

**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 16, FEBRUARY 5 and 6, 2016**

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held January 16, 2016 in the Salon Batoche, Delta Bessborough Hotel, 601 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and February 5 and 6, 2016 in the South Oak Room at the Quality Inn, 67 13th Street East, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

DATE: Saturday, January 16, 2016

PRESENT:

Robert Doucette, President (arrived at 9:50 a.m.) (departed at 10:04 a.m.)
Gerald Morin, Vice-President and Co-Chair
Helene Johnson, Co-Chair
Lela Arnold
Michael Bell
Earl Cook
May Henderson (arrived at 9:50 a.m.) (departed at 10:04 a.m.)
Chester Herman
Penny Hurton (arrived at 9:50 a.m.) (departed at 10:15 a.m.)
Billy Kennedy
Derek Langan
Glen McCallum
Darlene McKay
Tammy Mah
Lennard Morin

ALSO PRESENT:

Ian Ketcheson, Director, Métis and Non-Status Indian Relations, INAC
Karen Larocque, Eastern Region 3 (Observer)
Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations, INAC

RECORDING SECRETARY

Carol Lee, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

Vice-President Gerald Morin called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Glen McCallum offered an Opening Prayer.

Vice-President Morin reported the passing of Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Member Bev Worsley, and called for a moment of silence in her memory. The deaths of Ernest Sylvester and the wife of Wayne Mackenzie were also acknowledged.

Members Arrived

MN-S President Robert Doucette, May Henderson and Penny Hurton joined the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Change of Chair

President Doucette assumed the Chair.

2. OPENING COMMENTS

President Doucette reported that meetings have been held with Vice-President Morin and Richard Quintal and Charles Marcoux, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). There is agreement regarding the need to:

- Save the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S)
- Hold a Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) at the earliest possible date
- Hold an early election.

President Doucette commented on the disagreement relative to control of the organization being assumed by individuals other than the President.

President Doucette advised that he would not be standing for re-election and would be departing the meeting. He wished the PMC success in its deliberations and efforts to save the MN-S.

It was requested that consideration be given on how to proceed towards paying MN-S office costs and insurance (i.e. rent, etc.)

Members Departed

President Doucette and Ms. Henderson departed the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Change of Chair

Vice-President Morin assumed the Chair.

3. ROLL CALL

Vice-President Morin conducted a Roll Call and acknowledged a total of 13 members present. He confirmed that quorum was established.

2. OPENING COMMENTS (Continued)

Discussion ensued regarding President Doucette's comments:

- It was noted that the Area Directors represent their regions and their Métis locals
- The MN-S Constitution requires that the PMC meetings be held every two months
- Vice-President Morin has called in-person PMC meetings on those occasions where President Doucette has failed to do so.

Ms. Hurton reported that she does not check her emails for notices of PMC meetings and requested that future notices of meetings be provided by telephone.

Member Departed

Ms. Hurton departed the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

4. RECORDING SECRETARY

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carol Lee, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as the Recording Secretary for the January 16, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopts the following Agenda for its January 16, 2016 meeting:

- Approval of Previous Minutes
- Funding Proposal from INAC
- MN-S Audit
- Citizenship Registry
- Committees
- Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
- MN-S Election
- Other Business:
 - 2016 Batoche Festival
 - Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) Representative Appointments
 - EB Campbell Dam.

CARRIED

6. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – JUNE 5 AND 8, 2015

Draft Minutes of the June 5 and 8, 2015 meeting of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council was distributed at the meeting.

It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopts the minutes of its June 5 and 8, 2015 meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

Appointment of Co-Chairs

It was MOVED (Darlene McKay) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Helene Johnson and Gerald Morin as Co-Chairs for the meeting.

CARRIED

7. FUNDING PROPOSAL FROM INAC

Document titled “Proposed Approach Terms of Reference” was distributed at the meeting.

The following INAC representatives joined the meeting:

- Ian Ketcheson, Director, Métis and Non-Status Indian Relations
- Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator
- Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations.

Mr. Ketcheson commented on the newly elected federal government’s focus on improving relationships with Indigenous peoples, reconciliation and nation-to-nation discussions. INAC is interested in assisting MN-S to move forward and to resolve some long-standing issues. To this end, INAC has had some initial discussions with President Doucette and Vice-President Morin to determine if there is a path toward achieving the goals of holding a MNLA and an election.

Mr. Ketcheson advised that Minister Carolyn Bennett has approved the implementation of a strategy, as documented in the Proposed Approach Terms of Reference (Proposed Approach) and the associated funding. Mr. Ketcheson reviewed the objectives of the strategy.

Mr. Quintal reviewed the key elements of the strategy and highlighted:

- All funding provided by INAC would be handled by a neutral third-party manager (expert advisor)
- The funding of up to \$50,000 for three PMC meetings, exclusive of the January 16, 2016 meeting
- The appointment of a neutral third-party facilitator is optional
- The requirement to safeguard the information contained in the MN-S Citizenship Registry through securing the MN-S office building
- The strategy is intended to ensure the survival of the MN-S by providing funding until the end of the 2015/16 fiscal year.

Messrs. Ketcheson and Quintal responded to questions and comments from the PMC regarding:

- The wording in the second bullet of Item 2 of the Key Elements section of the Proposed Approach does not appear to respect the MN-S Constitution and the role of MN-S as the government of the Métis in Saskatchewan
- The suggestion to replace the word “interlocutor” in the first bullet of the Objectives section of the Proposed Approach
- Acknowledgement that there are different points of view amongst the PMC members that would benefit from the assistance of a facilitator
- Confirmation that the funding provided under the strategy would expire at the end of the 2015/16 fiscal year on March 31, 2016
- The opinion of the PMC that it should not be required to accept the responsibility for debts and Contribution Agreements approved by individuals who claimed to represent the PMC when the PMC was not involved in the process
- The need for MN-S meetings to be inclusive
- The recommendation that future PMC decisions be accompanied by and documented through resolutions
- Confirmation that the \$50,000 funding is inclusive of support to be provided to PMC committee meetings

- The funding does not provide for salaries to be paid however PMC members will be paid per diems fees and reimbursed for travel expenses incurred to attend the three PMC meetings
- Whether the strategy would fulfill the requirement of demonstrating accountability, professionalism and transparency established by former Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Minister Valcourt to enable the reinstatement of federal funding to the MN-S
- The critical role to be played by the Finance Committee in demonstrating accountability, professionalism and transparency
- The need for funding to be provided to pay salaries to individuals to perform the work required
- The timing for the appointment of the expert advisor and the need to allow sufficient time to brief the expert advisor prior to the MNLA being held
- The process that would be utilized to appoint the expert advisor
- Confirmation that INAC would be willing to consider funding beyond the current fiscal year if the PMC can demonstrate that there is progress being made toward the resolution of issues.

Messrs. Ketchison, Marcoux and Quintal departed the meeting.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 11:51 a.m. and reconvened at 12:39 p.m.

Discussion ensued on:

- The need for the strategy to require that all PMC Members work together to re-establish the MN-S
- The willingness to work with all PMC members who are willing to engage
- The need to clarify the role of the interlocutor referenced in the first bullet of the Objectives section of the Proposed Approach
- The need to delete the requirement for unanimity of decisions referenced in the second bullet in the second item of the Key Elements section of the Proposed Approach
- The need for the expert advisor to work under the direction of the Finance Committee and the MNLA Committee
- Whether the \$25,000 funding for the third-party neutral facilitator could be allocated to the work of the MN-S Committees
- Whether the PMC would have the authority to select the expert advisor.

Messrs. Ketchison and Quintal rejoined the meeting.

Messrs. Ketchison and Quintal responded to questions and comments:

- INAC is cognizant that there is a concern that the requirement for unanimity of decisions cannot be achieved if some members of the PMC are unwilling to attend PMC meetings
- INAC would be willing to share the list of proposed expert advisors for the PMC to discuss an acceptable party to be appointed
- It would be reasonable for the Finance Committee to obtain access to the office building, in the presence of the expert advisor, to inspect financial records
- Agreement to the following amendments to the Proposed Approach document:
 - Objectives, Bullet 1 – Amend wording to “To re-establish a strong, reliable and legitimate representative of the Métis of Saskatchewan and to allow them to participate in and inform long-term policy development”

- Key Elements, Item 2, Bullet 2 – Amend wording to “Provincial Métis Council resolutions that are passed and documented at a properly constituted meeting of the Provincial Métis Council will be required as part of this process.”
- The need to keep in mind that the strategy is intended to ensure the survival of the MN-S until the calling of an MNLA
- Confirmation that INAC’s funding of a forensic audit will be dependent upon the results of the work of the expert advisor.

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council accepts the strategy documented in the Proposed Approach Terms of Reference and the associated funding, with the assurances provided by the representatives of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada during the discussion, and with the following amendments to the Proposed Approach Terms of Reference:

- A. Replace the first bullet of the Objectives section with “To re-establish a strong, reliable and legitimate representative of the Métis of Saskatchewan and to allow them to participate in and inform long-term policy development”
- B. Replace the second bullet of the item titled “Funding of up to three Provincial Métis Council meetings” of the Key Elements section with “Provincial Métis Council resolutions that are passed and documented at a properly constituted meeting of the Provincial Métis Council will be required as part of this process.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

The meeting recessed at 1:49 p.m. and reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

8. MN-S AUDIT

Vice-President Morin referenced the resolution regarding the forensic audit passed at the June 5, 2015 meeting and noted that the provision of federal funding for forensic audits is restricted to parties holding federal funding agreements, specifically the MN-S and Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc.

Discussion ensued on:

- The lack of progress on a forensic audit
- The party that would undertake and fund the forensic audit of MN-S affiliate organizations
- Advice received that the cost to the MN-S to have a forensic audit of MN-S affiliate organizations undertaken would be a minimum of \$70,000
- The possibility that information uncovered as a result of the work of the Finance Committee with the expert advisor under the approved funding arrangement with INAC may lead to the RCMP initiating a criminal investigation
- The need for the prompt appointment of the expert advisor to allow the work to commence as soon as possible.

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs the Finance Committee to ensure that the resolution regarding a forensic audit, passed at the June 5, 2015 Provincial

Métis Council meeting, be implemented as part of the work of the expert advisor under the INAC funding proposal.

CARRIED

9. CITIZENSHIP REGISTRY

Co-Chair Helene Johnson referenced the resolution regarding the creation of a Registry Committee passed at the June 5, 2015 meeting. This work has been deferred pending the resolution of the custody of the MN-S Citizenship Registry documents.

10. COMMITTEES

This item was discussed under Item 7.

11. MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Vice-President Morin suggested that the MN-S would be subject to the Master Agreement upon the completion of the process being undertaken under the approved funding arrangement. INAC is currently assessing how it would suspend the requirements of the Master Agreement while the approved funding arrangement is in place.

Discussion ensued on the need to provide reports on the terms of the Master Agreement and the work of the Finance Committee at the MNLA.

12. MN-S ELECTION

Vice-President Morin advised that the federal government has committed to conducting a MN-S election, modelled upon the 2007 election process. The following mechanisms will be incorporated to ensure the election is seen as fair and independent process where Métis citizens are able to exercise their democratic right to vote:

- Based on the provisions of the *Métis Elections Act*
- Utilization of declaration forms at the polling stations
- Ensure that there is a ballot box in every local.

13. OTHER BUSINSS

13.1 2016 Batoche Festival

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Chester Herman)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Darlene McKay as the Chair of the Back to Batoche Festival Committee for 2016 and that Vice-President Gerald Morin be authorized to correspond, in writing, to all government levels and Métis Nation – Saskatchewan affiliates requesting funding.

CARRIED

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Lennard Morin)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Darlene McKay as the Chair of the Back to Batoche Land Management Committee.

CARRIED

13.2 Gabriel Dumont Institute Representative Appointments

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Helene Johnson)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Andy McKay as the Cumberland House representative to the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Directors.

CARRIED

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council ratifies the appointment of Dennis Langan to the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Directors.

CARRIED

It was MOVED (Helene Johnson) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council reappoints Glenn Lafleur to the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Directors.

CARRIED

13.3 EB Campbell Dam

Lennard Morin advised that license of the EB Campbell Dam expired on December 31, 2015 and the duty to consult has been triggered. The proponent has refused the request to provide funding of \$10,000 to support the community's involvement in the consultation.

Mr. Morin requested assistance to provide a presentation to the residents of Cumberland House regarding the duty to consult and accommodate.

13.4 MN-S Signatory

It was MOVED (Darlene McKay) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) requests Vice-President Gerald Morin to sign letters and other documents on behalf of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, in the absence of the President; and further, authorizes Vice-President Morin to sign letters and other documents as approved by the PMC, in the event that the President declines to sign.

CARRIED

13.5 Payment of Legal Costs

It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Darlene McKay)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council confirms its intention to pay for legal services provided to the Provincial Métis Council by Jay Watson, as soon as it is able to do so.

CARRIED

13.6 Responses to the Media

It was requested that Vice-President Morin respond to media requests for information on the funding arrangement entered into with INAC.

14. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council was scheduled for February 5 and 6, 2016 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

15. MEETING RECESSED

Vice-President Morin commented that he has been advised to recess, rather than close, the meeting upon the conclusion of business.

It was MOVED (Glen McCallum)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting be recessed until the February 5 and 6, 2016 meeting in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

CARRIED

(Time: 3:15 p.m.)

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DATE: Friday, February 5, 2016

PRESENT:

Gerald Morin, Vice-President and Co-Chair
Helene Johnson, Co-Chair
Lela Arnold
Michael Bell
Earl Cook
Chester Herman
Billy Kennedy
Derek Langan
Glen McCallum
Darlene McKay
Tammy Mah (departed 12:45 p.m.)
Lennard Morin (arrived 2:00 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT:

Ian Ketcheson, Director, Métis and Non-Status Indian Relations, INAC
Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations, INAC

RECORDING SECRETARY

Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

16. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

Vice-President Gerald Morin called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Glen McCallum offered an Opening Prayer and led the meeting in a moment of silence in recognition of the recent tragedy in La Loche, Saskatchewan.

17. ROLL CALL

Vice-President Morin conducted a Roll Call and acknowledged a total of 11 members present. He confirmed that quorum was established.

18. RECORDING SECRETARY

It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as Recording Secretary for the February 5 and 6, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED

19. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – JANUARY 16, 2016

Draft Minutes of the January 16, 2016 portion of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) meeting, was distributed.

During discussion regarding the minutes, the following comments were offered:

- The February 5 and 6, 2016 meeting is a continuation of the January 16, 2016 meeting (which recessed rather than concluding)
- Resolutions passed by the PMC on January 16, 2016 confirmed appointments to the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) Board of Directors, and will be conveyed to the GDI in advance of their February 13, 2016 Annual General Meeting
- It is important to reference in the minutes the January 16, 2016 discussion on the urgent payments required of the MN-S' office costs (i.e. rent, insurance, etc.).

During discussion on the resolution under Item 13.4, it was agreed to expand the resolution to enable the Vice-President to approve documentation, in the event that the President declined. The Mover and Seconder of the resolution agreed to the change.

It was MOVED (Darlene McKay) and SECONDED (Chester Herman)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approve the January 16, 2016 portion of the January 16 and February 5 and 6, 2016 PMC Minutes, with the following amendments:

- Page 2: Insert the following sentence, immediately prior to members departing at 10:04 a.m.: “It was requested that consideration be given on how to proceed towards paying MN-S office costs and insurance (i.e. rent, etc.)”; and
- Page 8: Insert the following at the end of the resolution under Item 13.4: “and further, authorizes Vice-President Morin to sign letters and other documents as approved by the PMC, in the event that the President declines to sign.”

CARRIED

Appointment of Co-Chairs

It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Helene Johnson and Gerald Morin, as Co-Chairs for the meeting.

CARRIED

20. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (February 5 and 6, 2016)

Co-Chair Morin reviewed the discussions held and decisions made on January 16, 2016, and confirmed that the February 5 and 6, 2016 agenda included presentations from:

- Prospective third-party expert advisors on February 5, 2016 (Ernst & Young and MNG); and
- MNC President Clément Chartier on February 6, 2016.

The meeting considered additional items for inclusion on the February 5 and 6, 2016 agenda.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopts the following Agenda for its February 5 and 6, 2016 meeting:

- Presentations:
 - Prospective Third Party Expert Advisors
 - MNC President Clément Chartier
- Other Business:
 - Reimbursement of PMC Expenses
 - Vice-President Morin's Representation of the MN-S
 - Approach for the Third Party Expert Advisor
 - Finance and MNLA Committees
 - MNLA and Pre-Election Discussions
 - Update on the MN-S President's Role
 - Update on Batoche.

CARRIED

21. PRESENTATIONS

21.1 PROSPECTIVE THIRD PARTY EXPERT ADVISORS

21.1a) MNP

The meeting was informed that a number of independent firms in Saskatchewan were contacted to potentially assume the role of expert advisor to the MN-S. The MN-S President had not indicated any concerns with respect to the firms selected to present at the meeting.

11:25 a.m.

Brian Drayton, Partner, Assurance Services, and Keith Fonstad, Provincial Director, Aboriginal Services, MNP, joined the meeting.

Mr. Drayton explained that MNP is a national professional accounting and advisory firm, operating throughout Saskatchewan. MNP currently has approximately 75 partners and 450 team members providing resources to multiple active engagements.

The meeting further was informed that:

- MNP served as third party managers for a number of First Nations organizations, and previously assisted in the management of funds for the First Nations University
- MNP assisted the MN-S on funding and accountability matters during the 2007 election process, and also helped guide the 2012 election process

- If selected, Mr. Drayton and Mr. Fonstad would both be involved in assisting the MN-S, along with a registered trustee and other specialist resources from the Saskatoon office, as required.

Participants were informed that based on the “Expert Advisor – Statement of Work – Key Elements” document, responsibilities of the expert advisor within the current phase (until March 31, 2016) included:

- Working with the landlord to ensure that rent (and insurance) was paid retroactively to December 1, 2015
- Gaining sufficient access to the MN-S’ financial information, to determine the current financial position of the organization in preparation for the MNLA
- Working in collaboration with the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), towards an MNLA and a general election while ensuring compliance to the new contribution agreement.

MNP representatives added that the MNP has relevant experience and resources, and familiarity with the MN-S’ operations. MNP welcomed the opportunity to assist in achieving the organization’s objectives.

12:41 p.m.

Messrs. Drayton and Fonstad departed the meeting.

Member Departed

Tammy Mah departed the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 12:45 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Member Arrived

Lennard Morin joined the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

Evan Shoforost, Managing Partner, Brock McMillan, Partner, and Michael Campbell, Associate, Ernst & Young, joined the meeting.

21.1b) Ernst & Young

Messrs. Shoforost, Campbell and McMillan introduced themselves to the meeting. They confirmed that Ernst & Young (EY) is a global accounting firm with 700 offices in 150 different countries, with experience in restructuring and access to multiple resources, as required. The meeting was further informed that:

- As an independent third party, EY would provide efficiency to the restructuring process, after learning more about the organization’s constitution and finances
- EY would work collaboratively with the PMC to determine the organization’s current situation, and to ensure its present needs were met
- Although EY had not assisted many First Nations or Métis organizations with their restructuring processes, EY would commit the time necessary to achieve the MN-S’ objectives, within the confines of the engagement agreement
- If selected, Mr. Shoforost and Mr. Campbell would be the two primary contacts for the organization; additional resources could be involved based on the organization’s needs.

During further discussion, comments were offered on:

- Collaboration required with the Finance Committee and MNLA Committee
- The distinct history, culture and status of Métis people
- The structure of the MN-S and its past leaders.

EY representatives extended thanks for the opportunity to meet with the PMC and welcomed the opportunity to assist the organization in its efforts forward.

3:10 p.m.

Messes. Shoforost, McMillan and Campbell departed the meeting.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 3:10 p.m. and reconvened at 3:35 p.m.

22. OTHER BUSINESS

22.1 Reimbursement of PMC Expenses

It was MOVED (Billy Kennedy) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) direct that INAC reimburse the Prince Albert Métis Women for expenses incurred related to the PMC members' participation in the following:

- The February 5 and 6, 2016 PMC Meeting
- The January 16 and 17, 2015 PMC (Royal Reporting) Meeting, including the Travelodge costs
- PMC conference calls.

CARRIED

22.3 Approach for the Third Party Expert Advisor

INAC representatives led the meeting in a review of the document titled "Expert Advisor – Statement of Work – Key Elements". It was confirmed that funds from Canada, would flow through the expert advisor (the initial transfer of funds would cover immediate office costs, such as rent and insurance).

Members acknowledged that the contribution agreement needed to be signed, and endorsed by the PMC. The majority of the PMC could then enter into a contract with the expert advisor (which INAC would prepare).

The following additional comments were offered:

- The Statement of Work could clarify that: "The expert advisor will work in collaboration with the PMC and its established committees (Finance Committee and MNLA Planning Committee) to accomplish the following:"
- Although the PMC has some questions regarding the organization's finances, an extensive forensic audit may not be required
- A compliance audit could be undertaken, with respect to the funds provided to MN-S by Canada.

22.2 Vice-President Morin's Representation of the MN-S

This item was considered under Item 19 – Approval of Previous Minutes – January 16, 2016.

4:20 p.m.

Ian Ketcheson, Richard Quintal and the Recording Secretary left the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. on February 5, 2016 for a brief in-camera discussion, and agreed to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on February 6, 2016.

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Lela Arnold
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23. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

Co-Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. and welcomed Métis National Council (MNC) President Clément Chartier to the meeting.

21. PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

21.2 MNC President Clément Chartier

MNC President Chartier commended the relationship established between representatives of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and the MN-S.

President Chartier presented comments on:

- Government's implementation of the Métis Nation policy, and the Prime Minister's efforts to bring increased recognition to the Métis people
- Efforts by Minister Carolyn Bennett, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, on a number of major issues including the missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls
- The three orders of government in Canada (federal, provincial and Indigenous governments)
- An invitation from the Prime Minister's office, extended to the organizations representing the three Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Inuit and Métis)
- Impacts of MN-S' current situation on the entire Métis Nation, and government's role in re-establishing the MN-S as the representative for the Métis citizens in Saskatchewan
- Challenges the Métis people faced in proving their right to hunt and fish, based on their ancestor's use of the area
- The recent tragedy in the Métis community of La Loche, which confirmed the need draw attention to Métis issues
- The MNC General Assembly and other meetings scheduled June 16 to 19, 2016 in Winnipeg
- The MNC Policy Conference scheduled in March 2016 in Vancouver (pending confirmation).

Discussion ensued on:

- The *Daniels* case, which is currently at the Supreme Court of Canada level; the federal government's decision on whether to proceed with the cross appeal process is anticipated by the fall of 2016
- Various economic challenges facing Métis people in Pine House and other Saskatchewan communities
- The importance of establishing and maintaining access to government programs available to Indigenous people.

10:10 a.m.

MNC President Chartier departed the meeting.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 10:10 a.m. and resumed at 10:30 a.m. President Robert Doucette, May Henderson and Penny Hurton were present when the meeting resumed.

21.1 PRESENTATIONS: From Prospective Third Party Expert Advisors (Continued)

The Co-Chairs led the meeting in a discussion regarding the prospective third party expert advisors who offered presentations on February 5, 2016. The meeting discussed:

- The expert advisor's development of a workplan in collaboration with the PMC, committees and federal representatives, consistent with the proposed Statement of Work
- The expert advisor's review of the PMC's prior decisions and resolutions
- The Finance Committee's collaboration with the Treasurer during the process ahead
- The expert advisor assuming control and protection over the MN-S premises and registry (i.e. controlling access to the organization's office and records and backing up digital files)
- The expert advisor's interim signing authority for the organization
- The intent of the contribution agreement that work outlined therein would be accomplished by the end of March 2016.

After considering the earlier presentations from representatives from MNP and EY, the meeting agreed to retain EY to act as expert advisor for the MN-S.

Next steps following the selection of the expert advisor, were reviewed including:

- Signing of the contribution agreement (preferably by the President), plus the signature of at least one witness
- A resolution by the PMC supporting the contribution agreement, was required
- The MN-S entering into a contract to hire the third party firm as an expert advisor
- The expert advisor would take the appropriate steps to keep the building secure (i.e. communicate with the landlord on rent, utilities, etc.).

President Doucette clarified that his participation at the meeting, did not indicate his concurrence with decisions made at the meeting.

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Lennard Morin)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) authorize contracting the services of Ernst & Young, to act as the expert advisor for the MN-S, guided by the “Expert Advisor – Statement of Work – Key Elements” approved by the PMC on February 6, 2016.

CARRIED

Printed copies of a revised “Expert Advisor – Statement of Work – Key Elements” were provided, which included a section titled “Workplan Items”, drafted based on comments provided earlier in the meeting (see attached “List of Appendices”).

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopt the amended “Expert Advisor – Statement of Work – Key Elements”, provided on February 6, 2016.

CARRIED

24. CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

The meeting was referred to the contribution agreement titled, “Amending Agreement (No. 1415-HQ-000097) for Subsequent Years of an ARFA Other, Fiscal Year 2015/2016, with Action Planning”, which intended to outline a consensus-based, reconciliatory approach to assist the MN-S in moving towards an MNLA and election (see attached “List of Appendices”).

INAC representatives offered the following comments related to the agreement:

- The President requested to review the agreement after the meeting
- Consent was required by the majority of the Executive and the majority of the PMC before the contribution agreement could be executed
- It may take two weeks after the agreement was signed, before the transfer of money to the expert advisor could occur.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Chester Herman)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) accept the “Amending Agreement (No. 1415-HQ-000097) for Subsequent Years of an ARFA Other, Fiscal Year 2015/2016, With Action Planning” as presented to the PMC on February 6, 2016, subject to agreement by the MN-S President or Vice-President.

CARRIED

25. NEXT MEETING DATES

The meeting acknowledged further work and reporting required prior to March 31, 2016. It was anticipated that by the third PMC meeting, the next MNLA would be called. The meeting agreed to the following second and third PMC meetings:

- February 19 and 20, 2016 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan
- March 4 and 5, 2016 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

President Doucette agreed to convey any questions he may have related to the contribution agreement through the Vice-President. He indicated that he was uncertain whether he would attend the February 19 and 20, 2016 meeting.

In response to questions raised, Mr. Ketcheson explained that the next phase of funding would occur through a proposal-based approach with terms that reflected the position of the majority of the MN-S PMC and the Executive. He confirmed that he had offered to review the contribution agreement with President Doucette, to discuss any questions he may have.

The Co-Chairs extended thanks to the INAC representatives and others for their attendance, adding that notification of the upcoming meetings would soon be provided.

26. CONCLUSION

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting held January 16, February 5 and 6, 2016 concluded on February 6, 2016 at 12:10 p.m.

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LIST OF APPENDICES

The following documents were provided during the meeting and are available as separate files, in PDF format:

- “Amending Agreement for Subsequent Years of an ARFA Other, Fiscal Year 2015/2016, With Action Planning”
- “Expert Advisor – Statement of Work – Key Elements”
- “Proposed Approach - Terms of Reference”

**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING
January 16 and February 5-6, 2016**

List of Resolutions and Requests for Action

RESOLUTIONS / REQUESTS FOR ACTION	STATUS
<p>1. Recording Secretary (January 16, 2016) That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carol Lee, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as the Recording Secretary for the January 16, 2016 meeting.</p>	Complete
<p>2. Adoption of the Agenda (January 16, 2016) That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopts the following Agenda for its January 16, 2016 meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Previous Minutes • Funding Proposal from INAC • MN-S Audit • Citizenship Registry • Committees • Métis Nation Legislative Assembly • MN-S Election • Other Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2016 Batoche Festival ○ Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) Representative Appointments ○ EB Campbell Dam. 	
<p>3. Approval of Previous Minutes – June 5 and 8, 2015 (January 16, 2016) That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopts the minutes of its June 5 and 8, 2015 meeting as circulated.</p>	
<p>4. Appointment of Co-Chairs (January 16, 2016) That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Helene Johnson and Gerald Morin as Co-Chairs for the meeting.</p>	
<p>5. Funding Proposal From INAC (January 16, 2016) That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council accepts the strategy documented in the Proposed Approach Terms of Reference and the associated funding, with the assurances provided by the representatives of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada during the discussion, and with the following amendments to the Proposed Approach Terms of Reference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Replace the first bullet of the Objectives section with “To re-establish a strong, reliable and legitimate representative of the Métis of Saskatchewan and to allow them to participate in and inform long-term policy development” B. Replace the second bullet of the item titled “Funding of up to three Provincial Métis Council meetings” of the Key Elements section with “Provincial Métis Council resolutions that are passed and documented at 	

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a properly constituted meeting of the Provincial Métis Council will be required as part of this process.”	
<p>6. MN-S Audit (January 16, 2016) That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs the Finance Committee to ensure that the resolution regarding a forensic audit, passed at the June 5, 2015 Provincial Métis Council meeting, be implemented as part of the work of the expert advisor under the INAC funding proposal.</p>	
<p>7. 2016 Batoche Festival (January 16, 2016) That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Darlene McKay as the Chair of the Back to Batoche Festival Committee for 2016 and that Vice-President Gerald Morin be authorized to correspond, in writing, to all government levels and Métis Nation – Saskatchewan affiliates requesting funding.</p>	
<p>8. 2016 Batoche Festival (January 16, 2016) That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Darlene McKay as the Chair of the Back to Batoche Land Management Committee.</p>	
<p>9. Gabriel Dumont Institute Representative Appointments (January 16, 2016) That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Andy McKay as the Cumberland House representative to the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Directors.</p>	
<p>10. Gabriel Dumont Institute Representative Appointments (January 16, 2016) That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council ratifies the appointment of Dennis Langan to the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Directors.</p>	
<p>11. Gabriel Dumont Institute Representative Appointments (January 16, 2016) That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council reappoints Glenn Lafleur to the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Directors.</p>	
<p>12. MN-S Signatory (January 16, 2016) That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) requests Vice-President Gerald Morin to sign letters and other documents on behalf of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, in the absence of the President; and further, authorizes Vice-President Morin to sign letters and other documents as approved by the PMC, in the event that the President declines to sign.</p>	
<p>13. Payment of Legal Costs (January 16, 2016) That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council confirms its intention to pay for legal services provided to the Provincial Métis Council by Jay Watson, as soon as it is able to do so.</p>	

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<p>14. Meeting Recessed (January 16, 2016) That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting be recessed until the February 5 and 6, 2016 meeting in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.</p>	
<p>15. Recording Secretary (February 5, 2016) That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as Recording Secretary for the February 5 and 6, 2016 meeting.</p>	
<p>16. Approval of Previous Minutes (February 5, 2016) That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approve the January 16, 2016 portion of the January 16 and February 5 and 6, 2016 PMC Minutes, with the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 2: Insert the following sentence, immediately prior to members departing at 10:04 a.m.: “It was requested that consideration be given on how to proceed towards paying MN-S office costs and insurance (i.e. rent, etc.)”; and • Page 8: Insert the following at the end of the resolution under Item 13.4: “and further, authorizes Vice-President Morin to sign letters and other documents as approved by the PMC, in the event that the President declines to sign.” 	
<p>17. Appointment of Co-Chairs (February 5, 2016) That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Helene Johnson and Gerald Morin, as Co-Chairs for the meeting.</p>	
<p>18. Adoption of the Agenda (February 5, 2016) That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopts the following Agenda for its February 5 and 6, 2016 meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prospective Third Party Expert Advisors ○ MNC President Clément Chartier • Other Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reimbursement of PMC Expenses ○ Vice-President Morin’s Representation of the MN-S ○ Approach for the Third Party Expert Advisor ○ Finance and MNLA Committees ○ MNLA and Pre-Election Discussions ○ Update on the MN-S President’s Role ○ Update on Batoche. 	

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<p>19. Reimbursement of PMC Expenses (February 5, 2016) That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) direct that INAC reimburse the Prince Albert Métis Women for expenses incurred related to the PMC members’ participation in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The February 5 and 6, 2016 PMC Meeting - The January 16 and 17, 2015 PMC (Royal Reporting) Meeting, including the Travelodge costs - PMC conference calls. 	
<p>20. PRESENTATIONS: From Prospective Third Party Expert Advisors That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) authorize contracting the services of Ernst & Young, to act as the expert advisor for the MN-S, guided by the “Expert Advisor – Statement of Work – Key Elements” approved by the PMC on February 6, 2016.</p>	
<p>21. PRESENTATIONS: From Prospective Third Party Expert Advisors That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopt the amended “Expert Advisor – Statement of Work – Key Elements”, provided on February 6, 2016.</p>	
<p>22. CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) accept the “Amending Agreement (No. 1415-HQ-000097) for Subsequent Years of an ARFA Other, Fiscal Year 2015/2016, With Action Planning” as presented to the PMC on February 6, 2016, subject to agreement by the MN-S President or Vice-President.</p>	