



## Metis Settlements General Council

**For immediate release**

### **3-Million-dollar emergency funding cheque to be presented to Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement**

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On May 29, 2019 the residents of Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement were evacuated from their home community due to air quality issues. Almost 800 evacuees left their homes and retreated to Grand Prairie, Peace River and High Prairie with minimal notice. They were told that it was due to smoke and they didn't have to worry about the fire. As we all know, that changed quickly. 16 homes were lost to the Chuckegg Creek Fire than burned over one-third of the Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement.

"If it wasn't for the generosity of the Settlements, we would have nothing" Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement Chairman, Greg Calliou.

"I am very proud of our elected leadership in supporting our membership in this time of crisis" – MSGC President Herb Lehr

On July 3, 2019, the Metis Settlements General Council will be presenting the Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement with a 3-million-dollar cheque.

Money can never replace the loss felt by the almost 50 homeless Paddle Prairie members. The 3 million dollars is to help them rebuild and start over, but it is still not enough.

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