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New Logo for the Eastern Woodland Métis Nation Nova Scotia

Grand Chief Mary Lou Parker and the Grand Council of the Eastern Woodland Métis Nation Nova Scotia are pleased to announce the selection of a new logo for the Nation. A contest was recently held in September which solicited logo submissions from members. After careful consideration of the logo entries received, the logo submitted by Elder John Gervais was chosen for his understanding and meaning of the Métis culture. Congratulations to Elder John Gervais for his winning entry and also for his respect and interpretation of the meaning of being Métis in the logo design.

This Nation was founded so people could find their Native heritage, embrace their roots, be proud of who they are and come together as one, as our new logo iterates. It was a very proud and historic moment in November 2000 when this Nation came into being and this logo is another historic step forward in our journey to achieve our goal of having one voice and one identity. Please find below what the various components of the logo mean.

Eagle Feathers – The eagle is symbolic to aboriginal peoples as it has great vision, strength and courage. The Eagle is thought to be the only creature that has touched the Creator. It is because the eagle has such an important relationship with the Creator and it flies so high that it can see the past, present and future and therefore can help us to realize there are changes coming. The eagle also sits in the east on the Medicine Wheel in the direction of leadership and courage.

The Circle – The Circle represents the Eastern Woodland Métis Nation Nova Scotia homeland. Aboriginal peoples respect the circle, as it represents life and spirituality. The earth revolves in a circle, the sun and the moon revolve in a circle and all living things are part of the circle of life. The aboriginal drum is in a circle, there are healing circles and back in time aboriginal dwellings were arranged in circles. The Medicine Wheel is also in a circle and depicts the four sacred directions.



The Rope – The rope which encloses the circle is symbolic of tying us together as one, one voice one identity.

The red pattern inside the circle – The red pattern inside the circle is a sacred symbol of the Métis peoples. It is the Métis sash which has many spiritual and functional uses. You will notice the sash is situated horizontally as it is representative of all Métis peoples across the Nation.

The Métis Flag – The Métis flag has an infinity symbol in it and it represents the immortality of the Nation and the joining of two cultures.

One Voice One Identity – This means that all Métis should come together “as one” speaking with one voice and have one identity. It encircles the Eastern Woodland Métis Nation Nova Scotia.

The words Eastern Woodland Métis Nation Nova Scotia – The name of our Nation spans across the logo as Métis peoples live across the province and indeed across this great Nation.

The Colours – The colours in the feather represent the eagle which is very spiritual to Métis peoples. The brown and white also represent mother earth where we all come from. The red represents the Métis Sash, the blue and white the Métis flag and is also the colours of the Eastern Woodland Métis Nation Nova Scotia.

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