



Metis Settlements General Council

**Invitation Entrepreneurial Investment
Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement
General Information Session
July 20th & 21st, 2022, 6:00 pm**



On **July 20th & 21st**, Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement, in conjunction with the Metis Settlement General Council, is hosting an evening workshop. The objective of this event is to inform membership of three initiatives that can make a direct investment towards individual economic growth; namely:

1. On-line capacity development through the LinkedIn platform;
2. Targeted training to become an entrepreneur; and
3. Entrepreneurial Horticulture.

Entrepreneurial Horticulture

This initiative builds upon a project piloted in Fishing Lake in 2021. A video summary of that project available at: <https://vimeo.com/609927504> (Password is all lower case: "flms").

The objective of the initiative is to support households in the Settlement interested in growing food and bringing it to market. With support from the partnership, participants establish a small-scale horticulture/vegetable farm on up to 1/8 acre of land.

Participants in the horticulture project receive:

- Training to assist with their business operations
- Technical support
- Marketing Support
- A start-up package that consists of items such as a growing structure, basic tools and seeds.

The value of this package is approximately \$9,000.

To be eligible as a project site you must:

- Be a member of Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement;
- Be 18 years of age or older;

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- Have access to the internet; and
- Have access to land suitable for horticulture.

For acceptance as a project site for Spring 2023, there are specific criteria and tasks required. The purpose of the **July 20th & 21st** meeting is to outline criteria and site deliverables.

For more information regarding the horticulture project, please contact **Jacqui Hayes @ (780) 212-0286 or at eda@msgc.ca**

Executive Assistant/Acting Resources Coordinator

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Please share this notice with other members who may be interested

If you would like a free technical assessment of your site for the horticulture project please contact Barb and Bryanna prior to the event at:

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780-995-6398

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Invitees include (in addition to the membership): forest industry partners, energy partners, City of High Level, land reclamation companies that operate in the area, National Tree Seed Centre, NAIT, ProActive [anyone who could potentially purchase plant material, or hire land surveyors]

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6:15 pm **Opening Prayer and Dinner**

7:00 pm **Opening Comments**
Chair/Council/CAO

General

- Introduction MSGC-SPI Project
 - Project Team
 - Project Activities in Paddle Prairie
- LinkedIn Platform, Entry Questionnaire

Land Surveying

- Introduction, in the context of:
 - Land Use Planning
 - Forestry
 - Finite Carbon
 - Other Community Priorities
- Recruitment and Requirements
- Training and Deployment Opportunities
- Entrepreneurship Opportunities

Seed Collection

- Introduction
- Opportunity for Community
- Recruitment and Requirements
- Training
- Entrepreneurship Opportunities
- Identification of Target Species for seed collection dot-mocracy

8:00 pm **Questions**

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