

OCTOBER 15, 1981

PROPOSAL FOR THE  
TRANSFER OF  
THE LEBRET METIS FARM  
TO THE  
SOUTHEAST AREA COMMUNITY  
SERVICE CO-OPERATIVE



SUBMITTED BY: THE PROVISIONAL  
BOARD OF THE SOUTHEAST  
AREA COMMUNITY SERVICE  
CO-OPERATIVE

October 30, 1981

The Honourable Walter Smishek  
Municipal Affairs  
Urban Division & SHC  
Room 302  
2405 Legislative Drive  
Regina, Sask. S4S 0B3

Dear Mr. Smishek,

RE: LEBRET METIS FARM TRANSFER

Southeast area met the SPS to present the proposal for the turnover of the Lebret Metis Farm to the Association of Metis and Non-Status Indians of Saskatchewan. At the meeting there were a number of concerns, firstly, we premised all the discussion with the following:

- 1) We requested an initial reactions to the proposal. We were concerned about the assumption and asked if there were other required documentation, once this information was given.
- 2) We requested that appointments of a negotiation committee
  - a) we want to know who we will negotiate with/Cabinet committees
  - b) transfer to AMNSIS is necessary immediately
  - c) amount of the transfer
- 3) We requested a time frame
  - a) SPS response was that SPS internal requirement/proposal to cabinet
  - b) Response to AMNSIS to facilitate the detailing internal requirements
- 4) Assumption
  - a) everything is still negotiable
  - b) inventory would be transferred
  - c) requirement of a transition budget

PROBLEM

- 1) The government (SPS) is shifting negotiations for the farm from AMNSIS to the co-operative.
- 2) AMNSIS needs identified the individuals which will carry the negotiations. At this time SPS will deal with the policy decision then. Agriculture must become involved, co-operatives must become involved.
- 3) For negotiations to proceed and commitments made by other government agencies we require agreement in principle that the land transfer will be recommendation, a reality.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) That the government recognize that the negotiation mechanism for the transfer of the farm is AMNSIS.
- b) That the government establish a committee to identify individuals related to the farm.
- c) That the commitment in principle be made immediately for the transfer of the farm.

Yours truly,

*Christopher LaFortune*

*Timetables*

## Farm Management.

- ① Reaction to the proposal
  - (A) clear the assumptions.
  - (B) other required documentation.
  - (C)

- ② Negotiation committee that will be responsible for the negotiations for the farm
  - (A) transfer for nominal funds.

- ③ Time Frame before next growing
  - (A) proposals and negotiations
  - (B) Developmental Budget

### ④ Assumption

- ① page 1
- ② Transfer would include 100%
- ③ Decree / Agricultural Budget transfer
- ④ No inventory / letter inventory never turned by letter
- ⑤ Everything is still negotiable:

### Land is available

- ① Aboriginal Rights
- ② Sale - value  
lease - price
- ③ Sweat equity
- ④ Special arrangement  
(special project)
- ⑤ Improvements
- ⑥

- ③ SPS will prepare a proposal to the Cabinet  
problem regarding livestock/equipment.

### ④ BOARD OF PROVINCIAL

- Eight members
- Co-op must involve others
- Appointment of chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasury.

## Time Frame

- ① = Expenditures from inventory redo - budget = TRANSFER
- ② = Co-operatives = provisional board → do we know what we are getting involved in?  
= financial response → financial  
→ management competent.
- ③ = Farm Plans:

## Financial response

Oct. → 30 →

November 15 → Proposal to Government  
Developmental.

4) Lease at productive value. \$32,858 37 quarters  
projected long term lease  
/ Lands Branch - not Land Bank

- Industry and Commerce

METIS FARM MEETING SID DUTCHUCK DECEMBER 20/1983

**QUESTIONS:**

WE WANT THE METIS FARM TAKEN OUT OF TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT. WE RECOGNIZE AND SUPPORT THE TREATY INDIANS RECEIVING JUST COMPENSATION FOR BEING TREATED UNJUSTLY BUT WE DO NOT FEEL THAT TRADITION METIS LAND SHOULD BE PART OF THIS ENTITLEMENT.

WE WANT THE FARM TO CONTINUE AS IT WAS DESIGNATED THAT IT BE "USED FOR BENEFIT AND USE OF THE METIS OF THE AREA."

WE HAVE MADE A FORMAL SUBMISSION TO THIS GOVERNMENT DETAILING THE ACTIVITIES AND USAGE THAT WE FEEL IS NECESSARY. THIS USAGE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF THE METIS OF THE AREA IN PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA DEVELOP.

WE ARE HERE TO SIT DOWN AND DISCUSS A TIMETABLE FOR THE ABOVE TO HAPPEN. WE NEED TO IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUALS AND THE TIME FRAME THAT WE CAN FOLLOW.

IT IS OUR OBJECTIVE FOR THIS MEETING.