

METIS NATION-SASKATCHEWAN
MEETING of the PROVINCIAL METIS COUNCIL of the METIS NATION-
SASKATCHEWAN and of the DIRECTORS of the METIS NATION-
SASKATCHEWAN SECRETARIAT INC.

April 11 and 12, 2014
Terrace Lounge, Delta Bessborough, Saskatoon

DAY ONE:
April 11, 2014

10:00 a.m. WORKSHOP

Vice President Morin does opening and welcoming remarks. Welcomes the Board members and introduces Metis National Council President Clem Chartier and Kathy Hodgson Smith.

President Chartier and Kathy are here to do MNC National workshops. President Chartier will do a presentation on the Metis Economic Development Symposium Process and Accord and Kathy Hodgson Smith will do presentation on the Registry and the Canadian Standards Association for the Metis. We will start the day with President Chartier and then Kathy Hodgson Smith, because they have other commitments this afternoon, we will accommodate them. Then, right after lunch break we will begin our Metis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. meeting.

Director McCallum does opening prayer.

President Chartier does presentation on the Federal-Provincial-Metis Nation Economic Development Accord To Guide the Development of Long Term Metis Economic Development Strategy. Handouts were given to all those present to share with their respective Metis Local Presidents who they represent and to Metis members.

Questions were brought to floor and Board members were pleased on the process and very supportive.

Kathy Hodgson Smith Registry/CSA handouts of the Draft Document titled Metis Nation Registry Operations-Guidance on Best Practices and Conformity Verification.

Ms. Hodgson Smith started with an update on how the CSA process began, who is all involved and who the committee consists of and that in January 2012 the MNC Board of Governors passed a motion agreeing with the process. Correspondence was given to those present, a letter from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada in regards to the CSA process and future funding arrangements.

MNS Board members were all impressed with the CSA/Registry presentation. Numerous questions were asked and Kathy was commended on her position as chair of the CSA committee and thanks was given to her and the committee for their work. Board members were in agreement with the process and terms that were presented to them.

Lunch Break 12:35 pm

BOARD MEETING

1. Opening Prayer Derek Langan
2. 1:45 pm Vice-President Morin opens meeting

Director Derek Langan moves that Mavis Taylor be the minute recorder for the meeting today and tomorrow. Director Lela Arnold seconds the motion.

Carried unanimously. Motion: 01-11-04-2014

Mavis Taylor accepts.

Director Tammy Mah President Les Filles de Madeline has an issue with motions until she is assured that there was formal notice of meeting.

VP Morin says that item # 6 on agenda will clarify formal notice. Director Tammy Mah is satisfied with that.

3. Vice-President Morin proceeds with roll call requesting each Director to state their name and Region they represent.

Earl Cook	Northern Region 1
Tammy Mah	President Les Fille de Madeline
Helene Johnson	Eastern Region 2
Darlene McKay	Western Region 11
Billy Kennedy	Western Region 1A
Michael Bell	Western Region 1
Derek Langan	Eastern Region 2A
Glen McCallum	Northern Region 3
Lela Arnold	Western Region 3
Lennard Morin	Eastern Region 1
Gerald Morin	Vice-President Metis Nation-Saskatchewan
Beverley Worsley	Eastern Region 3

Absent:

President Robert Doucette
Secretary May Henderson
Treasurer Louis Gardiner
Chester Herman Northern Region 2
Penny Hurton Western Region 2A Director
Erin Hurton Youth

4. Election of Chair for meeting.

Vice-President Gerald Morin moves that Helene Johnson be chairperson for the April 11 & 12, 2014 meeting. Michael Bell seconds.

Discussion: For the record, Derek Langan states the reason for nominating a chairperson is due to the fact that President Doucette chose not to attend or show up for the meeting even though he received notice, confirmed by his letter sent to PMC/Metis Nation Secretariat Inc. Board Members dated April 11, 2014.

Carried unanimously.

Motion: 02-11-04-2014

5. Adoption of Agenda

Chairperson Johnson proceeds with Agenda. Item # 14 was taken care of this morning. Asks if any additions to Agenda.

VP Morin requests under # 15. Other additions:

-in camera

-date of next meeting

-date for MNLA, terms of timing and logistics of respect of PMC to appointments of chairpersons, date and time and other issues relating to an MNLA.

Director Darlene McKay request that # 15 Other be left open for any additions, if any.

Director Tammy Mah, President Les Filles de Madeline moves to adopt Agenda with additions. Director Derek Langan seconds.

Carried unanimously.

Motion: 03-11-04-2014

6. Confirmation of meeting:

Vice-President Morin explains there was formal notice sent out in letter form dated April 2, 2014 signed by himself, the Vice-President. We, as a Board acknowledge that proper notice went out by the letter dated April 2, 2014.

Director Langan states that by President Doucette's letter this morning dated April 11, 2014, he acknowledges the notice and that the meeting is taking place today and tomorrow. The Metis Act gives this Board the authority to hold this meeting.

Vice-President Morin informs the Board that he received an e-mail earlier in the week from Erin Hurton requesting the location and draft agenda. He informed the board as per the official notice of April 2, 2014, the location of meeting room and a draft agenda will be sent out in advance of the meeting and Vice-President Morin assured that this was all done.

7. Adoption of Minutes December 13 & 14, 2013. Minutes are read by Chairperson Johnson.

Moved by Glen McCallum second by Michael Bell

That the minutes of the December 13 & 14, 2013 minutes be adopted and accepted.

Discussion:

Lennard Morin asks what do we do, the MNLA on September 7 & 8 recognized Janice Henry as President of Metis Women.

Chairperson Johnson clarifies that the Queen's Bench court has ruled the September 7 & 8, 2013 MNLA null and void and that in May 2013 the PMC by way of motion accepted and recognizes Tammy Mah as the President of Les Filles de Madeline Metis Women of Saskatchewan.

Derek Langan stresses that the PMC Board members need their expenses paid for past meetings.

Darlene McKay states that those things will be looked at once we review and others are at the table.

Glen McCallum says this all relates back to Executive not working with us, the majority of the Board. Resolutions will be made to deal with it.

Vice-President Morin agrees with Glen. This is an administrative issue and when the day arrives we can deal with it.

Glen McCallum notes for the record: Chester Herman is not here today. He made an effort to be here, borrowed a vehicle then the parties backed out on lending him on. We are unable to get him on conference via telephone because he is working today.

Question is called. Carried unanimously

Motion: 04-11-04-2014

8. Executive Reports

Vice-President Morin proceeds as he is the only Executive member in attendance. He will make comments as meeting proceeds and answer questions as they may arise. We have MP Rob Clarke here, I will give my time to him to do a presentation to us.

MP Rob Clarke

Congratulates the Board on winning the victory and is happy to see them taking control in a democratic process. Informed the Board that he took a picture of all and will be placing on Twitter.

Update on meeting with AANDC Minister's Chief of Staff.

Vice-President Morin updates MP Clarke on what is to transpire here today. There will be a couple of motions made, one a METIS NATION-SASKATCHEWAN ACCOUNTABILITY RESOLUTION and a ACCOUNTABILITY RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTATION. VP Morin informs MP Clarke that a letter with copies of these two Resolutions will be sent to the Honourable Minister Valcourt and cc'd to MP Clarke.

Many issues were brought up. Darlene McKay wants to know when the Board will receive full disclosure on Hallux, Board made a motion in December. MP requests that the December 2013 minutes that were adopted here today be forward to him and the Minister noting the two motions 08-09.

Darlene McKay speaks of the issue that the head office has 30 staff in the Registry and that there are no resources, funding or staff in the Regions.

On behalf of the Board and MN-S and GDI, Lennard Morin invites MP Clarke to attend the unveiling of the Veterans Monument at Back to Batoche this summer. MP Clarke says he would love to attend. MP Clarke also says there could be a possibility that there is funding under Department of Veterans Affairs that GDI could apply for and may be eligible to assist in costs for the Monument.

Board members thanked MP Clarke for his dedication and hard work in getting the Board to this point, and his work with AANDC Minister. MP Clarke tells Board he is pleased to see the Democratic process and the MNS Constitution being respected and protocol being followed.

MP Clarke leaves meeting.

Chairperson Johnson informs Board that she just received an important letter and would like to read it to Board. The letter is written from President Doucette to the Metis National Council in regards to the MNC AGA in Winnipeg on May 9 & 10, 2014, listing the Metis Nation Saskatchewan delegates and alternates that will be attending the MNC AGA on May 9 & 10, 2014.

Discussion on the letter which lead to the adoption of the following resolution.

Moved by Tammy Mah, Seconded by Billy Kennedy.

WHEREAS the Métis National Council General Assembly and election for President is taking place in Winnipeg, Manitoba on May 9 and 10, 2014.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the fifteen (15) official delegates of the MNS PMC are: President Robert Doucette, Vice-President Gerald Morin, Treasurer Louis Gardiner and PMC Members Chester Herman, Glen McCallum, Earl Cook, Lennard Morin, Darlene McKay, Helen Johnson, Derek Langan, Bev Worsely, Billy Kennedy, Michael Bell, Lela Arnold and Tammy Mah.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the alternates shall be PMC members Secretary May Henderson and Penny Hurton, along with Local Presidents Mavis Taylor, Karen LaRocque, and Cecile Blanke, with the understanding that the MNS is responsible for covering the costs of the alternates.

Carried unanimously.

Motion: 05-11-04-2014

9. Governance and Financial Accountability

There was discussion on the need to move forward on a positive basis in order to re-establish democratic and fiscal accountability with the MNS. Based on this discussion the following resolutions were passed:

MÉTIS NATION-SASKATCHEWAN ACCOUNTABILITY RESOLUTION

Moved by Earl Cook
Seconded by Derek Langan

WHEREAS, Section 7 of *The Métis Act* (Chapter M -14.01 of the Statutes of Saskatchewan, 2001) designate members of the Provincial Métis Council as the Board of Directors of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. with the power to "direct and manage the activities and affairs of the Corporation" through resolutions or bylaws;

AND WHEREAS, President Doucette, Treasurer Louis Gardiner and Secretary May Henderson have failed to follow the direction of the Provincial Métis Council/Board of Directors of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc;

AND WHEREAS, President Doucette, Treasurer Louis Gardiner and Secretary May Henderson have failed to adhere to the MNS Constitution and *The Métis Act* and have caused irreparable harm to the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan by convening illegal meetings and purporting to amend the MNS Constitution contrary to the principles of natural justice and the MNS Constitutional amending formula;

AND WHEREAS President Doucette, Treasurer Louis Gardiner and Secretary May Henderson have caused the corporation to incur expenditures of the Secretariat resources without the knowledge or authority of the PMC/Board of Directors of the Secretariat;

AND WHEREAS, the majority of the Provincial Métis Council and the majority of the Board of Directors of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. were forced to seek redress for the illegal conduct of President Doucette, Treasurer Louis Gardiner and Secretary May Henderson from the Court of Queens Bench of Saskatchewan;

AND WHEREAS, the Court of Queens Bench has ruled that the actions of President Doucette, Treasurer Louis Gardiner and Secretary May Henderson were illegal and that there was a breach of "internal rules" meant to govern the organization and that the actions taken at the so-called "Special Meeting held on June 29, 2013 was a nullity and anything passed at such a wildcat meeting had equally no validity" and further Justice Keene ruled that "the MNLA held on September 7 and 8, 2013 was a nullity and anything arising from such a meeting, including any amendments to the Constitution or the suspension of any members of the PMC, were nullities and of no effect";

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the PMC/Board of Directors of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. hereby adopts this "Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Accountability Resolution" to direct and manage the activities and affairs of the Corporation/Métis government going forward, including the need to address meaningful governance, citizenship registry and boundaries issues on an urgent basis:

1. That the PMC/Board of Directors pursuant to MNS Constitution Article Three subsection 4 a) hereby appoints a Finance Committee composed of Gerald Morin, Darlene McKay and Glen McCallum who shall be responsible for inquiring into all past expenditures undertaken by the Secretariat and who shall be solely possessed with the power to approve in consultation with the Treasurer all future expenditures of the corporation including expenditures relating to contractors, lawyers, accountants, staffing and all operational expenditures.
2. That the PMC/Board of Directors pursuant to Article Three subsection 4 b) shall provide a copy of the MNS Accountability Resolution to the Royal Bank of Canada and the Scotiabank, along with any other banking or financial institution connected

with the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan or Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc, with clear instructions that the PMC/Board of Directors hereby appoints Treasurer Louis Gardiner, Vice-President Gerald Morin and Regional Director Darlene McKay as the sole signing officers, with any two of the three authorized to sign all banking documents.

3. That the PMC/Board of Directors further cancels any and all signatory authorizations by the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan and the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc on all corporate accounts including all Contribution Agreements with the federal and provincial governments and designates Vice-President Gerald Morin as the sole signatory for these corporate and government accounts.
4. That the Finance Committee shall not authorize or approve any expenditures incurred in relation to the illegal June 29th, 2013 wildcat "Special Meeting" or the illegal September 7 and 8, 2013 MNLA and any expenditures arising from those meetings including legal costs associated with defending the illegal meetings.
5. That an MNS Commission on Governance Reform and Citizenship is hereby established to address the issues of governance, including but not limited to citizenship registry, electoral reform, dispute resolution, Regional and Local governance engagement and regional boundaries and that the following are hereby appointed to the Commission: Gerald Morin, Derek Langan and Bev Worsley.
6. That for the purposes of the Métis National Council Bylaw, section 8, the PMC/Board of Directors reaffirms that Gerald Morin shall serve as the MNS "designate" on the MNC Board of Governors and that in conformity with past practice the Vice-President, as an MNS designate to the MNC Board of Governors, shall attend all MNC Board of Governors meetings along with the President, and where the President does not attend, the Vice-President shall represent the MNS. At all such meetings where the President is present, the President shall not have the authority to make, second or vote on any motion/resolution without the agreement and consent of the Vice-President who shall ensure that the decision being made conforms with the wishes and direction of the Provincial Métis Council. And,
7. That the PMC/Board of Directors shall not recognize a representative of the Metis Youth participating in PMC meetings or Board meetings of the Secretariat until such time that a duly called meeting and election for Metis youth representatives has occurred.
8. That a re-constituted Human Resources Committee be established and that the following are hereby appointed: Gerald Morin, Darlene McKay, Tammy Mah and Helene Johnson.

Carried Unanimously.

Motion: 06-11-04-2014

ACCOUNTABILITY RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTATION

Moved by Darlene McKay and seconded by Glen McCallum:

WHEREAS an Accountability Resolution has been adopted by the PMC/Board of Directors of the Secretariat Inc,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the PMC/Board of Directors directs Vice-President Gerald Morin to undertake the following:

- a. To forward the Accountability Resolution to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development informing AANDC of the Accountability Resolution and informing them that the MNS PMC/Board of Directors supports the Registry Standard work being undertaken by CSA with the MNC and other Governing Members.
- b. To forward the Accountability Resolution to the Métis National Council informing the MNC that the MNS is now prepared to attend the called Métis National Council General Assembly on May 9-10, 2014 in Winnipeg, MB.
- c. To request a meeting with Ms. Josée Touchette, Assistant Deputy Minister, AANDC who has responsibility for Métis files for the purpose of discussing the Accountability Resolution and to review submitted MNS contribution agreement applications, work plans, budgets and any other relevant agreements.
- d. To inform the minister's office that we support the BOC funding to be on a monthly basis with supervision and approvals by the PMC as per the Accountability Resolution.

Carried unanimously

Motion: 07-11-04-2014

Concern was also raised in terms of accountability that the MNS head office is still keeping on its website the struck down Constitution as well as other matters that need correcting.

Moved by Lennard Morin and Seconded by Lela Arnold.

WHEREAS the MNS website needs to be updated.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the website be immediately edited to restore the legitimate Constitution to the site, and to remove all references to non-Métis Nation organizations or links (for example under Sister Nations there is a link to Metis Nation of Quebec), based on the principles and resolutions adopted by the MNC GA and the fact that it is only the MNC and its Governing Members who represent the citizens of the Métis Nation, in its distinct geographic homeland as defined and confirmed by the MNC General Assembly in March 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any other required amendments or edits be done as identified by the Commission on Governance Reform and Citizenship.

carried unanimously

Motion: 08-11-04-2014

3:45 P.M. Chairperson Johnson turns Chair over to Vice-President Morin, she has to leave.

10. Follow-up with Federal and Provincial Governments.

Vice-President proceeds with meeting.

Vice-President stresses the importance of implementing and acting quick on the two above resolutions.

Glen McCallum stresses the urgency of these motions and it is to the benefit and well-being of our organization.

Derek Langan would like a friendly recommendation that the Queens Bench Court Decision by Judge Keene be attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Vice-President Morin says we will have to decide who is going do what. Everyone will need to have input and help out.

Moved by Glen McCallum and Second by Lela Arnold:

That the Human Resource Committee hire, on a priority basis, someone to assist the Vice-President due to all the work that needs to be done, including and not limiting the follow-ups to both Governments, and all other requirements in respect to the MNS Accountability Resolution and the Accountability Resolution Implementation.

Carried unanimously.

Motion: 09-11-04-2014

11. Review of MNS Cabinet and Ministerial Appointments

Discussion was held. Chairperson recesses meeting at 4.21 P.M. and agenda item will be first thing on Agenda tomorrow morning. This will give everyone time to think on the Agenda item. Meeting will resume at 9:00 a.m. April 12, 2014.

DAY TWO:

APRIL 12, 2014

9:30 a.m. Opening Prayer Lennard Morin

Chairperson Johnson opens meeting with:

11. Review of MN-S Cabinet and Ministerial Appointments

Moved by Derek Langan and second by Tammy Mah

That the Ministerial Portfolio Assignments done at the PMC Board meeting in Watrous, Saskatchewan in October 2012, shall be re-affirmed with the exception of the Back to Batoche due to it never being approved by the PMC Board.

And that a Committee be appointed as per the MN-S Constitution Article 3.4 (a) with Director Darlene McKay to be Chairperson of the 2014 Back to Batoche, giving authorization to Darlene McKay to make a decision on members of the committee. This Back to Batoche Committee is deemed necessary in order to effectively carry out the activities and functions of the Back to Batoche 2014 Festivities and Land Management.'

Carried unanimously.

Motion: 10-12-04-2014

For the Record: Glen McCallum states that the PMC recognizes this is a new starting point for Darlene McKay and that all previous debts be responsibility of the unauthorized Corporations and their respective Boards that the President took upon himself to appoint and incorporate without approval of the Provincial Metis Council.

Vice-President Morin stated that once documentation is received on the Corporations that an audit be under taken back to 2010 - 2013.

Chairperson notes that the Chairperson appointed today for Back to Batoche is not responsible for all challenges facing Back to Batoche.

Moved by Darlene McKay and seconded by Lennard Morin

That a Committee be appointed to oversee the MN-S Registry process in light of the in-camera session today and that the Committee members are: Tammy Mah, Lela Arnold, and Beverley Worsley.

Carried unanimously.

Motion: 11-12-04-2014

In discussing the workshop information provided yesterday, and for the purpose of moving forward on a positive basis on the work of the register the following resolution was made:

Moved by Tammy Mah and seconded by Michael Bell

WHEREAS the federal government has been funding the registering of Métis Nation citizens.

AND WHEREAS there is a need to develop common standards and interoperability of the registering of Métis Nation citizens throughout the Homeland.

AND WHEREAS the CSA, MNC and its Governing Members have been working on developing such a Standard.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the MNS PMC/Board of Directors supports the Registry Standard work being undertaken by CSA with the MNC and other Governing Members.

Passed unanimously

Motion: 12-12-04-2014

12. Boundary Commission (Deloitte and Touche)

Vice-President Morin gave update. The Governance Committee will be dealing with this. Deloitte and Touche bill was \$65,000. Deloitte and believe it was paid from Provincial Metis Holdco. The Accountability Resolution will cover this.

Moved by Vice-President Gerald Morin and seconded by Michael Bell.

Whereas the so-called hearings of the Boundary Commission has been poorly attended and was never approved by the Provincial Metis Council Board.

It is hereby resolved that the work of the Boundary Commission is hereby suspended until the work of the Accountability Resolution has been concluded.

Carried unanimously.

Motion: 13-12-04-2014

Break 10:30- 10:55

13. MNC General Assembly delegates and alternates selection

Chairperson Johnson informs that the item was dealt with Motion 05-11-04-2014

14. National Workshop

a. Registry and CSA process

b. Economic Development, MEDS, process and draft Accord with AANDC

Chairperson Johnson informs this was dealt with first thing April 11, 2014.

15. Other

-MNLA date, appointment of chairs and all other issues related to MNLA

Moved by Tammy Mah, seconded by Darlene McKay

WHEREAS there is a need to hold an MNLA which conforms to the MNS Constitution and democratic accountability.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT once the work outlined in the Accountability Resolution has been completed and democratic rule and principles have been re-

established, the date and location of an MNLA shall be set by the PMC as mandated by the MNS Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in the lead up to the MNLA that Speaker Will Goodon and Deputy Speaker Kathy Hodgson-Smith are hereby re-appointed to a further two year period.

Passed unanimously

Motion: 14-12-04-2014

- Action Item:

Vice President Morin will send letter to MNC President Clem Chartier with MNC AGA Delegate and Alternates names for May 9 & 10, 2014 in Winnipeg Manitoba.

Vice-President Morin to sent a letter with the 2 Accountability Resolutions to Minister Valcourt Monday morning April 14, 2014 and cc to MP Clarke.

- Date of next Meeting

Earl Cook moves that the next meeting for the PMC/Metis Nation Secretariat Inc. Board of Directors will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba on May 8, 2014, proper notice to be sent out with venue, time and agenda to all members of the Provincial Metis Council/Metis Nation Secretariat Inc. Board of Directors.

Derek Langan seconds.

Carried unanimously.

Motion: 15-12-04-2014

Darlene McKay questioned court costs. VP Morin will talk to Jay Watson and get back to everyone at next meeting.

Billy Kennedy questions where funds will come from to pay Lawyers. Does MN-S have money? Vice-President Morin says we will have to negotiate with Feds, hopefully MP Clarke can assist us.

Glen McCallum states Jay has done a great job. Asks if Jay could write a letter that we are in discussions about the proposed mediation and legal costs. On a without prejudice basis. Vice-President to contact Jay to check to see what are the options.

Vice-President will talk to Jay and we will discuss further on May 8 in Winnipeg, we will travel on May 7, 2014.

Vice-President Morin moves to go in camera.

Derek Langan seconds.

Carried unanimously.

Motion: 16-12-04-2014

In Camera 11:30 a.m.

Meeting reconvenes after in-camera session.

Moved by Derek Langan, seconded by Earl Cook, that Helene Johnson from the HR Committee seek legal counsel to provide legal advice to the Provincial Metis Council (PMC) on the harassment complaint against May Henderson and that Helene Johnson report to the PMC at the next Provincial Metis Council meeting.

Carried.

Motion: 17-12-04-2014

16. Meeting adjourned by the Chairperson at 12:00 pm.