

**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN  
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING  
January 14 and 15, 2017**

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held January 14 and 15, 2017 in the Novara Ballroom at the Delta Hotel, 1919 Saskatchewan Drive, Regina, Saskatchewan.

**DATE: Saturday, January 14, 2017**

**PRESENT:**

Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair  
Helene Johnson, Co-Chair  
Lela Arnold  
Jaycee Bell  
Michael Bell  
Shelly Kapell

Billy Kennedy  
Derek Langan (arrived at 9:50 a.m.)  
Glen McCallum  
Darlene McKay  
Tammy Mah  
Lennard Morin

**ABSENT:**

Robert Doucette, President  
Earl Cook  
Louis Gardiner

May Henderson  
Chester Herman  
Shannon Unrau

**ALSO PRESENT:**

President Clément Chartier,  
Métis National Council (MNC)  
Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant (for Item 5.1)  
(via teleconference) (arrived at 11:05 a.m.  
and departed at 11:20 a.m.)  
Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer

Kyle Vermette, Métis Legal Research and  
Education Foundation  
Jay Watson, Legal Counsel (for Item 7.3)  
(arrived at 11:20 a.m. and departed  
at 11:55 a.m.)

**OBSERVERS:**

Dusty Bonner  
Lana Bonner  
Wendy Gervais  
Karen LaRocque

Bonnie Noels  
Reina Sinclair  
Juanita Taharsky

**ERNST & YOUNG (EY) REPRESENTATIVES:**

Michael Campbell, EY

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  
Arash Rasekhi-Nejad, Policy and Program Officer, INAC

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

**WELCOMING COMMENTS and OPENING PRAYER**

Vice-President Morin called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Glen McCallum 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 (Lennard Morin) and SECONDED (Shelly Kapell)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following Agenda for its January 14 and 15, 2017 meeting:

1. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
2. Appointment of the Co-Chairs
3. Review of the Minutes (December 2, 2016 Meeting):
  - 3.1 Review of the Minutes
  - 3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
4. Review of the Minutes (December 30, 2016 Meeting):
  - 4.1 Review of the Minutes
  - 4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Election:
  - 5.1 Discussion
  - 5.2 The Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007
6. Métis Nation Legislative Assembly:
  - 6.1 Discussion
7. Updates:
  - 7.1 EY, Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer
  - 7.2 Update from the Federal Government
  - 7.3 Update from Legal Counsel
  - 7.4 Update from the Métis National Council
8. Resolutions
9. Other Business
  - 9.1 Anniversary of the La Loche Tragedy
  - 9.2 Chester Herman's Resignation
  - 9.3 Economic Development Update
  - 9.4 Next Meeting Date
  - 9.5 Regional Update – Lela Arnold

**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 (Glen McCallum)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as the Recording Secretary for the January 14 and 15, 2017 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 January 14 and 15, 2017 meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9:50 a.m.**

Derek Langan arrived at the meeting.

**3. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES (December 2, 2016 Meeting)**

**3.1 Review of the Minutes**

Co-Chair Morin referred the meeting to the draft minutes of the December 2, 2016 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting. Co-Chair Johnson acknowledged that the minutes were read aloud at the December 30, 2016, but were not adopted.

**4. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES (December 30, 2016 Meeting)**

**4.1 Review of the Minutes**

Co-Chair Morin referred the meeting to the draft minutes of the December 30, 2016 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting.

**4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes**

The meeting reviewed resolutions passed at the December 30, 2016 meeting, and discussed business arising from the minutes.

**It was MOVED (Michael Bell) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopt the Minutes of December 30, 2016 meeting, with an amendment to replace “Filles de Madeleine” with “Les Filles de Madeleine”.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES (December 2, 2016 Meeting) (Continued)**

**3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes**

The meeting reviewed a resolution indicated in the December 2, 2016 minutes, providing direction to draft a letter to the Prime Minister regarding the allocation of the MN-S’ portion of economic development funding. During discussion on the resolution, the importance of maintaining relationships and partnerships with MN-S affiliates and others was acknowledged.

**It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Shelly Kapell)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopt the Minutes of December 2, 2016 meeting, and direct that the following resolution (as indicated on Pages 6 and 7 of the Minutes) not be acted upon:

*“WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) stands behind its July 22, 2016 resolution, as follows:*

*“That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) supports the Métis National Council’s (MNC’s) disbursements of economic development funds as outlined in their July 21, 2016 correspondence, recognizing that the MN-S’ portion of the funding will be administered by SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO); with the following provisos:*

- *That the MN-S PMC be involved in determining the disbursements of funds;*
- *That MN-S Regional Representatives be appointed to SMEDCO’s Board of Directors;*
- *That representatives from SMEDCO and the federal government be invited to attend an upcoming MN-S PMC meeting (specifically with John Weinstein, MNC, in attendance) to discuss priorities and criteria, meeting regional needs, purchasing land adjacent to Batoche and upgrades to the Batoche site (specifically for capital renovations); and*
- *That for the first fiscal year of economic development funding, the MN-S portion be allocated as follows:*
  - *A capped amount of \$25,000 to each of the MN-S’ twelve regions;*
  - *A capped amount of \$25,000 to the MN-S Métis Women (Les Filles de Madeleine);*
  - *A capped amount of \$25,000 to the Saskatchewan Métis Youth;*
  - *A capped amount of \$25,000 to the MN-S PMC;*
  - *A capped amount of \$90,000 to SMEDCO for administration of the funds (any unused portion to be returned to PMC for distribution); and*
  - *An amount of \$435,000 to the Back to Batoche Committee specifically for capital renovations;*

*and with the further provisos that:*

- *The aforementioned provisos meet the criteria of the funding agreement;*
- *In the event the allocation to SMEDCO for administration does not meet the criteria of the funding agreement, the MN-S PMC maintains the ability to reallocate the funds by special resolution; and*
- *Future funding allocations be done at the MN-S PMC level.”*

***AND WHEREAS*** *the PMC deems it is inappropriate to allocate economic development funding at this time, to the MN-S affiliates Clarence Campeau Development Fund and SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation, due to their lack of involvement with the MN-S;*

**BE IT RESOLVED** that a draft letter be prepared to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau by the MN - S Chief Executive Officer, advising that the PMC stands behind its July 22, 2016 resolution related to the allocation of economic development funding, and requesting that government defer the allocation of the MN-S' portion of economic development funding until after the February 4, 2017 MN-S Election; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the draft letter be emailed to PMC members for review and approval, and that the final letter (approved by the PMC) be signed by Vice President Morin and sent accordingly, with copies to the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada and the President of the Métis National Council (MNC); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the MNC's support for this resolution be sought."

**CARRIED**

(Helene Johnson, Derek Langan and Tammy Mah voted in opposition)

### Health Break

The meeting recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

### 9.2 Chester Herman's Resignation

*Related information: Correspondence from Chester Herman confirming his resignation as a Regional Director for Northern Region II, effective January 18, 2017*

The meeting acknowledged the resignation of Chester Herman, and the vacancy on the Elections Committee created by his resignation. It was noted that, as the purpose of the Elections Committee was to locate a Chief Electoral Officer and the interim Chief Electoral Officer had already been appointed, the vacancy on the committee did not need to be filled.

### 11:05 a.m.

Lorne Gibson joined the meeting via teleconference.

## 5. ELECTION

### 5.1 Discussion

Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant, provided an update on the elections process and reported that he and the interim Chief Electoral Officer were collaborating on the updating of some of the elections-related forms and documents utilized in the prior election process.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The use of mobile polling stations (i.e. at correctional facilities)
- Potential revisions to the *Elections Act* being drafted for consideration.

### 11:20 a.m.

Mr. Gibson departed the meeting and Jay Watson joined the meeting.

### 7.3 Update from Legal Counsel

Jay Watson, Legal Counsel, provided updates on a number of legal issues reported on previously.

### **7.3.1 Legal Actions**

*Related information: Document titled “Court File Number QB No. 1491 of 2016”*

Regarding the matter related to the MN-S’ request for financial and other records from MN-S affiliates (Court File Number QB No. 1491 of 2016), the meeting was informed that the Judge had issued an order demanding copies of the minute books and financial statements (including information on the sale of the MN-S building) from the MN-S affiliates, by February 15, 2017. A subsequent application could be considered for disclosure of their general ledgers and/or copies of bank accounts, if required. The information provided by the affiliates, may be shared at the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) and General Assembly.

Regarding the matter related to the tenant at the Batoche site, the meeting was informed that the Judge had reserved judgement to April 2017.

### **11:30 a.m.**

Observers departed the meeting.

### **7.3.2 Statement of Claim – The W Law Group**

*Related information: Document titled “Claim No. 1737 of 2016, Statement of Claim – Plaintiff: The W Law Group”*

It was noted that the MN-S had been served with a statement of claim from The W Law Group for legal fees incurred between April 2011 and March 2016. Mr. Watson confirmed that he was pursuing copies of individual invoices to determine the tasks and activities to which the fees pertained.

#### ***Request for Action***

*Jay Watson, Legal Counsel, agreed to research the amount paid to Randy Touet of The W Law Group by the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (or its representatives) since 2007.*

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs Ernst & Young to pay the balance owed to Cuelenaere, Kendall, Katzman & Watson: for legal actions related to accessing books and records (\$26,505.66) and the tenancy matter at Batoche (\$19,118.49); and, for drafting the Chief Executive Officer’s contract (\$1,226.00).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **11:55 a.m.**

Mr. Watson departed the meeting.

### **Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. Observers rejoined the meeting when it resumed.

#### **7.4 Update from the Métis National Council (MNC)**

MNC President Clément Chartier referenced a number of issues reported on previously, and offered the following updates:

- A MNC Special General Assembly will be held in Saskatchewan (date and details to be confirmed), at which environmental issues will be discussed
- The MNC Regular General Assembly will be held in June 2017 (date and details to be confirmed) at which the election of the Métis Nation President will be held
- The National Aboriginal Women's Summit is scheduled March 6 – 8, 2017 in Toronto, Ontario.

During further discussion, comments were offered on:

- Efforts to encourage the First Nation and Inuit Health Branch to recognize the Métis people
- Referring to the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples and Native Women's Association of Canada as "National Aboriginal Organizations"
- Referring to the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) and the Métis National Council (MNC) as "National Representatives of Indigenous Governments"
- The Prime Minister's mandate letters to Ministers confirming the importance of the country's relationship with Indigenous peoples
- The December 9, 2016 meeting with the Prime Minister, at which he confirmed his intent to meet annually with leaders of the AFN, ITK and MNC.

President Chartier added that progress would be pursued on a number of substantive issues at the January 30, 2017 Summit with the Prime Minister and Federal Government officials, including:

- An accord with Human Resources and Skills Development Canada
- An extension of the Aboriginal Skills Employment and Training Strategy (ASETS)
- The Urban Aboriginal Strategy (UAS)
- Non-insured health benefits for Métis people
- A Métis-specific component in the housing strategy
- Funding for Métis education
- Additional economic development investments
- Support for Métis languages, heritage and tourism
- Single-window basic organizational capacity funding.

#### **5.2 The Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007 (Elections Act)**

The meeting referenced potential revisions to the Elections Act, including changes to the advance polling process, to reduce the risk of voters casting multiple ballots.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The submission of proposed revisions to the *Elections Act* supported by the PMC, to the interim Chief Electoral Officer by January 18, 2017
- A number of updates to the Elections Act (including not requiring voter registration cards to prove eligibility to vote).

**It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Michael Bell)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) directs that:

- Kyle Vermette be retained to draft revisions proposed to *The Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007 (Elections Act)*, in collaboration with the interim Chief Electoral Officer and Election Consultant;
- The proposed revisions to the *Elections Act* be emailed to the PMC for consideration via teleconference on January 17, 2017; and
- The reviewed proposed revisions to the *Elections Act* supported by the PMC, be submitted accordingly to the Chief Executive Officer (Clerk of the MNLA) as per the MNLA Act, prior to the January 18, 2017 deadline.

**CARRIED**

(Derek Langan voted in opposition)

**Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2:40 p.m.

**6. MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (MNLA)**

**6.1 Discussion**

*Related information: Notice of the MN-S MNLA and General Assembly*

Evan Shoforst, EY, and Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), provided an update on arrangements for the 2017 MNLA and General Assembly.

During discussion, the following additional comments were offered:

- Notice of the MNLA and General Assembly will be released on January 16, 2017
- The MNLA and General Assembly will be held February 18 and 19, 2017 in the Grand Gallery at TCU Place in Saskatoon; the General Assembly will commence after the MNLA concludes
- Accommodations for MNLA delegates will be arranged at the adjacent Holiday Inn Express
- TCU Place will provide security and audio/visual equipment
- EY will prepare delegates' voting cards, nametags and binders; Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) has donated 100 delegate bags
- Upfront seating will be reserved for 24 Métis Senators and Veterans (three tables)
- Crystal Pederson will perform the "Métis National Anthem" and "O Canada"
- Both days will begin with an Opening Prayer offered by an Elder, and a Grand Entry procession of flag bearers carrying the Métis, Canada and Saskatchewan flags
- A banquet will be held February 18, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with entertainment provided from 6:30 p.m. onwards
- The MNLA Agenda will consider resolutions related to the 2017 Election, revisions to the *Elections Act*, the MN-S budget and reports by EY and Jay Watson
- The *Elections Act* specifies that the appointment of the Speakers be for a two-year term.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Will Goodon and Kathy Hodgson-Smith as Speakers for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and Chairpersons for the General Assembly, scheduled February 18 and 19, 2017.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Request for Action**

It was requested that Ernst & Young organize Veterans and Elders (or Area Directors) to volunteer flag bearers in the Grand Entry procession at the MN-S MNLA and General Assembly.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that Kyle Vermette be retained to draft the resolutions for consideration at the February 18 and 19, 2017 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and General Assembly.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Michael Bell)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that the members of the 2016 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) Committee be reappointed as the members of the 2017 MNLA Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

During further discussion, the following additional comments were offered:

- The next PMC meeting will consider the Orders of the Day and agenda for the MNLA and General Assembly
- The MNLA Committee will soon review the budget, menu and other aspects of the MNLA
- Efforts will be made to encourage registered delegates to remain seated at the MNLA, to ensure quorum is achieved.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that in order to be reimbursed for expenses incurred by attending the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) and General Assembly, registered delegates must be present for the roll call and remain until the MNLA's conclusion.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.1 EY, Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer**

*Related information: "Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the period from February 18, 2016 to January 4, 2017"*

Mr. Shoforost led the meeting in a review of the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.

Ms. Taylor referenced agreements secured for the MN-S' participation in consultations on the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, Fish Habitat Protection, the *Navigation Protection Act* and the National Energy Board, and advised that a portion of the funding from the National Energy Board has not yet been received.

Kyle Vermette, Métis Legal Research and Education Foundation, provided updates on the consultation processes, noting that:

- Proposed amendments to the *Navigation Protection Act* had been conveyed

- Discussions will be scheduled in Cumberland House and Pine House on fisheries-specific issues to assist in finalizing the MN-S' submission on fish habitat protection
- The National Energy Board Expert Panel met with the MNC Board of Governors in December 2016; an Indigenous Engagement Plan has been drafted; the MN-S has been invited to meet with the Expert Panel prior to completing their report.

## **7.2 Update from Federal Government**

Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, INAC, referenced an INAC-funded conference titled "Understanding the Mi'kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Consultation Process", scheduled March 8 and 9, 2017 in Membertou, Nova Scotia. The Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia will be hosting the conference, focused on Aboriginal consultation protocols. Invitations may be extended to existing and potential consultation protocol holders (with Canada), including Métis Governing Members.

Mr. Marcoux referenced Canada's interest in engaging the MN-S in 2017, in discussions on consultation protocol and the MN-S' potential consideration of a mandate to begin negotiations/discussions.

**3:35 p.m.**

Co-Chair Morin left the meeting and Co-Chair Johnson assumed the Chair in his absence.

### ***Consensus Decision***

*It was requested that Lennard Morin and Kyle Vermette attend the "Understanding the Mi'kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Consultation Process" conference, scheduled March 8 and 9, 2017 in Membertou, Nova Scotia, on behalf of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan.*

## **9.2 Chester Herman's Resignation (Continued)**

Glen McCallum conveyed regrets on behalf of Chester Herman who was unable to attend the PMC meeting to announce his resignation in person.

**3:40 p.m.**

Co-Chair Morin rejoined the meeting, but did not assume the Chair.

## **9.3 Economic Development Update**

*Related information: Correspondence related to the Métis Nation Economic Development Strategy Funding Budget 2016*

The meeting acknowledged the PMC's December 2, 2016 discussion on the allocation of economic development funding and the feasibility of setting aside funds to assist regions in developing a plan to initiate economic development planning in their respective regions.

Derek Langan led the meeting in a review of the "Project Proposal – Métis Nation Saskatchewan Eastern Region IIA", and the recommendation to retain an economic development consultant to assist Eastern Region IIA in moving towards a Métis Economic Development Strategy.

During discussion, comments were offered on the feasibility of designing economic development strategies that are unique to each region.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council approves as presented, the “Project Proposal” using a portion of the MN-S’ allocation of economic development funding to retain an Economic Development Coordinator for Eastern Region IIA.

**CARRIED**

(One member voted in opposition)

**4:10 p.m.**

Co-Chair Morin assumed the Chair.

During further discussion, it was suggested that the Economic Development Coordinator retained by Eastern Region IIA consider the diversity of all regions within the province.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting held January 14 and 15, 2017 adjourned on January 14, 2017 at 4:15 p.m.

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PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING  
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**DATE: Sunday, January 15, 2017**

**PRESENT:**

Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair	Billy Kennedy
Helene Johnson, Co-Chair	Derek Langan
Lela Arnold	Glen McCallum
Jaycee Bell	Darlene McKay
Michael Bell	Tammy Mah
Shelly Kapell	Lennard Morin

**ABSENT:**

Robert Doucette, President	May Henderson
Earl Cook	Chester Herman
Louis Gardiner	Shannon Unrau

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer	Kyle Vermette, Métis Legal Research and Education Foundation
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**OBSERVERS:**

Dusty Bonner	Shawna LaRocque Desjarlais
Lana Bonner	Bonnie Noels
Wendy Gervais	Reina Sinclair
Karen LaRocque	Juanita Taharsky
Randi LaRocque	

**ERNST & YOUNG (EY) REPRESENTATIVES:**

Michael Campbell, EY	Evan Shoforost, EY
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Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, INAC  
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Arash Rasekhi-Nejad, Policy and Program Officer, INAC

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

**CALL TO ORDER and OPENING PRAYER**

Co-Chair Morin called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Lennard Morin offered an Opening Prayer.

## CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Co-Chair Morin confirmed that a quorum was established.

### 9.3 Economic Development Update (Continued)

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

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

- Funding be set-aside from MN-S' current and future years' economic development funding allocations to retain a consultant to develop a MN-S Economic Development Strategy (similar to the Manitoba Metis Federation's Economic Development Strategy);
- The retained consultant be available to assist all MN-S regions in developing region-specific economic development strategies; and
- Kyle Vermette be retained to undertake this role.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 7.1 EY, Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer (Continued)

*Related information:*

- *Correspondence from Cuelenaere, Kendall, Katzman & Watson regarding "Term of Office of Provincial Métis Council", dated January 5, 2017*
- *Correspondence from The W Law Group regarding "Interpretation of Article 17.3 of the Métis Nation Constitution" (Term of Office), dated May 29, 2012*
- *MN-S Budget, Based on Actuals to date and estimates to March 31, 2017 (as at January 4, 2017)*
- *List of MN-S Regional Representatives*

Mr. Shoforost referred the meeting to the information provided, and confirmed that the budget presented accommodated a PMC meeting in early February 2017 and another PMC meeting the day prior to the MNLA and General Assembly.

During discussion, the following comments were offered:

- Each of the MN-S Regional Councils had a budget limit of \$2,500 to meet once or more in their own regions prior to the MNLA and General Assembly
- EY will provide reimbursements for the Regional Council meetings held.

Ms. Taylor announced that Mr. Vermette had offered to contribute \$2,500 to both the Youth Council and Les Filles de Madeleine to enable them to meet to determine their list of delegates to attend the MNLA, and would contact each of their respective Chairs regarding the contribution.

Mr. Shoforost recommended that Regional Council meetings be held in advance of the 2017 MNLA, to enable Regional Councils to compile and submit a list of delegates to attend the 2017 MNLA. This process would assist in minimizing challenges at the MNLA, and ensure the MNLA proceeds in accordance with the Constitution of the MN-S. Based on discussions with the Finance Committee and INAC, Mr. Shoforost reviewed a proposed allocation of funding to accommodate these meetings.

**It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Helene Johnson)**

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

- The MN-S regions utilize the \$2,500 allocated to each region in the budget, to hold a Regional Council meeting in accordance with the Constitution of the MN-S, prior to the 2017 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) and General Assembly; and
- The MN-S regions will submit to Ernst & Young (EY) the following items by February 10, 2017 to allow sufficient time for EY to make travel and expense reimbursement arrangements for delegates attending the 2017 MNLA and General Assembly:
  - Minutes and attendance sign-in sheets of these Regional Council meetings held; and
  - A list of delegates to be registered to attend the 2017 MNLA and General Assembly.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Shoforst led the meeting in a review of the budget, and acknowledged the anticipated year-end surplus. It was suggested that extending EY and the CEO's contract terms from March 31, 2017 to June 30, 2017 would provide some continuity to the newly elected government.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that the term of the contracts for Ernst & Young and the Chief Executive Officer, be extended from March 31, 2017 to June 30, 2017.

**CARRIED**

(Derek Langan voted in opposition)

**It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Darlene McKay)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council accepts as presented the reports and information provided under Item 7.1 – “EY, Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer”, and approves the budget and financial information provided in the statements titled “MN-S Budget, Based on Actuals to date and estimates to March 31, 2017 (as at January 4, 2017)”; “MN-S Budget, January to June 2017, as at January 4, 2017”; “Metis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the period from February 18, 2016 to January 4, 2017”; and, the “Estate General Ledger Report”, dated January 13, 2017.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.2 Update from the Federal Government (Continued)**

Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations, INAC, acknowledged efforts to seek support for the budget related to the pending MNLA and election process, and offered additional comments on:

- Approximately \$8 million anticipated to be provided to the MN-S (including \$5 million for governance, \$2.25 million for building the MN-S registry), separate from funding provided for economic development and the Urban Aboriginal Strategy
- The development of a workplan in May and June 2017, defining how the MN-S' funding will be allocated

- Federal Government’s future collaboration with the MN-S Secretariat
- The commendable hard work and continued dedication of the PMC members.

During discussion, the meeting acknowledged:

- The Prime Minister’s commitment to meet annually with leaders of the AFN, ITK and MNC to set priorities
- An inaugural meeting of the newly elected PMC, at which the elected members will declare an Oath of Allegiance to the Métis Nation.

Co-Chair Morin extended thanks to Mr. Quintal for his recent intercession, which helped diffuse a potentially critical situation.

### **Health Break**

The meeting recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

#### **9.1 Anniversary of the La Loche Tragedy**

Mr. Shoforost confirmed that a press release was being drafted in collaboration with Co-Chair Morin and the CEO, to recognize the anniversary of the January 22, 2016 tragedy in La Loche.

#### **8. Resolutions**

In response to questions raised, Ms. Taylor confirmed that any resolutions or legislative amendments for consideration at the MNLA needed to be submitted by January 18, 2017 to the Chief Executive Officer.

#### **9.4 Next Meeting Date**

**It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Shelly Kapell)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) directs that the next PMC meeting be held February 11 and 12, 2017 in Saskatoon.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **9.2 Chester Herman’s Resignation (Continued)**

**It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)**

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council accepts Chester Herman’s resignation and extends best wishes to Mr. Herman on his future endeavours.

**CARRIED**

(Lennard Morin abstained from the vote)

#### **11:15 a.m.**

Observers departed the meeting.

## **9.5 Regional Update – Lela Arnold**

Lela Arnold provided comments on a regional matter and related correspondence. During discussion, members acknowledged the importance of taking minutes at Regional Council meetings. Future consideration of a mechanism to address and resolve regional matters was suggested.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting held January 14 and 15, 2017 concluded on January 15, 2017 at 12:00 p.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 December 2, 2016 MN-S PMC Meeting*
2. *Draft Minutes of the December 30, 2016 MN-S PMC Meeting*
3. *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007, as amended July 29, 2016*
4. *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act, amended September 9, 2008*
5. *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, last amended September 9, 2008*
6. *Correspondence from Cuelenaere, Kendall, Katzman & Watson regarding “Term of Office of Provincial Métis Council”, dated January 5, 2017*
7. *Correspondence from The W Law Group regarding “Interpretation of Article 17.3 of the Métis Nation Constitution” (Term of Office), dated May 29, 2012*
8. *Claim No. 1737 of 2016, Statement of Claim – Plaintiff: The W. Law Group*
9. *Correspondence from Chester Herman confirming his resignation as a Regional Director for Northern Region II, effective January 18, 2017*
10. *List of MN-S Regional Representatives*
11. *Correspondence related to the Métis Nation Economic Development Strategy Funding Budget 2016*
12. *Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the period from February 18, 2016 to January 4, 2017*

*The following additional items were provided on-table during the meeting:*

13. *Notice of the MN-S MNLA and General Assembly*
14. *Engagement Letter between the MN-S and Loretta Metzger, Election Consultant*
15. *MN-S Budget, Based on Actuals to date and estimates to March 31, 2017 (as at January 4, 2017)*
16. *MN-S Budget, January to June 2017, as at January 4, 2017*
17. *Estate General Ledger Report, dated January 13, 2017*
18. *Court File Number QB No. 1491 of 2016*
19. *Project Proposal – Métis Nation Saskatchewan Eastern Region IIA*