

# IMAGINING NEW FUTURES FOR MÉTIS PEOPLE AND NON-STATUS INDIANS in an Inclusive CANADA

April 14, 2016 the Supreme Court of Canada (SCC) handed down one of the country's most important decisions ever that will affect some 650,000 Métis and Non-status Indians (MNSI) across the country. The Crown now clearly has a fiduciary duty towards both groups of people



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## The Project

The Daniels vs Canada Supreme Court ruling has changed the context for Metis and Non-Status Indians throughout Canada. It presents an opportunity to address new ways and means of promoting sustainable human security for all Canadians.

The Proteus Canada Institute is proposing to engage Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples from all levels of society ...

- ✓ In exposing insights that can inform and guide appropriate, timely preparation for adoption of the most plausible future contexts;
- ✓ In a respectful dialogue of equals on plausible ways and means for all Canadians to live in an inclusive Canada; and,
- ✓ In a formal and guided dialogue to expose and analyse policies likely to promote actions to benefit all citizens equally.

### **Why does this ruling matter?**

*“As the curtain opens wider and wider on the history of Canada’s relationship with its indigenous peoples, inequities are increasingly revealed and remedies urgently sought”*

*Supreme Court Justice, Rosalie Abella*

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To conceptualize this new vision, there is a need for reflection beyond technical and legalistic considerations. Proteus Canada Institute (Proteus), in collaboration with the Idea Connector Network, intends to bring together Métis and Non-Status Indians (MNSI) and non-Aboriginal people active as business people, academics, unions, artists, journalists, teachers, clergy, members of citizen groups and local members of the Proteus Advisory Committee to take part in five symposia.

To ensure maximum efficiencies and to reach as broad a cross-section as possible, two of the events will take place from the ICN video studio located in Ottawa and town-hall type meetings will be held in the Cities of Halifax, Edmonton and Kamloops. All events will be video cast across Canada online in real time, inviting all interested parties to access these symposia at no cost and to share their thoughts using means such as chat, social media, etc. Discussions will be encouraged through the use of evolutionary and innovative foresight methods.

In short, we wish to engage Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in an initiative that gives all willing Canadians a voice in building a sustainable future, which is respectful of the human rights and cultures of all its citizens including Canada's 650,000 Metis and non-status Indians.

A team with a diverse base of experience, in-depth knowledge and personal experience of Aboriginal Issues in Canada is well positioned to develop the proposed Foresight project. It will be delivered under the leadership of:

- ✓ **Dwight A. Dorey**, MA, Project senior advisor and Chair of the Proteus National Advisory Committee on Aboriginal Issues. Dwight is from the Mi'kmaq First Nation. Among his many accomplishments, he is the former National Chief of the Congress of Aboriginal People; and,
- ✓ **David Harries**, Ph.D., P.Eng. – Foresight Advisor. Among his many accomplishments and accolades, David is a Fellow of the World Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a Foresight practitioner specialized in human security.

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