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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for expressing an interest in NunatuKavut. The following application form was revised in the spring of 2010 following a change in the constitution of and membership criteria. This was necessary to provide clarity in the definition of Inuit culture, heritage and membership. The land claims process and pursuit of Aboriginal rights require more than just general Aboriginal ancestry, but also the illustration of a historic and continued community. The change requires all previous members of the Labrador Metis Nation to re-apply for membership. The re-application process enables the Membership Committee to review all applications based on the new criteria. A complete review will bring clarity to all aspects of membership, from how we define ourselves to more practical aspects such as maintaining accurate and up to date membership data.

If this is the first time you are applying for membership please check the *New Application* box, for previous members who are simply re-applying, please check the *Re-application* box.

There are three categories of membership: Full Member – Resident, Full Member – Non-Resident and Alliance. A Full Member is defined as a person of Inuit descent who is ordinarily resident in one of the designated areas of Labrador (6 months or more) and will be entitled to all of the rights, benefits and privileges of the Association and cannot be a Full Member in any other Aboriginal organization in Labrador. A Full Member – Non-Resident is a person of Inuit descent who does not live in any of the designated areas in Labrador, but maintains contact with members living in any of the designated areas. An Alliance Member is defined as an Aboriginal person ordinarily resident in Labrador who supports the objectives of the Association but who does not qualify for Full Membership. Alliance Members may benefit from Aboriginal representation, affirmative action, various government sponsored services and programs (i.e. human resources development and education) and entrepreneurial business opportunities.

It is important that all sections of the application form are filled out; an incomplete application cannot be considered by the Membership Committee. A \$10.00 processing fee applies to new applicants and first time issued ID cards (this fee is waived for previous members who are re-applying and who have previously had ID cards). A long-form copy of your birth certificate, or a short-form birth certificate combined with a baptism certificate, and a way to confirm your current residency, such as a driver's licence, must be included with the application. A personal portrait (shoulders and head) will also be required to prepare a photo ID membership card; it is necessary to have this photo in a good quality digital format (emailed to membership@labradormetis.ca) or taken by the NunatuKavut Membership Clerk at our Goose Bay office. Applications must be mailed in or dropped off; faxed applications will not be accepted.

If you should have any questions on this application process or require assistance please feel free to contact the NunatuKavut Membership Clerk at 709-896-0592 ext. 231 or by email at membership@labradormetis.ca.

Kind Regards,

Chris Montague,
President