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## **Ktunaxa Nation and Métis Nation British Columbia Sign Health Protocol Agreement**

*Cranbrook/ʔa·kiskaq#iʔit* – The Ktunaxa Nation and the Métis Nation British Columbia have signed a Health Protocol Agreement that calls for increased planning and access to health services for Métis and all Aboriginal people residing in Ktunaxa territory.

“We are proud to sign this document with the Métis today,” said Debbie Whitehead, Ktunaxa Nation Council Social Sector Director. “This agreement will ensure that any and all health services, from the planning stage to the provisioning stage, will include input from Métis and all Aboriginal people in Ktunaxa territory.”

“I believe that by making our planning processes as inclusive as possible, this inclusiveness will be reflected through better health outcomes for Métis, Ktunaxa and all Aboriginal people,” continued Whitehead.

The Health Protocol Agreement was signed by Debbie Whitehead, Ktunaxa Nation Council Social Sector Chair Codie Morigeau, Métis Nation British Columbia Regional Director for the Kootenays Marilynn Taylor and Métis Nation British Columbia Minister responsible for Health, Vice-President Annette Maurice at a ceremony at the Ktunaxa Nation Government Building on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

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