

**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING
October 22 and 23, 2016**

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held October 22 and 23, 2016 in the Harvest Hall, at the Western Development Museum, Junction of Highways 16 and 40, North Battleford, Saskatchewan.

DATE: Saturday, October 22, 2016

PRESENT:

Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair
Helene Johnson, Co-Chair
Lela Arnold
Jaycee Bell
Michael Bell
Earl Cook
Chester Herman

Billy Kennedy
Derek Langan
Glen McCallum
Darlene McKay
Tammy Mah
Lennard Morin (arrived 10:10 a.m.)
Shannon Unrau

ABSENT:

Robert Doucette, President
Louis Gardiner

May Henderson
Shelly Kapell

ALSO PRESENT:

Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer
Kyle Vermette, Métis Legal Research and Education Foundation (for Item 6.3) (via teleconference)
(arrived at 11:00 a.m. and departed at 12:00 p.m.)
Jay Watson, Legal Counsel (for Item 5) (via teleconference)
(arrived at 10:45 a.m. and departed at 11:00 a.m.)

ERNST & YOUNG LLP (EY) REPRESENTATIVE:

Evan Shoforost, EY

INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA (INAC) REPRESENTATIVES:

Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, INAC
Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations, INAC

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

WELCOMING COMMENTS and OPENING PRAYER

Vice-President Morin called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. Derek Langan offered an Opening Prayer.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Vice-President Morin led the meeting in a round of self-introductions, and confirmed that a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following Agenda for its October 22 and 23, 2016 meeting:

1. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
2. Appointment of the Co-Chairs
3. Western Region 11A
4. Review of the Minutes (September 10 and 11, 2016 Meeting):
 - 4.1 Review of the Minutes
 - 4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Legal Updates (Jay Watson, Legal Counsel)
6. Updates:
 - 6.1 Ernst & Young, Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer
 - 6.2 Update from the Federal Government
 - 6.3 *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) (Kyle Vermette / Minister Lennard Morin)
 - 6.4 Husky Oil Spill (Minister Lennard Morin)
 - 6.5 Provincial Youth Council
 - 6.6 Les Filles de Madeleine (Women's Council)
7. Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF) – Board Appointments
8. Resolutions:
 - 8.1 Direction for Ernst & Young to Pay RBC
 - 8.2 Urban Aboriginal Strategy (UAS) Project
9. Election Update (Fred Payton, Chief Electoral Officer)
10. Other Business
 - 10.1 Northern Teacher Education Program (NORTEP)
 - 10.2 Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC)
 - 10.3 Local 39 (La Loche)
 - 10.4 Batoche.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA VARIED

The order of the Agenda was varied during the meeting. Items are presented in these minutes, in the order in which they were considered.

1. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as the Recording Secretary for the October 22 and 23, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE CO-CHAIRS

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Helene Johnson and Gerald Morin as Co-Chairs for the October 22 and 23, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. WESTERN REGION IIA

Related on-table information:

- *Correspondence from Western Region IIA (WRIIA) dated October 19, 2016*
- *Minutes of the September 18, 2016 and June 28, 2016 WRIIA Region Council Meetings*

Mavis Taylor, CEO, referred to a letter dated October 19, 2016 from Western Region IIA (WRIIA), announcing that Penny Hurton was no longer the Area Representative for WRIIA. During a review of the September 18, 2016 WRIIA Regional Council Meeting Minutes, it was confirmed that Shannon Unrau would replace Penny Hurton on the PMC, as Interim Area Director.

It was MOVED (Billy Kennedy) and SECONDED (Chester Herman)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) accepts Shannon Unrau as Interim Area Director for Western Region IIA, for a term concluding December 31, 2016, consistent with the conclusion of the terms of all PMC members.

CARRIED

(One vote in opposition)

4. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES (September 10 and 11, 2016 Meeting)

4.1 Review of the Minutes

Co-Chair Morin referred the meeting to the draft minutes of the September 10 and 11, 2016 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting.

4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

The meeting reviewed resolutions passed at the September 10 and 11, 2016 meeting, and discussed business arising from the minutes.

During the review of the minutes, the following comments were offered:

- Saskmetis Economic Development Corporation expects to receive direction on the utilization of economic development funds, by the end of October 2016
- Derek Langan and Darlene McKay attended an October 3, 2016 Engagement Meeting with Métis National Council (MNC) Governing Members on the National Housing Strategy.

Request for Action

It was requested that resolutions and decisions in future Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting minutes, be indicated in shaded boxes to make them more noticeable.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopt the Minutes of September 10 and 11, 2016 meeting, with the addition of the following names to the

attendance on both days:

- Jaycee Bell in the “PRESENT” list; and
- Louis Gardiner in the “ABSENT” list.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:10 a.m.

Lennard Morin arrived at the meeting.

8. RESOLUTIONS

8.2 Urban Aboriginal Strategy (UAS) Project

Related information: “Amending Agreement between INAC and the MN-S”, dated October 7, 2016, related to the Urban Aboriginal Strategy Project for fiscal year 2016/2017

Ms. Taylor confirmed that an application was submitted to the Ministry of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for Urban Aboriginal Strategy (UAS) project funding of \$150,000

During discussion, the following comments were offered:

- The application was compiled with the assistance of the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI); the application has been approved and funding is anticipated promptly
- Regional workshops facilitated by GDI, will consider how the UAS funds should be spent
- GDI will send a post-project report to the PMC for approval, and subsequent submission to the Federal Government; the deadline for completion of the project is March 31, 2017.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) accept as presented, the Agreement between the MN-S Secretariat Inc. and Gabriel Dumont College (GDI), guiding the GDI to: professionally manage research aimed at providing the membership of the MN-S with a voice on the effectiveness of the Urban Aboriginal Strategy (UAS); and, examine and review the effectiveness of the UAS in providing programs and services to Métis communities, on the following basis:

- GDI has been contracted to undertake the project, as the MN-S currently does not have the capacity to do so
- The facilitated consultations (as listed in the initial funding proposal) will involve Area Directors, Regional Councils, and Local Regional Representatives in all 12 MN-S regions and 19 UAS communities
- After concluding the processes outlined in the Agreement, GDI will compile and submit a report to the PMC for approval, and subsequent submission to the Federal Government.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

Jay Watson joined the meeting via teleconference.

5. LEGAL UPDATES

Related information: Correspondence to the Provincial Métis Housing Corporation, from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, dated September 7, 2016

Jay Watson, Legal Counsel, provided the following updates on the Batoche lands:

- Titles of the Batoche lands have been corrected, to indicate ownership by the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc.
- After some unsuccessful attempts to serve the tenants at Batoche with a notice of eviction, an alternate approach will be pursued.

The following updates were provided on continued efforts to obtain financial and other documents from MN-S affiliates:

- A court application will be submitted to obtain previously requested financial and other information from some MN-S affiliates, prior to a specified deadline
- If affiliate representatives provide the information requested, their names can be removed from the court application; one affiliate representative expressed concerns related to the release of financial information, for privacy reasons
- The MN-S PMC is responsible for, and should be privy to, the activities of the affiliates.

Consensus Decision

By consensus, it was agreed that the court application referenced by Jay Watson, Legal Counsel, at the October 22, 2016 MN-S PMC Meeting be filed on October 28, 2016, and that any entities listed on the application that submit the previously requested information prior to the October 28, 2016 deadline, be removed from the court application prior to it being filed.

11:00 a.m.

Mr. Watson departed the meeting.

6. UPDATES

6.1 Ernst & Young, Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer

Related information: “Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Voters List”, dated September 15, 2016

Evan Shoforst, EY, provided the comments on activities that occurred since the prior meeting and confirmed that the PMC received a complete list of registered MN-S citizens (4,423 records).

7. CLARENCE CAMPEAU DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF)

Related information:

- *Emailed correspondence between CCDF and EY representatives, dated October 13, 2016*
- *Correspondence from the CCDF Acting Chair to the MN-S PMC dated September 23, 2016 regarding “CCDF Board Member Appointments”*
- *2002 Agreement between the Government of Saskatchewan and the MN-S Secretariat Inc., and attached “Schedule A, Métis Development Fund” designating CCDF to manage and operate the Métis Development Fund*

Mr. Shoforst referred the meeting to the information provided, and acknowledged the agreement of representatives from the Province of Saskatchewan and the CCDF (the Chief Executive Officer and the Acting Chair) to meet with the PMC after the 2017 MN-S Election.

During discussion, the following comments were offered:

- The MN-S contracted CCDF to manage the loan fund for the MN-S Secretariat Inc.
- The loan fund managed by CCDF was intended to strengthen the regions, locals, and citizens, generate revenue and work towards self-governance
- Clarification is needed on when CCDF Directors' current terms expire.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC), directs that:

- The Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF) Board of Directors (Board) be informed that the MN-S PMC will submit appointments to the CCDF Board after the February 4, 2017 MN-S Election, and that in the interim, the positions NOT be filled by the CCDF's Selection Committee or otherwise;
- That the next MN-S PMC Meeting review the following:
 - The December 19, 2002 agreement between the Province of Saskatchewan and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc.
 - The MN-S' current (and potentially revised) relationship with CCDF
 - CCDF's policies and procedures; and
- A letter will be drafted (collaboratively by the MN-S Chief Executive Officer and EY representatives) for Vice President Morin's signature, to the appropriate Provincial Minister acknowledging the MN-S PMC's consideration of the relationship with CCDF.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.

Kyle Vermette joined the meeting via teleconference.

6.3 Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA)

Kyle Vermette, Métis Legal Research and Education Foundation, explained that he had been engaged by the MNC to participate on a Multi-Interest Advisory Committee as part of a *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) review process, and further acknowledged

- The MN-S has an opportunity to seek and provide input on federal environmental assessment processes to an Expert Panel, that reports to the Ministry of Environment
- The MN-S submitted an application for funding to participate in the CEAA process
- In the application, funding was budgeted for:
 - Each of the 12 regions (\$5,000/region) to hold one meeting in late October or early November 2016, at which feedback will be collected
 - A subsequent one-day provincial conference (\$80,000) in late November or early December 2016 (potentially in Prince Albert), at which regional feedback compiled will be reviewed, and additional feedback will be collected; the budget will accommodate the PMC's attendance plus two or three delegates from each region; the conference could be scheduled to coincide with a PMC meeting
- All feedback collected will be compiled and presented to the Expert Panel
- The Expert Panel will draft a report based on feedback received, before March 2017.

During discussion regarding the budget submitted for the MN-S' participation in the process, comments were offered on:

- The total budget submitted (\$230,000) to cover costs related to: legal advice, a consultant, administration, regional meetings, the provincial conference, a presentation to the Expert Panel, and reviewing the Expert Panel's final report
- The intent to involve EY in the project to maintain transparency
- Mr. Vermette's interest in taking on the role as Consultant for the MN-S, given his experience in environmental issues and engagement, and his recent communications with the Expert Panel, to clarify which questions they needed answered.

It was noted that the Minister of Natural Resources has been mandated to modernize the National Energy Board (NEB). If the current CEEA process is successful, the MN-S could request a similar budget to respond to the NEB process, when appropriate.

2:00 p.m.

Mr. Vermette departed the meeting.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) directs that the MN-S Secretariat Inc.:

- Retain Kyle Vermette as a Consultant to represent the MN-S on the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) project, in conjunction with MN-S Environment Minister Lennard Morin, Ernst & Young, and the MN-S Chief Executive Officer; and
- Approve the proposal and budgets for the CEEA, as presented to the MN-S PMC by Mr. Vermette on October 22, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.1 Ernst & Young, Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer (Continued)

Related information:

- *General Ledger Report – Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., dated October 20, 2016*
- *Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the period from February 18, 2016 to October 20, 2016*
- *On-table summary "MN-S Budget as at October 20, 2016"*

Mr. Shoforost reviewed the financial information provided, and noted that:

- Back to Batoche has a balance of approximately \$15,000 and has paid off past taxes owed
- The GST returns may prompt a refund of approximately \$22,000
- Prior to the end of March 2017, costs related to the 2017 MN-S Election (\$40,000) are anticipated; funds will also be allocated for a Complaints Officer and an Adjudicator
- RBC has sent a notification related to the MN-S' outstanding debt, including an offer for a marginally reduced payback; the Finance Committee recommends the debt to RBC be paid
- Remaining MN-S funds will pay EY's fees when possible; EY has written off \$105,000 in fees.

Commendations were extended to the Back to Batoche Committee on the success of the 2017 event, and to the EY for their continued assistance.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

Ms. Taylor offered additional comments regarding:

- Efforts to seek clarifying details on a January 21, 2009 \$200,000 withdrawal from an MN-S RBC account, and on the status of a safety deposit box at Scotiabank
- The April 23, 2009 loan agreement with the RBC, which indicates the PMC authorized funding from the Federal Government to be deposited directly to the bank
- The April 5, 2004 RBC agreement, which confirms that security for the MN-S loan includes all assets of the organization
- President Doucette's cell phone, which he recently returned to EY.

6.2 Update from the Federal Government

Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations, INAC, commented on INAC's involvement to date with the MN-S in a supportive capacity, and acknowledged:

- INAC / MNC officials meetings held every six weeks and the MN-S CEO's recent participation
- Funding moving forward from the Federal Government for the MNC and its governing members (not including Basic Operational Capacity funding)
- Options being considered to enable the future transfer of regular funding
- Consideration of seamless multi-year funding for priorities (i.e. governance, registry, etc.).

Mr. Quintal commended the PMC's accomplishments leading up to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) and the February 4, 2017 MN-S Election, including:

- The sale of the MN-S library to the GDI, and the opportunity to apply the proceeds of the sale to pay off some of the MN-S' outstanding debt
- The success of Back to Batoche 2016, which enabled taxes owed on Batoche to be paid off.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- The importance of paying off the MN-S' outstanding debt to RBC
- Provincial Government's intent to meet with the PMC after the 2017 MN-S Election
- Some successful programs and services operated by other MNC Governing Members
- PMC members' increased involvement at various discussion tables
- MNC Governing Members' transition to self-government.

8.1 Direction for EY to Pay RBC

It was noted that funding to continue rebuilding the MN-S might be difficult for the Federal Government, if a decision is made to not pay off MN-S' outstanding debt to the RBC.

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Billy Kennedy)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) authorizes Ernst & Young LLP (EY) to pay off the MN-S' outstanding debt to the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), up to the reduced amount offered by the RBC (\$293,910), or less if a further reduced amount can be negotiated by EY.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.1 Ernst & Young, Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer (Continued)

Ms. Taylor acknowledged the following requests received:

- President Chartier requested permission to speak with Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall, on potential opportunities for Provincial Government funding for the MN-S
- Vice President Morin was invited to attend the December 8 – 9, 2016 MNC Board of Governors' meeting, in Ottawa, Ontario
- A PMC member was invited to attend the October 26, 2016 MHRDA Working Group Meeting and October 27, 2016 Métis ASETS Forum in Ottawa, Ontario, on behalf of the MN-S along with Lissa Wilson, Director of Employment, GDI.

It was MOVED (Darlene McKay) and SECONDED (Billy Kennedy)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) supports Métis National Council President Chartier communicating with Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall to seek funding for the 2017 MN-S' Election process, and operating costs up to March 31, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was MOVED (Lennard Morin) and SECONDED (Darlene McKay)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) supports Vice President Gerald Morin's attendance at the December 8 – 9, 2016 Métis National Council Board of Governors' meeting, in Ottawa, Ontario.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council supports Derek Langan attending the October 26, 2016 MHRDA Working Group Meeting and October 27, 2016 Métis ASETS Forum in Ottawa, Ontario.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) supports Lennard Morin laying a wreath at the November 11, 2016 Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Taylor agreed to inform the local media (CFQC) that Lennard Morin would be laying a wreath at the November 11, 2016 Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened at 3:45 p.m.

6.4 Husky Oil Spill (Minister Lennard Morin)

No updates were provided.

6.5 Provincial Youth Council

Jaycee Bell, Youth Council Representative, referenced her prior request that each region designate a Regional Youth Representative to participate on the Provincial Youth Council. To date, only three Regional Youth Representatives have been designated.

Request for Action

It was requested that each of the Regional Directors submit to Jaycee Bell the name of a Regional Youth Representative from their region, to participate on the Provincial Youth Council.

Ms. Bell acknowledged that President Chartier invited her to attend a meeting in Washington, DC on November 28, 2016, which conflicted with a Youth Suicide Prevention Conference, which she planned to attend in Vancouver.

During discussion, it was confirmed that Vice President Morin (Minister of Youth), and Billy Kennedy (Associate Minister of Youth) should be notified in advance of future events related to youth, to assign delegates to attend on behalf of the MN-S.

Request for Action

It was requested that Billy Kennedy, Jaycee Bell and a youth representative from La Loche, attend the Youth Suicide Prevention Conference in Vancouver, with expenses provided by the MNC, and that the youth representatives subsequently submit a report to the PMC on the event.

6.6 Les Filles de Madeleine (Women’s Council)

Tammy Mah reviewed challenges in scheduling the 2016 Women’s Conference, which Les Filles de Madeline had offered to host in Saskatoon.

Request for Action

Tammy Mah agreed to inform Richard Quintal, INAC, when the next meeting of Les Filles de Madeline was scheduled.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) receive for information the updates provided under Item 6.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEETING ADJOURNED

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting held October 22 and 23, 2016 adjourned on October 22, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

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DATE: Saturday, October 22, 2016

PRESENT:

Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair	Billy Kennedy
Helene Johnson, Co-Chair	Derek Langan
Lela Arnold	Tammy Mah
Jaycee Bell	Glen McCallum
Michael Bell	Darlene McKay
Earl Cook	Lennard Morin
Chester Herman	Shannon Unrau

ABSENT:

Robert Doucette, President	May Henderson
Louis Gardiner	Shelly Kapell

ALSO PRESENT:

Fred Payton, Chief Electoral Officer (for Item 9) (via teleconference)
(arrived at 9:15 a.m. and departed at 10:15 a.m.)
Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer

ERNST & YOUNG LLP (EY) REPRESENTATIVE:

Evan Shoforost, EY

INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA (INAC) REPRESENTATIVES:

Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, INAC
Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations, INAC

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

CALL TO ORDER and OPENING PRAYER

Co-Chair Morin called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Derek Langan offered an Opening Prayer.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Co-Chair Morin confirmed that a quorum was established.

6.1 Ernst & Young, Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer (Continued)

Derek Langan acknowledged the October 22, 2016 resolution supporting his attendance at the October 26, 2016 MHRDA Working Group Meeting and October 27, 2016 Métis ASETS Forum in Ottawa, Ontario, and explained that he was unable to attend.

At the request of the Mover and with the consent of the PMC, it was agreed that the following resolution passed by the PMC on October 22, 2016, be duly rescinded:

“That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council supports Derek Langan attending the October 26, 2016 MHRDA Working Group Meeting and October 27, 2016 Métis ASETS Forum in Ottawa, Ontario.”

It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Lennard Morin)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council supports Chester Herman attending the October 26, 2016 MHRDA Working Group Meeting and October 27, 2016 Métis ASETS Forum in Ottawa, Ontario.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9:15 a.m.

Fred Payton joined the meeting via teleconference.

9. ELECTION UPDATE

Fred Payton, Chief Electoral Officer, provided an update on preparations for the February 4, 2017 MN-S Election and offered the following comments:

- Mobile polling stations have been researched and will be discussed with Area Directors
- Documents from the 2007 and 2012 MN-S Election processes have been reviewed and are being revised to reflect changes to the *Elections Act*
- Packages have been coordinated for media (i.e. CBC, CTV and NBC).

During discussion, Mr. Payton offered the following responses to questions raised:

- Voting Eligibility:
 - Métis citizens of Saskatchewan 16 years of age or older, living on a reserve, settlement, in the city, or otherwise, will be eligible to vote
 - Métis citizens currently incarcerated in Saskatchewan, will have an opportunity to vote for the Executive of the Region in which they normally reside (at mobile polls)
 - Citizens voting outside the region in which they normally reside, can vote using two pieces of documentation other than a drivers' license, or with government issued photo ID
 - A legal voter from the community can vouch for one person, who has no identification (vouching forms will be available through the Returning Office)
- Election Candidates:
 - Candidates' packages should be picked up as soon as possible (mid-November) to provide sufficient time to complete a criminal record check (valid for five years)
 - The Chief Electoral Officer will meet with candidates, from January 10 to 17, 2017
- Advance Polls:
 - Advance polls will be held Saturday, January 28, 2017
 - Voting can also occur six days prior to an advance poll (similar to absentee ballot in federal elections) at Regional Returning Offices from January 20 to 27, 2017 (from

- 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
- A list of people who vote each day (January 20 to 27, 2017) will be compiled for circulation to the candidates
- There are no opportunities for mail-in ballots
- MN-S Election Information:
 - The website (mnselection.ca) should be launched before the end of October 2016
 - The MN-S Elections Office will open in mid-November 2016
- Ballot Boxes:
 - Boxes will be situated at neutral locations (i.e. a community hall, school, church) to be determined with the Area Directors and the Regional Returning Officers
 - The Regional Returning Officer is responsible for placing the box
 - During the days prior to the Advance Poll, the boxes will held at the office of the Regional Returning Officer
 - Deputy Returning Officers will be instructed on how to seal the ballot boxes properly at the end of each day; the boxes will remain sealed until the next ballot is cast
 - Mobile polls will attend some communities, including those missed in the last election
 - The Chief Electoral Officer has no objections to ballot box scrutineers
- Election Officials and Election Offices:
 - Regional Returning Officers Manuals will be delivered to the Regional Offices
 - There will be one Regional Returning Officer in each of the 12 regions
 - Training sessions will be provided for poll officials from January 12 to 18, 2017
 - The Chief Electoral Officer will seek nominations for the Regional Returning Officers
 - The Regional Returning Officers each select their Deputy Returning Officer
 - The PMC appoints the Complaints Officer and the Adjudicator
 - The location of the Regional Returning Office may be determined in consultation with Regional Returning Officers.

10:15 a.m.

Mr. Payton departed the meeting.

6.1 Ernst & Young, Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer (Continued)

It was noted that a prior resolution on the management of MN-S affairs during the period preceding the election, was based on a previously proposed election date.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs that Ernst & Young LLP and the MN-S Chief Executive Officer continue to manage MN-S affairs during the period preceding the February 4, 2017 PMC election.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Taylor agreed to update the PMC if any further information was received regarding some potentially unpaid invoices for past legal services.

Mr. Shoforst noted that an EY representative accompanied the CEO whenever she worked in the MN-S office. As such, there were cost benefits to her working from her home office, whenever possible.

It was MOVED (Lennard Morin) and SECONDED (Chester Herman)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council allows the MN-S Chief Executive Officer to conduct MN-S business from her home office until March 31, 2017.

CARRIED

(Gerald Morin abstained from the vote)

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

6.7 Elections Committee

Related information: Directions on the appointments of a “Complaints Officer and Adjudicator”

Chester Herman reported that the Elections Committee recommended the PMC appoint Michael Nolan as Adjudicator for the 2017 MN-S Election, noting that a suggestion for the appointment of a Complaints Officer was forthcoming.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council approves the following recommendation of the MN-S Elections Committee: “That Michael Nolan be appointed Adjudicator for the 2017 MN-S Election (Mr. Nolan has consented to the appointment)”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.1 Northern Teacher Education Program (NORTEP)

Earl Cook confirmed that a stakeholders meeting would be held later in November 2016 to discuss NORTEP, leading the process to determine a post-secondary provider. A number of organizations will be invited to provide information for evaluation. A determination will subsequently be made and approved, for presentation to the Minister. It was suggested that Vice President Morin (with the assistance of Mr. Cook) send a letter conveying the PMC’s support of NORTEP’s process for determining a post-secondary provider.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) directs that a letter from MN-S Vice President be written, confirming the MN-S PMC’s support of the Northern Teacher Education Program’s process for determining a post-secondary provider.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC)

Darlene McKay reviewed October 11, 2016 correspondence from Alice Muirhead, Program Manager, First Nations, Inuit and Métis Cancer Control, Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC), which invited the MN-S to meet for a CPAC-funded one-day engagement session on the barriers and facilitators to participating in cancer screening. Ms. Muirhead’s letter explained that in addition to covering travel costs and expenses for up to 12 participants, a venue and facilitation support could be provided, for a session prior to November 30, 2016.

It was suggested that dates be promptly coordinated for the session, avoiding the UAS consultation dates and a member's prior commitments on November 16 – 17, 2016.

Consensus Decision

By consensus, the PMC agreed to accept the opportunity outlined by Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC) in their October 11, 2016 correspondence, to participate in a one-day engagement session to discuss barriers and facilitators to participating in cancer screening for Métis people (with travel costs, expenses and a venue provided), and that Darlene McKay and/or Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer coordinate next steps with CPAC.

Request for Action

It was requested that a PMC meeting be scheduled to coincide with the CPAC engagement session in November 2016, and that potential dates for the engagement session and PMC meeting, be coordinated with PMC members.

10.3 Local 39 (La Loche)

Chester Herman expressed concerns that despite requests that La Loche be consulted regarding industry's activities, he was informed that consultation would not occur with Regional Directors.

It was confirmed that the MN-S had a "Duty to Consult and Accommodate Policy", which could be sent to industry along with a letter providing authority for the local to speak on the community's behalf. Mr. Herman was welcomed to contact Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, INAC, for assistance in compiling information to send to industry.

10.4 Batoche

This item was discussed under Item 5.

6.6 Les Filles de Madeleine (Women's Council) (Continued)

Tammy Mah reported that the Métis women's group might need to change its name, as "Les Filles de Madeleine" could not be incorporated until financial statements were provided for funds previously received. It was noted that the PMC could consider a name change for Les Filles de Madeleine, after the group resolved to change its name at its Annual General Assembly.

3. WESTERN REGION IIA (Continued)

The meeting discussed the Western Region IIA's appointment of Penny Hurton to the GDI Board of Directors, at the September 18, 2016 WRIIA Region Council Meeting.

It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Billy Kennedy)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) accept as presented, the Western Region IIA's appointment of Penny Hurton to the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Directors.

CARRIED

(Three votes in opposition and three abstentions)

It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council hereby supports Mavis Taylor, MN-S Officer and CEO, requesting from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Access to Information and Privacy Unit, a copy of the correspondence that John Robert Lafontaine sent to Minister Carolyn Bennett on July 28, 2016 regarding a number of issues related to the MN-S, referenced in a September 7, 2016 letter sent to John Robert Lafontaine, signed by Paul J. Thoppil, Chief Financial Officer (File: T8132).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Next Meeting Dates

Co-Chair Morin acknowledged two opportunities for the PMC to meet prior to the end of December 2016, in conjunction with the following:

- A one-day funded engagement session with the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC) on cancer screening, before November 30, 2016; and
- A one-day funded conference on the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) review process, in late November or early December 2016 (potentially in Prince Albert).

CONCLUSION

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting held October 22 and 23, 2016 concluded on October 23, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS:

The following additional items were provided for information at the meeting:

1. *Draft Minutes of the September 10 and 11, 2016 MN-S PMC Meeting*
2. *Correspondence from Fred Payton, Chief Electoral Officer with updated information on the election*
3. *CCDF Policy 2.4.1 “Method of Appointment” outlining the process for appointments to the Board*
4. *Applications from four candidates to the CCDF Board (dated June to August 2016)*
5. *Correspondence and resume of R.M. Louise Simard, Q.C.*
6. *Information from the Chief Electoral Officer regarding the February 4, 2017 Election*
7. *Information on the updated MN-S website (www.metisnationsk.com)*
8. *Information on the October 17, 2016 Métis Economic Development Forum in Saskatoon*
9. *Report titled “Socioeconomic Impact of Métis Entrepreneurship and Economic Development in Saskatchewan – Clarence Campeau Development Fund 1998-2013”, dated August 2014*
10. *Report titled “Independent Evaluation of Clarence Campeau Development Fund – MNP LLP”, dated November 2014*
11. *Business Corporations Act “Certification of Amendment” for SMEDCO, dated July 2006*
12. *SaskTel Mobility Account Statement, dated September 2016*
13. *Province of Saskatchewan Land Titles Registry Title (Batoche Lands) dated September 20, 2016*
14. *RBC Investment Account Statement, MN-S (Withdrawal Confirmation) dated January 21, 2009*
15. *Scotiabank notice regarding an MN-S safety deposit box, dated January 14, 2008*
16. *Invoices and statements for legal services provided to the MN-S (2014-15)*
17. *Correspondence and other information from the RBC, 2007 to present*
18. *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, last amended September 9, 2008*
19. *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, last amended April 21, 2007*
20. *The “Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007”, as amended July 29, 2016*