



Rocky View Métis District 4

Thanks for the chat! Here's a recap:

Excitingly, new District Council bylaws have been approved in-principle for Districts 11 and 22, which is a big step – and we're doing this from the ground up, not the top down.

Over the next few months, Locals that have decided to willingly participate in the Otipemisiwak Métis Government based on our Transition Plan will be consulting with their members and calling special meetings to decide whether and how they want to move forward. It is important to remember that our Constitution makes it clear that District Councils will have full control and authority over their own finances, assets, any lands in a given District, their self-government at the District level, as well as dealing with all consultation and accommodation matters.

Please be sure to get involved in this process. This grassroots approach to Métis self-government is in our DNA!

Economic development is a big deal for us. It's not just about making money; it's about empowering our people and strengthening our government. We're all about creating opportunities for everyone to succeed and breaking down barriers along the way. We discussed the meetings I've been having, and what more I can do to support each of you in this area.

We've had some wins, like supporting Métis entrepreneurs through initiatives like AMDI (Apeetogosan Métis Development Corp.), but there have been challenges too, especially in getting the capital for big projects. That's where the Alberta Métis Investment Corporation (AMIC) comes in. It'll help us make smarter decisions and attract the right expertise.

Tourism is another key focus. Métis Crossing is a gem, offering visitors a chance to dive into our culture and history. Plus, we're making moves in renewable energy with a huge solar project up north and expanding Tail Creek campground down south.

Our aim is to bring in the revenue we need to support our people and, more importantly, to tackle the issues our Citizens care about most. That's why I'm keen to hear your thoughts on how we can drive economic growth and tourism in our Métis community.

For those that submitted questions we didn't have time for, I'll follow up with each of you personally. If you didn't get to join and still have questions for me, submit them [here](#), or book a 30 minute tea time with me [here](#), email me at lsanfilippo@metis.org or call me at 780-455-2200 ext. 278.

As always, I'm at your service.

Warmly,

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