

Honourable Senators of Atlantic Canada
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RE; EASTERN WOODLANDS MÉTIS NATION of NOVA SCOTIA

This letter is to ask for your support to obtain recognition for ALL Métis of the Atlantic Provinces . We are many in numbers and continue growing. The Town of Yarmouth and Municipalities have recognized us in the 1982 Constitution Act under section 35(2), whereas they state: " In this Act, "aboriginal peoples of Canada " includes the Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada " .

We have been discriminated against for much too long and have become a minority within a minority. We have been cast into political genocide and feel that we have been denied our Human Rights as a distinct People. It is our RIGHTS as Canadian-Métis-Aboriginals to be treated as citizens. Please help us help ourselves.

We have a voice, according to the Constitution of Canada section 91 it includes, First Nations, Inuit and Métis as Aboriginal peoples in Canada . The Métis is defined as the offspring of an American Indian and a white person, especially of French Ancestry. Since the early 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, scholars have well documented French Europeans arriving here in Nova Scotia , New Brunswick , Prince Edward Island , known as Acadia; living among many Aboriginals; whom began marrying into the Aboriginal families in Acadia .

We are descendants of these peoples; and we self-identify as Métis. Why are we not being recognized today by the Government of Canada? We are being denied and neglected of our ancestral pride; we too have deep appreciation of our ancestral history.

In 1632, the first European women were arriving in Acadia , a well-known fact. EQUAL RIGHTS is extremely important to all CANADIANS; not a chosen few in various other provinces; therefore, WHY are Métis peoples and members of Eastern Woodlands Métis Nation of NS are not recognized, east of the province of Quebec; this is not democracy. WE ARE ACADIA ...

WE will hope, persevere and have faith in this system 'CANADA where all are equal' we have a right to be accepted and recognized as an Aboriginal Métis and for our Métis status, our ancestral right to be acknowledge. Our rights are not being met; this is a human rights issue, also. We wish to be officially recognized by ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT.

Please support us in our endeavour to obtain recognition as a Métis of Nova Scotia.

Respectfully,
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A proud descendant of various Métis marriages in the lineages of RICHARD, BOUDREAU, PETIPAS and d'ENTREMONT Acadian families.

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