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Members appointed to Métis Settlements Appeals Tribunal

Edmonton... Seven Albertans have been appointed to an independent, quasi-judicial body that deals with disputes on Métis Settlements lands.

Aboriginal Relations Minister Len Webber has announced the board membership of the Métis Settlements Appeal Tribunal (MSAT), effective December 3. The new and returning members are:

- Don Cunningham, Chair (returning)
- Allan Lamouche, Vice-Chair (returning)
- Wayne Cardinal, Vice-Chair (new)
- David Drummond, Member (new)
- Peter Bowal, Member (new)
- Dorothy Anderson, Member (returning)
- Joyce Parenteau, Member (new)

“The Métis Settlements Appeal Tribunal is an extremely important accountability component for Métis Settlements,” said Webber. “Each member brings something valuable to the table and I commend them all for taking on this vital role.”

The Métis Settlements Appeal Tribunal was established in 1990 under the [Metis Settlements Act](#). The tribunal deals with land, membership and surface access disputes. It may also resolve other matters as called for in Métis Settlements General Council policies and local Settlement by-laws.

There are seven Tribunal positions and appointments are made every four years. Following a joint (Alberta/Métis Settlements General Council) publicly posted recruitment process, the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and the [Metis Settlements General Council](#) each appoint a Vice-Chair and two members. The Minister appoints the Chair from a list of nominees submitted by the General Council.

Alberta is home to the only recognized Métis land base in Canada. There are eight Métis Settlements in the province, located primarily in the east-central and northern areas of the province.

For more information on the Métis Settlements Appeals Tribunal, visit <http://www.msat.gov.ab.ca/>.

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