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Chief Wabiska Mukwa
Algonquin Woodland Métis Aboriginal Tribe
P.O. Box 496
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Dear Chief Mukwa:

Thank you for your email to our offices and your correspondence dated May 15, 2008 regarding Métis recognition and the Algonquin Nipissing and Huron Nations of Ontario.

The Province of Ontario recognizes and provides programs and services to Métis, First Nations and Inuit peoples regardless of political affiliation or membership in a particular organization. In addition, the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs does not issue or regulate the issuance of First Nations, Métis or Inuit organizations' membership cards, nor does it certify these organizations.

Discussions between the province and the Métis Nation of Ontario are part of our ongoing relationships with Aboriginal organizations in Ontario.

I have asked Alison Pilla, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy and Planning Division, to follow-up with you in order to discuss the matters you raised in your letter. In the meantime, you may reach Alison at 416-212-2302.

Thank you again for sharing the views of the Algonquin Woodland Métis Aboriginal Tribe and for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature, appearing to read 'Michael Bryant', written over a horizontal line.

Michael Bryant
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs

c: Alison Pilla, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Planning and Policy Division, MAA