



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING
scheduled September 23, 2017

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting scheduled September 23, 2017 in Gallery D, at the TCU Place, 35 22 Street East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President, Chair	Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A (via teleconference) (departed at 1:11 p.m.)
Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Lisa McCallum, Secretary	Derek Langan, Eastern Region 2A
Mary Ann Morin, Treasurer (departed at 1:11 p.m.)	Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Jaycee Bell, Youth	Tammy Mah, Les Filles des Madeleine
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3	Rebecca Major, Western Region 2A
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1	Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2
Earl Cook, Northern Region 1	Sherry Soll, Eastern Region 2
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3	
Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3	

OBSERVERS (*as indicated on the sign-in sheet circulated at the meeting*):

Sandy Friesen (arrived at 1:11 p.m.)	Charlene Lavallee (arrived at 1:11 p.m.)
Dale Hallderson (arrived at 1:11 p.m.)	Elton Soll (arrived at 1:11 p.m.)

ERNST & YOUNG (EY) REPRESENTATIVE:

Evan Shoforost

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Carol Lee, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

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 and are numbered according to the approved agenda.

1. WELCOMING COMMENTS and OPENING PRAYER

Vice-President Gerald Morin called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m. Derek Langan offered an Opening Prayer.

2. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

President McCallum confirmed that a quorum was present.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Wendy Gervais)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following Agenda for its September 23, 2017 meeting:

1. Welcoming Comments and Opening Prayer
2. Confirmation of Quorum
3. Appointment of Chair and Co-Chair
4. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Resignation of Treasurer (Letter to Ministers)
7. Ernst & Young Update
8. Board Training
9. Enbridge
10. Other Business
11. Adjournment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170923-01)

3. APPOINTMENT OF CO-CHAIRS

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Jaycee Bell)

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170923-02)

4. APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Wendy Gervais)

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170923-03)

6. RESIGNATION OF TREASURER (LETTER TO MINISTERS)

Related information:

- *Métis Nation – Saskatchewan letter from Glen McCallum to “Maryann Morin”, dated September 13, 2017*
- *Métis Nation – Saskatchewan letter from Mary Ann Morin to the Honourable Carolyn Bennett and the Honourable Jane Philpott, dated September 22, 2017.*

ADJOURNMENT TO IN-CAMERA MEETING

It was MOVED (Wendy Gervais) and SECONDED (Leonard Montgrand)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council now adjourns to an in-camera meeting.

CARRIED (170923-04)

(Time: 10:26 a.m.)

(Rebecca Major and Mary Ann Morin opposed)

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting reconvened at 1:11 p.m. with Mary Ann Morin absent.

The following motion was passed at the September 23, 2017 In-Camera Meeting:

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Wendy Gervais)

WHEREAS the Treasurer Mary Ann Morin has resigned and President Glen McCallum has accepted such resignation;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Provincial Métis Council/Board of Directors of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan/Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. hereby acknowledges the resignation of the Treasurer Mary Ann Morin; and
- B. The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council authorizes the public release of this resolution.

CARRIED (IC-170923-02)

7. ERNST & YOUNG UPDATE

Related information:

- *Laskowski & Wright LLP letter to Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., dated September 23, 2017*
- *Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Financial Statements, March 31, 2017*
- *“MN-S Financial Position At September 20, 2017”*
- *“Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the period February 18, 2016 to September 20, 2017” with attached “List of Expenses”*
- *“Estate General Ledger Report (RBC 00007, 1045590) for the Métis Nation Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc.”, dated September 20, 2017*
- *“Estate General Ledger Report (RBC 00007, 1104124) for the Métis Nation Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc.”, dated September 20, 2017*
- *EY Invoice No. CA12C500002036, dated September 20, 2017.*

Evan Shoforost referenced the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Financial Statements, March 31, 2017, and highlighted:

- Note 6 to the Financial Statements regarding contingent liabilities
- The audit report covers the period since the involvement of EY
- The 2017 surplus places the MN-S in a strong financial position
- The financial statements must be approved by the PMC for submission to the Ministry of Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAC).

Mr. Shoforost referred the meeting to the information provided in the Agenda package and noted:

- Cash available in the MN-S and Back to Batoche accounts
- No Federal Government funding has been received, other than basic organization capacity (BOC) funding
- Committed amounts to be allocated from funding, which has not yet been received
- EY invoice for services rendered, which includes a significant professional discount
- Receivables from INAC of approximately \$3.41 million
- Anticipated surplus on March 31, 2018.

Request for Action

Evan Shoforost agreed to provide documentation on the loan from Marc LeClair to PMC members.

During discussion, the following comments were offered:

- Clarification that the intention of Resolution 170626-06 was to provide \$5,000 for each region to fund the attendance of delegates at the Annual General Assembly (AGA) of Les Filles des Madeleine
- Need to ensure that \$60,000 is earmarked for Les Filles des Madeleine AGA
- Whether audited financial statements for the previous three years must be submitted to INAC in order to receive the committed federal funding:
 - Arrangements can be made to allow federal funding to flow although an audit opinion cannot be issued due to the lack of documentation
- The loan from Marc LeClair required to address the cash flow problem; a letter from INAC may be required to obtain a line of credit to address future cash flow issues
- The urgency of assigning a PMC member to be responsible for financial matters
- Whether the expenditure of \$60,000 to support to Les Filles des Madeleine is prudent, given the current cash deficit of the MN-S
- Whether the total travel costs being incurred by the MN-S are reasonable

Request for Action

Evan Shoforost agreed to provide the trial balance and cash flow statement to Marg Friesen.

It was MOVED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier) and SECONDED (Leonard Montgrand)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council approves the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Financial Statement March 31, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170923-05)

- Suggestion that MN-S operations be maintained at core operations until funding is received from INAC
- Expectation that approximately \$500,000 will be received from INAC within one month of the audited financial statements being submitted.

Tammy Mah agreed to immediately recommend to Les Filles des Madeleine Board of Directors to postpone the AGA until the cash is available.

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Wendy Gervais)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council defers the expenditure of \$60,000 for Les Filles des Madeleine Annual General Assembly, scheduled for October 2017, until funds are available.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170923-06)

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council defers the expenditure of \$60,000 for Les Filles des Madeleine Annual General Assembly, scheduled for October 2017, until funds are available.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170923-07)

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council accepts and approves as presented the reports and information provided by Ernst & Young including: “MN-S Financial Position At September 20, 2017”; Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the period February 18, 2016 to September 20, 2017 with attached “List of Expenses”; “Estate General Ledger Report (RBC 00007, 1045590)”, from February 17, 2016 to September 20, 2017 (93 pages); and “Estate General Ledger Report (RBC 00007, 1104124)”, from February 17, 2016 to September 20, 2017 (14 pages).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170923-08)

8. BOARD TRAINING

Rebecca Major questioned whether arrangements have been made for board governance training to be provided in Jasper, Alberta.

Consensus Decision

By consensus, it was agreed to suspend arrangements for the board training session in Jasper, Alberta and to investigate other options, including local training.

During discussion, the following comments were offered:

- The PMC may be required to forgo some deposits that have been made for the Jasper board training session
- Importance of the PMC members understanding their fiduciary duties and personal liability.

9. ENBRIDGE

Clarification was requested on factors used to determine the appointment of regional representatives to Métis-specific positions on an Enbridge oversight committee.

The PMC was reminded that it is not appropriate to raise regional issues at the PMC.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Clarence Campeau Development Fund

ADJOURNMENT TO IN-CAMERA MEETING

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Derek Langan)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council now adjourns to an in-camera meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170923-09)

(Time: 2:09 p.m.)

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting reconvened at 2:22 p.m.

The following motion was passed at the September 23, 2017 In-Camera Meeting:

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier)

WHEREAS in June 2017, the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan appointed a Minister of Economic Development with responsibility for the Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF) and Saskmetis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO);

WHEREAS the Minister of Economic Development has taken an active role with SMEDCO, chairing its Board of Directors and participating in the governance of that agency;

WHEREAS to date, the Minister of Economic Development has been unable to obtain information or fulfill his duties in relation to CCDF on behalf of the MN-S and Métis people;

WHEREAS requests to meet with the CCDF CEO have been repeatedly denied and he has been referred to a subordinate employee; and

WHEREAS there have been a number of concerns raised with the CCDF governance structure and its relationship with the MN-S.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

A. In light of these concerns, the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council authorizes the Minister of Economic Development to contact the Provincial Minister responsible for the Saskatchewan *Gaming Corporation Act* to remedy the situation through the agreement between the MN-S and the Province that provides funding to the CCDF; and

- B. In the event a solution acceptable to the MN-S cannot be achieved, the Minister of Economic Development is hereby provided authority to cancel or amend the agreement with the Province accordingly; and
- C. The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council authorizes the public release of this resolution.

CARRIED (IC-170923-04)

10.2 Next Meeting Date

It was noted that the next PMC meeting would likely be held in late November or early December 2017, concurrent with Board training and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Province.

11. CONCLUSION

It was MOVED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier) and SECONDED (Wendy Gervais)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting scheduled September 23, 2017 now conclude.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (170923-10)
(Time: 2:30 p.m.)

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided for information in the Agenda package, at the meeting on September 23, 2017:

1. Table of Contents for the PMC Kit, September 23, 2017
2. Agenda for the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Meeting scheduled September 23, 2017
3. Draft Minutes of the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Meeting scheduled August 26 and 27, 2017
4. “MN-S Financial Position At September 20, 2017”
5. “Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the period February 18, 2016 to September 20, 2017” with attached “List of Expenses”
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