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Audrey Poitras re-elected as President of Métis Nation of Alberta; Muriel Stanley Venne elected Vice President

(Edmonton, September 3, 2008) – Members of the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) went to the polls September 2, 2008 to elect Provincial and Regional representatives for the next three years. The 14 democratically elected representatives comprise the Métis Nation of Alberta's Provincial Council.

Audrey Poitras was re-elected as President for her fifth consecutive term. Poitras has led the Métis Nation of Alberta in the role of Provincial President for the past twelve years and returns again for another three year term.

Muriel Stanley Venne was elected Provincial Vice President. This will be Stanley Venne's first term. Four other candidates were in the running for the position of Provincial President, while three candidates vied for the position of Provincial Vice President. In total, 25 Métis candidates sought the right to represent their respective Regions in both Regional President and Regional Vice President roles. Three candidates were acclaimed in their respective Regions as no other candidates came forward to challenge their bids for leadership at the close of nominations.

The MNA which operates as a democratic body with province-wide, "one person, one vote" ballot box elections conducts its elections once every three years. In total, 52 polling stations were made available throughout the province to facilitate the electorate's right to exercise their rights to vote on the leaders who would lead them for the next three years.

The election process adheres to the Métis Nation of Alberta Election Bylaws and based on the Alberta Elections Act and the democratic system used by Elections Canada. The List of Electors is created by the Métis Nation of Alberta Registry comprised of Métis Lifetime Members, who on voting day are entitled to vote; are sixteen (16) years of age or older and has been for at least one year prior to the date of the election, ordinarily a resident of Alberta.

The Métis Nation of Alberta represents the political and socio-economic interests of approximately 80,000 Métis living through out the province of Alberta.

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Unofficial Results of Candidates

Provincial President

Trevor W. Gladue	1515
Donald (Don) T. Langford	85
Alyse Mcleod	67
Audrey M. Poitras (incumbent)	1713

Region 1

Region 1 President

Wilfred (Pappy) Boucher	60
Ken Bourque (incumbent)	382
Bill Loutitt	465

Region 1 Vice-President

Rick P. (Scotty) Boucher (incumbent)	459
Joe Blyan	442

Region 2

Region 2 President

Karen (KC) Collins (**Acclamation**)

Region 2 Vice-President

Homer J. Poitras (**Acclamation**)

Region 3

Region 3 President

Ephram Bouvier	266
Joe Chodzicki	128

Region 3 Vice-President

Gloria Contois Mcgillis	138
Troy Mcleod	43
Bev Weber	211

Provincial Vice President

Lyle Donald	686
Ron Jones	1247
Muriel Stanley Venne	1374

Region 4

Region 4 President

Cecil Bellrose (incumbent)	689
Tim Collins	442

Region 4 Vice-President

James C. Atkinson	315
Sharon (Letendre) Pasula	393
Bruce Kenneth Plante	139
Dennis (Ike) Pruden	280

Region 5

Region 5 President

Mickey R. Andrews	32
Louis (Lilboy) Bellrose	147
Bev New (incumbent)	197

Region 5 Vice-President

Nora Chapdelaine (Andrews)	118
Elmer Gullion (incumbent)	249

Region 6

Region 6 President

Odell Flett	108
Brandy Mitchell	142
Cal Parenteau	89

Region 6 Vice-President

Darlene D. Cardinal (**Acclamation**)