land holding limits;
- Satisfy any other application requirements established by settlement bylaw; and that
- Applications must be submitted by Friday, March 17, 2017 Administrative Office 3:00 PM (DEADLINE).

xiv. After the posted deadline for applications lapsed, Lorne submitted an application to the BLMS administration for the posted PMT interest in the land. His application was marked "received" by BLMS on March 22, 2017.¹⁹

¹⁷ At Tab 18 of the hearing package. Note: minutes do not indicate who abstained.

¹⁸ See Tab 16.

¹⁹ See Tab 14 of the hearing kit.

1.2 Submissions by the parties

[6] Lorne's agent, Bruce Barry, recognizes that PMT interests are time limited. He recognized that the PMT interest purchased by Lorne from Valarie only had a "few months before it expired." Bruce said, that "When you buy a title, you buy what comes with it, along with its responsibilities."

[7] Although Lorne would have appreciated a courtesy letter from the Registrar concerning the September 2, 2014 expiration, Lorne is not arguing that his PMT interest ought not to have expired. Lorne's argument is that when he met with BLMS Council on October 14, 2014, he understood the outcome of the meeting to be that BLMS Council would not post his land, or that they would renew his PMT interest in the land. According to Lorne, BLMS Council later "mishandled" his matter when it posted the land as available without any restrictions, and the posting and awarding of the PMT interest in the SE-21-063-16-4 to another member ought to be set aside.

[8] Lorne said that he was aware of the March 3, 2017 posting for PMT interest in the SE-21-063-16-4, but that he did not apply before the application deadline because he didn't think he had to. Lorne argued that he thought BLMS had promised to return the interest in the land to him, in some form or another, back in October 2014 and that when BLMS Council had made similar promises to other settlement members—such as its [alleged] promise to another member, Glen Auger, to return Glen's expired interest back to him—BLMS Council kept its promise.

[9] BLMS Council member, Jack Boucher, said that Lorne made improvements to the land, including fencing, but that BLMS does not have a policy or specific mechanism to verify improvements to land.

[10] Jack Boucher added that members rely on notice letters from the Metis Settlements Registrar to take action and that the Registrar's decision not to send out courtesy reminders of coming expirations leads to difficulties later on. Jack also said that BLMS Council can put conditions on posting, limiting who can apply for a posted interest. Jack did not say why no limits were put on the March 3, 2017 posting of the PMT interest for the SE-21-063-16-4.

[11] BLMS Council Vice-Chair, Harold Blyan said that Jack does not speak for Council.

[12] Harold said the BLMS Council did not agree at any time to freeze the posting of any PMT interests. He said that BLMS Council continues to post PMT interests.

[13] Harold said the rules for posting, holding and converting PMT interests are in the MSGC Land Policy. Harold said the rules give PMT interest holders up to 10 years (with one renewal worked in) to make sufficient improvements, which can then be converted to full Metis Title upon application to settlement council. Harold said that once the 10 years are up, there is no further right of renewal, and that the PMT interest must be posted.

[14] Harold said that two members applied before the March 17, 2017 deadline for the PMT interest in the SE-21-063-16-4 that was posted on March 3, 2017 and that Lorne was not one of them. Harold said that Lorne applied after the deadline and that it wouldn't be fair to those who applied on time to accept Lorne's application after the deadline.

[15] Harold added that Glen Auger was given a new PMT interest in his particular matter, because, unlike Lorne, Glen applied for the posted interest.

[16] BLMS Council member, Horace Patenaude, added that it is every members' responsibility to know when their PMT interest expires and that there is no place in the rules that allow renewal after 10 years or that guarantee a special posting after the 10 years is up.

1.3. Findings of Fact

[17] In the Panel's view, the evidence contained in the hearing package, and which was summarized by this Panel at the hearing on September 7, 2017 and set out above in paragraph [5], (sub-paragraphs i-xiv), is relevant and true. As required, pertinent facts will be spotlighted in the section that follows.

1.4 How the law applies to this matter

[18] The Metis Settlements General Council Land Policy (Policy GC-P9201)²⁰ sets out the types of interests that can be held in settlement lands, the purpose of each interest, the length of time each interest can be held for (including renewal periods), and the powers of settlement councils and members to grant, transfer and terminate interests in land.

[19] Settlement councils' power to grant PMT interests are set out in section 2.5 of the Land Policy. The relevant parts read as follows:

²⁰ At Tab 40 of the hearing kit.

2.5(1) The settlement council can grant a settlement member provisional Metis title in settlement held land to enable the member to use the land and make improvements to the extent needed to obtain Metis title.

(2) A provisional Metis title can only be granted in land for which the settlement holds the Metis title.

(3) The provisional Metis title in a parcel in a settlement area can only be held by the settlement, or someone who is a member of the settlement and has signed a Memorandum of Provisional Metis Title for the parcel.

[20] Section 2.5(1) tells us that settlement councils must firstly consider the purpose for granting a PMT interest. Namely, PMT interests can only be granted for the purpose of enabling members to make improvements needed to obtain Metis title. Accordingly, when Lorne requested on October 14, 2014 that Council preserve his PMT interest in the SE-21-063-16-4 for the purpose of “traditional land use,” (which implies that no further improvements be made to the land to preserve it for hunting, fishing or trapping purposes), he was asking for something that Council did not have the authority to grant because the purpose he wanted it for goes against the purpose for which PMT interests are granted: namely to facilitate improvements to land.

[21] Settlement councils must also be alive to other conditions when granting PMT interests. This includes section 2.5(2) of the Land Policy, requiring that BLMS be the holder of the Metis title interest in the SE-21-063-16-4 when it was posted on March 3, 2017. In this regard, the MSLR reports show us that BLMS held the Metis Title when it was posted on March 3, 2017 and the reports also show us that Lorne’s PMT interest had expired years before on September 2, 2014.

[22] Section 2.5(3) of the Land Policy also requires that PMT interest be held by the settlement, or a member of the settlement who has signed a *Memorandum of PMT* for the parcel. A model Memorandum of PMT was developed and included in Land Policy and Lorne and BLMS Council signed the model Memorandum of PMT on September 7, 2004. Accordingly, it contains the same basic conditions of all model Memorandums of PMT, including the five year limitation to improve the land—subject to one five year renewal if required and approved by Council. It also reads that it is for the settlement council to determine whether sufficient improvements have been made to secure the Metis title interest, and that it is “completely up to settlement council to decide whether [the PMT interest holder] should be paid compensation for the improvements”... left behind.

[23] The benefits of the Memorandum of PMT are twofold. Firstly, the Memorandum sets out key conditions, such as those listed above, and, secondly, the fact that parties must sign the Memorandum suggests that the parties have reviewed the conditions and are committed to them.

[24] When we examine the record, we see that Lorne bought a PMT interest from Valerie in 2004, which was set to expire (after being renewed once already) on October 31, 2004. This meant that Lorne ought to have applied to convert the PMT interest to a full Metis title interest on or before October 31, 2004. Yet, there is nothing in the record to show he did so.

[25] However, we note that BLMS Council awarded Lorne a new PMT interest for the NE-21-063-16-4 effective October 31, 2004 and that new PMT interest was subsequently registered by the MSLR Registrar. This PMT interest was renewed in 2009 with a new expiration date of September 2, 2014.

[26] With respect to the March 3, 2017 posting of available land, the process for posting available interests in land is set out in section 4.3 of the Land Policy. Once Settlement Council decides to make an interest available, it must provide 14 days public notice of the availability of the interest and the application requirements. In particular, notices must include the following information:

- 4.3(2)(a) the legal description of the parcel;
- (b) the interest being offered, including any conditions or limitations on the interest;
- (c) the purpose for which the interest is being made available;
- (d) the deadline for submitting an application;
- (e) the persons who are eligible to apply for the interest; and
- (f) any special conditions that must be met as part of the application.

[27] This Panel is satisfied that the March 3, 2017 posting meets the statutory requirements set out above. Namely, the posting names the interest being offered (PMT interest), the purpose for which the interest is being made (to make improvements), the deadline for making submission (March 17, or 14 days after the posting went up), the persons who are eligible (members who don't exceed land holding limits) and any special conditions (satisfy any relevant settlement bylaws).

[28] Taken together, BLMS Council had the authority to post the PMT interest in the SE-21-063-16-4 and followed the rules for posting the interest. That Lorne did not apply for the PMT interest before the posted deadline of March 17, 2017 is no reason to undo BLMS Council's decision to grant the PMT interest to another member.

[29] If we follow Lorne's argument correctly, though, he isn't arguing that BLMS breached the rules for posting available interests. He is arguing that BLMS lacked the authority to post the PMT interest as available because they promised him on October 14, 2014 that they wouldn't. For ease of reference, the minutes from the October 14, 2014 meeting are copied below:

Lorne asked Council to preserve his PMT interest in the SE-21-063-16-4 for traditional land use because he did not think it was feasible to farm land because it has too much rock. **Council advised Mr. Ladouceur of the requirement to get a Metis title...** Mr. Ladouceur advised Council ... that MSLR does not send out [expiry] notices anymore.... Vice Chairman Mr. Blyan entertained a motion to accept the application where it [the PMT interest in the land] will not be posted as available land. [Noting that] the Land Use Bylaw must be reviewed and amended first. BLMS Council then passed **Motion#305/10/14**. It reads that Harold Blyan made a motion to receive the application for the Renewal of PMT for Lawrence Ladouceur at SE-21-063-16-4 and whereas no decision will be made at this time. Seconded by Elmer Ghostkeeper, all in Favour, Carried. (Application to be kept on file for future review as per MSGC Land Policy and BLMS Land Management Bylaw.)

[30] In our view, BLMS Council listened to Lorne and reminded him of the requirements to get Metis title, (see *italicized* section, above). We think this reminder is critical, because it suggests that Council was of the view that improvements to the land were possible and, indeed, preferred. That Council elected not to make a decision on October 14, 2014 does not mean that it could not make a decision about posting an interest in the land at some point in the future; which it eventually did in March 2017. That a notation was included in the minutes to keep Lorne's application (for renewal of his PMT interest (sic)) on file for future review as per MSGC Land Policy and BLMS Land Management Bylaw is not persuasive. In part, it's because BLMS Council could not have legally renewed or "preserved" Lorne's PMT interest even if it wanted to given that the PMT interest was at the end of its ten year lifespan. It also lacks cogency because changes to MSGC policies cannot be done by one settlement alone. It requires six settlements, along with the Minister's approval, (or non-veto within the review period) to change MSGC policy.

[31] Furthermore, it cannot be said that BLMS Council acted unfairly towards Lorne. This is so because Lorne was perfectly free to apply for the posted PMT interest within the application deadline. He simply failed to do so and what would have been unfair (to the other members who applied) would be the inclusion of Lorne's application after the fact.

[32] Finally, this Panel is aware that deference is owed to BLMS Council. The standard is correctness concerning BLMS Council's interpretation of the legislation and reasonableness

concerning its application of the law. As set out above, this Panel is satisfied that BLMS got the law right concerning the nature of PMT interests. It also applied its authority in a reasonable manner in the way it posted and awarded the new PMT interest as available for the SE-21-063-16-4.

1.5 Decision

[33] The Appeal Tribunal has certain powers under section 190 of the *Metis Settlements Act*, including:

Decisions

190(1) The Appeal Tribunal may, in respect of any matter before it,

- (c) look at anything necessary in order to make a decision;
 - (e) issue a decision in the form of an order, direction, award or other suitable manner;
 - (j) make any decisions that the settlement council could have made;
 - (k) confirm the settlement council's decision, with or without changes;
 - (l) reverse the settlement council's decision;
 - (m) refer a matter back to settlement council, with or without suggestions or recommendations
 - (o) provide any remedy that, in all the circumstances, fairness requires.
- (4) The Appeal Tribunal must send copies of all its decisions to
- (a) the Minister unless the Minister directs otherwise, and
 - (b) all persons that the Tribunal considers affected by the decision.

[34] For the reasons set out in section 1.4 above (How the law applies to this matter), we confirm BLMS Council's decision to post the PMT interest in the SE-21-063-16-4 and to award it to another settlement member. Put another way, Lorne's appeal is dismissed.

[35] Insofar as Lorne's requests to direct transfer of the Metis title interest to him, and for orders of mandamus, these too are dismissed. In addition, Lorne's request for costs is also denied, in part because Lorne was not successful in his cause, but also because this Panel does not agree that BLMS Council treated Lorne with anything approaching malice. On the contrary, BLMS Council has treated Lorne equitably and with patience. Each party will bear its own costs.


[36] With respect to Lorne's request for compensation, this Panel thinks it proper to refer the matter back to BLMS Council with the following recommendations:

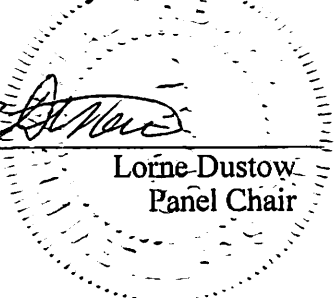
- That Lorne specify in writing the improvements he made to the SE-21-063-16-4, including the submission of costs and receipts for any improvements and submit his claim to Council within 30 days of this Order; and that
- BLMS Council consider Lorne's request, as per its authority under section 5(3) of the Memorandum of PMT within 60 days of receiving Lorne's claim.

[37] On June 13, 2017, Bruce requested that the Tribunal direct the Registrar to place a hold on the land transfer to another settlement member until a decision was reached regarding Lorne's appeal. The Tribunal issued Order 317 on July 6, 2017, instructing MSLR to not make any revisions to the registry where the land is concerned until the order is lifted. Order 317 is hereby lifted and the MSLR may revise the registry to reflect BLMS Council's granting of the PMT interest in the SE-21-063-16-4 to another settlement member.

[38] Finally, by way of recommendation—and by application of the Appeal Tribunal's overriding consideration²¹ to strengthen Metis self-governance under the laws of Alberta—we suggest that the MSLR Registrar request proof of posting whenever the Land Policy requires it as a condition of granting new interests in land. We also recommend that the MSLR Land Search Reports include more detail. In our opinion, the Land Search Reports should provide a window onto all current recorded and registered interests, and also include information about renewals (if any) and the expiry date of the interest in question. This will improve the overall transparency and certainty for those who know to review Land Search Reports, but may not know to review the "Interest Registers."

Dated in the City of Edmonton, in the Province
of Alberta on this 27th day of October 2017.


Lorne Dustow
Panel Chair



²¹ See section 187.1 of the Metis Settlements Act, Tab 39.

