



Metis Settlements General Council

Media Release

For Immediate Release

Metis Settlements Development Corporation Established

Edmonton — January 3, 2022: On November 25, 2021, the board of directors of Settlement Sooniyaw Corporation (SSC) convened and passed a resolution, agreeing to take steps to form a new economic development entity for the benefit of the eight Metis Settlements of Alberta. In accordance with that resolution, the Metis Settlements General Council (MSGC) and SSC are pleased to announce the creation of Metis Settlements Development Corporation (MSDC) on January 1, 2022.

Herb Lehr, President of MSGC, welcomed the news stating, “We are proud to take this important step. The creation of the Metis Settlements Development Corporation is critical for the advancement of economic interests of the Metis Settlements in Alberta. It is a long overdue and welcome tool that will foster economic prosperity for our future.”

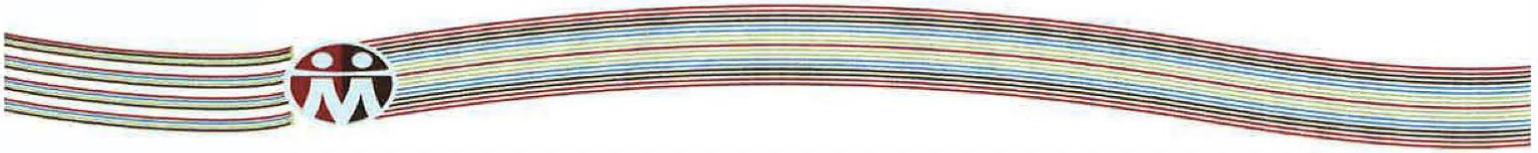
MSDC is tasked with forming an economic development limited partnership — to be called Metis Settlements Limited Partnership (MSLP) —with and for the benefit of all the Metis Settlements who share an interest in participating in various large scale investment opportunities that are best accessed as a group, rather than individually. Once formed, MSDC will guide MSLP in seeking out, assessing, and investing in these opportunities on behalf of the Metis Settlements who choose to participate.

The establishment of the MSDC is an important and positive step in the advancement of the economic interests of the Metis Settlements in Alberta. Metis Settlements General Council is thrilled with this development and looks forward to new opportunity and prosperity for the Metis Settlement people in Alberta.

SSC has appointed a board of first directors who are experts, skilled in investments and Indigenous economic development. This first board of directors consists of: Alison Thompson, Justin Jimmy, Michelle Swanson and Josh Wylie.

Each of the Metis Settlements will be approached in the coming weeks and months with more information about MSDC and MSLP and how to participate.

Settlement Sooniyaw Corporation is a federal corporation formed in 1980 to promote the economic development of the Metis Settlements. It is owned collectively and wholly by all the Metis Settlements.



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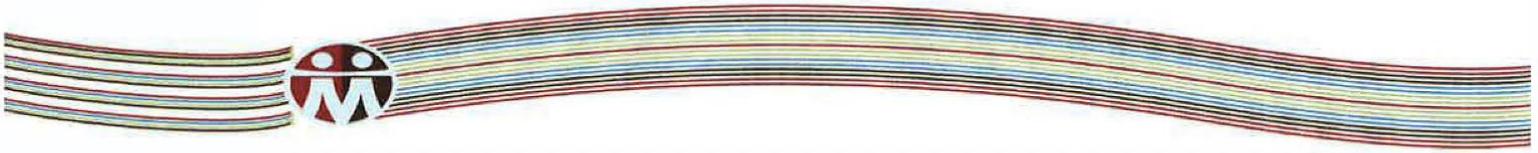
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Board of Directors Photos and Biographies

	<p>Alison Thompson has held several positions at a coal-based utility in the US and hydrocarbon giants in Canada and now is CEO at Borealis and Director at Kitselas Geothermal. Alison has stood on both sides of what sometimes seems like a deep divide between renewable and non-renewable energy. As an engineer, she brings a depth of understanding of the technology behind energy production. Through her incredible diversity of experience, she has developed an intimate understanding of the political landscape and business culture of energy in Canada and beyond.</p>
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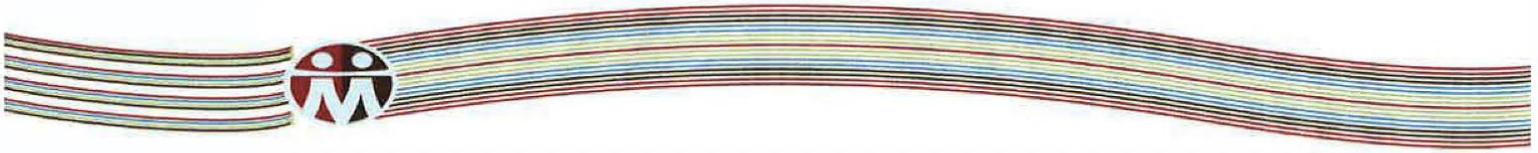
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Justin Jimmy is an Indigenous professional from Treaty 6 territory, who continues to provide support and guidance to elected leadership, senior management, junior staff, professional colleagues, and anyone open to a conversation. Justin has a Bachelor of Management from the University of Lethbridge, is a candidate enrolled in the Chartered Professional Accountant "CPA" designation program and is completing the ICD.D designation program with the Institute of Corporate Directors. He is passionate about Indigenous economic reconciliation serving as a trustee with Wicekaskosiw Sahkahikan Askiwi-Pimiy "WSAP" heritage trust fund. He also serves as the Chair of the Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee "CAUAC."



Michelle Swanson is an enthusiastic and compassionate Indigenous leader with an extensive career in private, public, and non-profit sectors. Industry experience includes information technologies, higher education, consulting, health, and oil and gas. Currently, Michelle provides consultation services to businesses in change management, project management, complex funding structures, stakeholder engagement, strategic planning, and customer service.



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Josh Wylie is a consultant in the energy sector specializing in mineral land management and negotiations. His 15 years of experience working in the oil and gas industry was preceded by a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Calgary. Executive leadership roles in both energy and the agricultural sector have provided Mr. Wylie with diverse experience and varying responsibilities in both business and the non-profit sector.