



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL *Summary of April 2017 – January 2018 Meetings*

Summary of PMC meeting discussions and decisions
NOT the official minutes of the business conducted by the Provincial Métis Council

JANUARY 13 and 14, 2018

Communications Strategy

A verbal report was provided on the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Communications Strategy.

The Provincial Métis Council (PMC) passed a resolution authorizing the MN-S Interim Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the interim implementation of a Communication Strategy, pending budget considerations.

Update from La Loche

Robert St. Pierre, Mayor of La Loche, offered comments regarding a proposed memorial site in La Loche.

National President Update, Clément Chartier
Métis National Council (MNC) President Chartier commented on:

- The April 28-29, 2017 MNC General Assembly's adoption of a resolution to commemorate the Métis Nation's 150th Anniversary of Joining Canada, in 2020
- Encouragement for all Governing Members to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Government of Canada in order to move forward with the Metis Nation Framework Agreement.

Regional Directors' and Ministerial Reports

During a review of reports, comments were offered regarding:

- The MN-S' progress towards restoring governance

- Re-establishment of locals and the election and development of local Boards
- Preparations for 2018 Batoche Days (July 19-23, 2018)
- Establishment of regional Registry offices
- Rationale for the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) to administer Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) funding.

The PMC requested that the Minister of UPIP and the Transition Team meet as soon as possible to draft recommendations to the MN-S PMC regarding the administration of UPIP.

Economic Development

Tristan Zachow, SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO), and Aaron Murray, Derek Murray Consulting and Associates, reported on:

- The availability of Community Capacity Strategy Funding to support the regions
- Plans to engage with regions when they were ready to proceed.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The following resolution was passed:

"WHEREAS the MN-S as the government of the Métis in Saskatchewan, is mandated to advance Métis rights, self-government and self-determination in Saskatchewan; and

WHEREAS Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, states that "the existing Aboriginal and treaty rights of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada are hereby recognized and affirmed" and "the 'Aboriginal peoples of Canada' includes the Indian, Inuit and Métis people"; and

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada has noted that Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, calls for a process of reconciliation between the Crown and Aboriginal peoples through which the rights and outstanding claims of Aboriginal peoples are determined, recognized and respected through honourable negotiations with the goal of reaching just and lasting settlements; and

WHEREAS the MN-S is currently participating, along with the Government of Canada, in such a process as described in the preceding clause; and

WHEREAS this process is known as the Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self Determination table and is meant to add substance to Section 35 Métis Rights; and

WHEREAS Canada is committed to working, on a nation-to-nation, government-to-government basis, with the Métis Nation, through bilateral negotiations with the MN-S, to advance reconciliation and renew the relationship through cooperation, respect for Métis Nation rights, and moving beyond the status quo; and

WHEREAS the MN-S and the Government of Canada are ready to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which will set the stage for the negotiation of a Framework Agreement, which will define the process of formal negotiations on Section 35 Métis Rights; and

WHEREAS the items contemplated for formal negotiations include, but are not limited to, the MN-S Land Claim filed in North West Saskatchewan in 1994, Métis Self Government, etc.;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S PMC give MN-S President McCallum and Vice-President Morin the authority and mandate to sign the abovementioned MOU on behalf of the MN-S; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the PMC strongly encourage President McCallum and Vice-President Morin to sign the MOU with Canada as soon as possible.”

Governance Gathering

The PMC resolved to schedule a Governance Workshop in February 2018 for local Presidents and the Presidents of the Youth and Women's Councils, to focus on governance training, a review of legislation, and Duty to Consult.

Resolution – Joint Cabinet Meeting Between the MN-S and MMF

The following resolution was passed:

“WHEREAS the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) and the MN-S Cabinets / Boards / Leadership met at Cranberry Portage, Manitoba in January 1978 to discuss pressing Métis Nation issues, including land and self-government rights; and

WHEREAS the MN-S was to host the next session, which has not taken place to date; and

WHEREAS the MMF has been successful in safeguarding and promoting the provincial court victory in the Goodon case 2009, and the non-recognition of the provincial court victory in the Belhumeur case 2007 by the Saskatchewan government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC authorizes MN-S President McCallum to propose by letter to MMF President David Chartrand that the MN-S offers to convene the 1978 commitment to host the next joint meeting of the respective Cabinets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Joint Cabinets meeting be proposed to be held in March 2018 in a location in southern Saskatchewan impacted by the Belhumeur case; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the main topics of the Joint Cabinets meeting will be to review developments since the 1978 Cranberry Portage session, and the examination of the harvesting rights issues arising from the Goodon and Belhumeur cases, in which the court recognized that harvesting areas abut each other at the Manitoba – Saskatchewan boundary.”

Resolution Supporting the Tom Isaac Retainer Payment

The PMC passed a motion authorizing the payment of Thomas Isaac's \$25,000 retainer.

Self Government Negotiations Framework Agreement Signing

It was noted that signing of the Self Government Negotiations Framework Agreement would move forward following the signing of the MOU.

Resolution – Batoche 2020

The following resolution was passed:

“WHEREAS the General Assembly of the MNC in April 2017 adopted the “2020 Resolution” with support of the MN-S delegates; and

WHEREAS the 2020 Resolution sets out a number of social and cultural activities, as well as political/governance measures, some of which impact the MN-S and Batoche directly; and

WHEREAS the MN-S needs to begin planning for 2020 commemoration/celebration activities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC mandates MN-S President McCallum to begin the process of implementing Resolution 2020, acting on its own behalf for measures calling for such action by the MN-S, and collectively with other Métis Nation Governing Members requiring broader Métis Nation action, in particular with the MMF, which is mandated to head up the proposed 2020 Resolution Committee.”

Resolution – Exploratory Discussion with Parks Canada Regarding Repatriation of Batoche Historical Site

The following resolution was passed:

“WHEREAS the second provisional government of the Métis Nation was headquartered at Batoche in 1884/85, which was the site of the last battle between Canada and the Métis Nation; and

WHEREAS President Louis Riel, upon his voluntary surrender to the government troops after the Battle of Batoche was subsequently tried and executed on November 16, 1885; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada, through the Minister of Heritage Canada, is seeking positive measures to honour President Louis Riel; and

WHEREAS the MN-S recognizes the importance of Reconciliation and embarks on this initiative in that spirit; and

WHEREAS the Métis Nation will be marking, by commemoration and celebration, the 150th anniversary of the entry of the Métis Nation into Canadian Confederation through the Manitoba Act 1870 and the Rupert’s Land Order 1870; and

WHEREAS the MN-S believes Batoche, as a sacred and cherished historic site, is important for the continued existence of the Métis in western Canada as a distinct nation and people; and

WHEREAS the MN-S, on behalf of the Métis Nation, seeks ownership of the traditional land at Batoche, along with the reparations suffered as a result of the Battle of Batoche and subsequent governmental actions over the intervening years; and

WHEREAS the MN-S has entered into Section 35 rights reconciliation negotiations with the Government of Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S PMC mandates MN-S President McCallum and Minister of Batoche Sherry McLennan to engage in a process or processes of negotiation, which will lead to an agreement with the Government of Canada resulting in the Batoche National Historic Site lands being returned to the MN-S; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this process be approached in a rights based manner, giving President McCallum and the MN-S Minister of Batoche the flexibility of achieving ownership and control of the Batoche National Historic Site; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that President McCallum and the MN-S Minister of Batoche shall provide updates to the PMC, with the final draft agreement presented to the PMC for approval.”

Budget Update

The PMC authorized the payment of all outstanding accounts payables.

Business Arising from the Minutes

The PMC adopted in principle the “Interim Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure” and the “Interim Code of Conduct – Conflict of Interest Policy”, with a view to finally adopting them at the next PMC meeting.

Invitation to Junior Games

The PMC acknowledged an invitation received to attend the Junior Games March 23-28, 2018 in Cumberland House.

Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples

It was confirmed that a UPIP Committee had been created.

The PMC approved a recommendation from the Minister of UPIP to authorize its affiliate, the GDI, to deliver the UPIP program to Métis communities for fiscal year 2017/18 and directed that a longer-term model for UPIP be brought to the PMC for approval for the remaining four years of the program.

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Governance Workshop

Dale LeClair, Chief of Staff, MNC, reviewed a presentation titled, "Re-establishing Stability – Integrity – A Path Forward".

MN-S Transition Team

The following resolution was passed:

"WHEREAS the MN-S Executive and PMC recognize the need to build organizational capacity for the MN-S Secretariat Inc.;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S Executive and the PMC establish a MN-S Transition Team, led by Dale LeClair, MN-S Advisor, to report to the Standing Committees and Executive:

- *Inclusive of the following:*
 - *Richard Quintal, Government of Canada*
 - *Carrie Lui, Director of Finance, Métis National Council*
 - *Geordy McCaffrey, Gabriel Dumont Institute*
 - *Louise Simard*
 - *Evan Shoforost, Ernst & Young*
 - *MN-S Director of Health*
 - *Others – Non-Elected Officials*
- *To develop an "Executive Decision-Making Protocol", for interim adoption;*
- *To review EY's roles and responsibilities; review existing financial authorities, policies and procedures; and develop interim policies where required;*
- *To develop a Human Resources Plan and identify priorities, including:*
 - *Chief Executive Officer Search*
 - *Chief Financial Officer Search*
 - *Director of Early Childcare and Education*
 - *Director of Health*

- *Director of Housing and Infrastructure*
- *Director of ISETS*
- *Director of Intergovernmental Affairs - Federal/Provincial/Métis Nation Relations*
- *Recommend a Pay and Performance Policy, Salary Grid Policy, and Employee Benefits Package."*

Mr. LeClair introduced resolutions, which established MN-S Standing Committees on:

- *Constitution Reform*
- *Housing and Infrastructure*
- *Education – Early Learning Child Care and Child and Family Services*
- *The Métis Nation Registry*
- *Secretariat, Operations and Administration*
- *MN-S Affiliates*
- *Government of Canada – MN-S Exploratory Table.*

Further resolutions were passed to:

- *Approve the interchange of Richard Quintal, Government of Canada, as interim MN-S In-Office Lead for the next six months (approximately)*
- *Engage Thomas Isaac, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP, as Lead Negotiator for the MN-S / Government of Canada Exploratory Table.*

MNC Assembly (December 12-13, 2017)

Mr. LeClair commented on the MNC Special Assembly scheduled December 12-13, 2017, in Ottawa, Ontario. The PMC approved the attendance of 15 delegates plus two alternates.

MN-S Registry

Lisa McCallum provided an update on the status of the MN-S Registry offices. She agreed to confirm with the GDI, that their statistics (used as the basis for determining the location of the MN-S Registry Offices) are recent.

Environment Resolution

The following resolution was passed:

"WHEREAS the Canadian Constitution Act 1982 Section 35 identifies the Métis as one of the three Aboriginal groups in Canada with Aboriginal rights;

WHEREAS the Crown grants the Métis access to Crown land to harvest and practice their traditional way of life;

WHEREAS disposal of Crown lands will have a massive negative impact on Métis rights;

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada decision in the Daniels Case concluded that Métis are Indians as per s. 91(24) of the Canadian Constitution;

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada decision in the MMF case concluded that federal Crown failed to implement the land grant provision set out in s. 31 of the Manitoba Act, 1870 in accordance with the honour of the Crown;

WHEREAS the Métis of Canada are beginning a process of negotiating with the Crown regarding nation-to-nation relationships, as well as reconciling with Métis;

WHEREAS the Province of Saskatchewan and Federal Government have begun disposing of Crown land; and

WHEREAS Treaty Land Entitlement takes priority over all other potential lessees or buyers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S requests the Province of Saskatchewan and Federal Government to put a moratorium on any leases or sales of Crown lands until the nation-to-nation relationships have been established and reconciliation in regards to outstanding land claims, have been resolved; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of Saskatchewan and Federal Government engage the MN-S in discussions prior to the disposal of said Crown lands, provide a provincial map outlining Crown lands slated for disposal, and provide the MN-S with resources to engage an expert to coordinate the engagement and consultation processes”.

Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA)

The PMC directed that a MNLA be held April 14 and 15, 2018 (when a budget, updates and announcements were available).

MN-S Lead Negotiator - Tom Isaac

It was confirmed that Tom Isaac had been engaged as MN-S Lead Negotiator, and would be participating on the Transition Team.

Update on the Northwest Métis Council

Mr. Isaac was scheduled to meet on December 11, 2017 with Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Leonard Montgrand (by teleconference) and Vice President Morin, to work towards achieving consensus on an out-of-court land claim matter.

Interim Policies on “Rules of Order/Parliamentary Procedure” and “Code of Conduct”

The PMC adopted in principle, for approval at the next PMC Meeting:

- Rule #001 - Interim Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure, which provided guidance on procedures for conducting PMC meetings.
- Rule #002 - Interim Code of Conduct – Conflict of Interest, which provided guidance on the general conduct of the PMC.

Transition Team Update

The Transition Team’s December 8, 2017 teleconference considered issues including the MN-S’ goals, principles and workloads; and, short and long-term plans.

The PMC directed that the interim pay scale and job description for the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, be approved as presented in the “Transition Report” effective immediately.

The PMC directed the Transition Team to negotiate towards adopting the MMF’s Employee Benefits Plan for the MN-S, effective January 1, 2018.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

Resignation of the Treasurer (Letter to the Ministers)

The PMC acknowledged the resignation of Treasurer Mary Ann Morin and the President’s acceptance of her resignation.

Ernst & Young Update

The PMC approved the MN-S Secretariat Inc. Financial Statements dated March 31, 2017, as presented.

The PMC deferred the expenditure of \$60,000 for Les Filles des Madeleine Annual General Assembly, scheduled for October 2017, until funds were available.

Board Training

The PMC agreed to suspend arrangements for a board training session in Jasper, Alberta and to investigate other options, including local training.

Enbridge

The meeting discussed factors used to determine the appointment of regional representatives to Métis-specific positions on an Enbridge Oversight Committee.

Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF)

The PMC acknowledged efforts by the Minister of Economic Development to fulfill his duties in relation to the CCDF on behalf of the MN-S and the Métis people. His requests to meet with the CCDF CEO have been denied. In light of some concerns, the PMC authorized 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 (which provides funding to the CCDF); and
- In the event an acceptable solution could not be achieved, the Minister of Economic Development was authorized to cancel or amend the agreement with the Province accordingly.

AUGUST 26 and 27, 2017

President's Report

President McCallum commented on INAC representatives' assistance leading up to the reinstatement of the MN-S' funding.

Vice-President's Report

Vice-President Gerald Morin commented on:

- MOUs signed by MNC Governing Members
- Assistance provided by the Federal Government leading up to the recent MN-S election process.

Secretary Report

Secretary McCallum commented on:

- The relocation of the MN-S office and the assistance of the GDI
- Appreciation for INAC and EY representatives for their continued support.

Treasurer/Finance Committee Report

Treasurer Mary-Ann Morin commented on:

- A registry budget which proposed six new offices and 10 new jobs
- Legal counsel's review of contracts considered on behalf of Métis citizens.

Section 35 - Update

Kathy Hodgson-Smith, Legal Counsel, commented on:

- The MN-S' August 25, 2017 meeting with Canada at the "Recognition, Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination Table"
- MMF's MOU with Canada, which identified benchmarks the MN-S could consider
- The MN-S negotiating team, including the MN-S President, Vice President, Secretary, Minister of Environment, Leonard Montgrand, and Kathy Hodgson-Smith.

The following resolution was passed:

"WHEREAS the Federal Government has committed to engaging the Governing Members of the MNC in regional exploratory discussions leading to the reconciliation of s. 35 Métis rights; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has entered into a Framework Agreement with the MMF, as well as MOUs with the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) and the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) respectively for the above-stated purpose; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has begun discussions with the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) for that same purpose; and

WHEREAS the MN-S has undertaken an introductory meeting and has had its first meeting of the Recognition, Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination Table;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that President Glen McCallum and Vice-President Gerald Morin be hereby directed to enter into a MOU with Canada, on behalf of the MN-S, and to enter into negotiations toward resolution and recognition of Métis Nation constitutional and other rights and objectives."

Ernst & Young (EY) Report

Michael Campbell, EY, confirmed that office space was secured in Saskatoon to store the MN-S registry information and other materials, adjacent to the new MN-S office.

The PMC directed EY to arrange for the PMC's Board Governance Training in Jasper, Alberta (date to be determined).

The PMC directed Jay Watson, Legal Counsel to undertake, with the assistance of Kathy Hodgson-Smith, to ensure the protection of the ownership/governance interests of the MN-S with regards to the Métis Family and Community Justice Service Sask. Inc.

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) Inquiry

The meeting noted the vacancy caused by the resignation of Commissioner Marilyn Poitras from the MMIWG Commission.

MNLA

The goal of having an MOU signed between Canada and the MN-S by the next MNLA, was discussed.

The PMC directed that a MNLA be held in Saskatoon, on December 1-2, 2017 or November 24-25, 2017, depending on which date the Minister of INAC was available.

Regional Representative Reports

Regional representatives offered updates on:

- Regional offices and Regional Council meetings
- Meetings held in Ottawa, Ontario and Calgary, Alberta towards a proposal on Métis-specific housing
- The Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak (LFMO) Annual General Meeting scheduled September 30-October 1, 2017 in Saskatoon
- A meeting held in Calgary, Alberta, towards forming an Advisory and Monitoring Committee with Enbridge Line 3
- Continued efforts to contact Regional Representatives for youth's names to participate on the Youth Council
- A recent MNO Youth Leadership Workshop attended by over 70 youth
- An Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ASETS) agreement to be signed with the MNC
- National efforts related to early learning and child care

- The July 31, 2017 conclusion of the Northern Teacher Education Program (NORTEP).

The Treasurer agreed to send a letter to PMC members noting the amount available to regions on a monthly basis, and confirming the process for accessing the funding.

President Report – Portfolios

The following portfolio assignments were announced:

- Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan:
 - Minister Sherry McLennan
 - Assistant Minister Sherry Soll
- Environment:
 - Minister Mervin "Tex" Bouvier
 - Assistant Minister Rebecca Major
- Métis Family and Community Justice Services Saskatchewan Inc.:
 - Minister Wendy Gervais
 - Assistant Minister Sherry McLennan
- Economic Development:
 - Minister Leonard Montgrand
 - Assistant Minister Mary Ann Morin
- Education:
 - Minister Earl Cook
 - Assistant Minister Lisa McCallum
- Métis Rights and Harvesting and Land and Métis Farms:
 - Minister Glen McCallum
 - Assistant Minister Gerald Morin
- Reconciliation and Residential Schools:
 - Minister Glen McCallum
 - Assistant Minister Gerald Morin
- Health:
 - Minister Marg Friesen
 - Assistant Minister Gerald Morin
- Housing:
 - Minister Derek Langan
 - Assistant Minister Ryan
- Intergovernmental Affairs:
 - Minister Glen McCallum
 - Assistant Ministers Gerald Morin and Lisa McCallum
- Registry:
 - Minister Lisa McCallum
- Métis Rights Panel:
 - Minister Glen McCallum
 - Assistant Minister Gerald Morin
- Sports and Recreation:
 - Minister Billy Kennedy
 - Assistant Minister Loretta King

- Finance Committee:
 - Treasurer Mary Ann Morin
 - Members: Sherry Soll, Gerald Morin and Earl Cook
- Veterans:
 - Minister Ryan Carriere
- Youth:
 - Minister Jaycee Bell
- Women:
 - Tammy Mah
- Batoche:
 - Minister Sherry McLennan
 - Assistant Minister Sherry Soll.

JULY 18, 2017

Self-Government Overview

Kathy Hodgson-Smith, Legal Counsel, stressed the importance of establishing good governance and maintaining stability in bureaucracy.

Proposed MN-S Regional Table

Ms. Hodgson-Smith referenced “Section 35 Métis Rights” and commented on:

- Tom Isaac’s report: “A Matter of National and Constitutional Import: Report of the Minister’s Special Representative on Reconciliation with Métis: Section 35 Métis Rights and the Manitoba Metis Federation Decision”
- A MOU on Advancing Reconciliation, between the MNA and the Minister of INAC, dated January 30, 2017
- Efforts towards the MN-S achieving a MOU with the Federal Government.

Environment Portfolio

Shannon Landrie-Crossland, Métis Consultant / Senior Researcher, provided a presentation on “Métis Traditional Knowledge on Land Use and Occupancy”, and commented on mapping different perspectives of Métis history, land use and occupancy.

The Minister of Environment agreed to report back to the PMC regarding the feasibility of supporting land identification research.

Budget / Workplan

The Treasurer reviewed a presentation titled “MN-S Budget 2017-18”, commented on:

- Costs associated with holding a MNLA
- Developing job descriptions for Regional Directors, MN-S staff and others

- Gradually shifting tasks (and related funding) from EY to future MN-S staff
- The PMC’s progress since 2015.

The following resolutions were passed:

“That the MN-S PMC approves as presented the MN-S Budget 2017-18.”

“That the MN-S PMC authorizes the following:

- *Submission of the MN-S budget to the appropriate Federal Government office for approval*
- *Modifications by the Finance Committee, as needed, to meet Federal Government’s approval.”*

“That the MN-S PMC approves inclusion of the \$1.8 million for Urban Aboriginal Strategy funding as a line item in the MN-S’ funding agreement with the Federal Government.”

Resolution on “Citizenship”

The PMC forwarded the following motion for consideration at the July 19-20, 2017 Special Sitting of the MNC General Assembly:

“WHEREAS the MNC General Assembly in 2002 adopted the criteria for the registration of Métis Nation citizens;

AND WHEREAS it is the inherent right of all Métis Nation citizens who seek to be registered and meet the 2002 criteria are so registered by each of the Governing Members without discrimination of any form;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation safeguards the right of all of its citizens to be registered regardless of province of residence or Governing Member jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS it is mandatory that all eligible Métis Nation citizens must re-register following the adoption of the 2002 criteria;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT no Governing Member has the right nor jurisdiction to deny or strip Métis Nation citizens of their inalienable right to be registered, and that any action to the contrary is in violation of Métis Nation law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT no Governing Member has the right nor authority to grandfather-in previously registered citizens who do not meet the 2002 criteria; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any ongoing violations of this fundamental right shall be dealt with by the General Assembly as such case may arise.”

Ernst & Young (EY) - Amending Agreement

Evan Shoforost, EY, confirmed that INAC had provided an advance to accommodate costs related to the 2017 MN-S Elections process.

The PMC authorized President McCallum to sign the “Amending Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan”, on behalf of the MN-S.

Independent Oversight Advisor Agreement

The PMC endorsed the execution of the “Independent Oversight Advisor Agreement – MN-S”, as presented.

Offer to Lease (#210-2121 Airport Drive, Saskatoon)

The PMC directed that the lease for the current MN-S office space be concluded, to coincide with the commencement of the lease for the new MN-S’ office location at #210-2121 Airport Drive, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Relocation of the MN-S Office

The PMC authorized EY personnel to:

- Box up and document all records in the current MN-S office for relocation to a third party secure storage facility
- Arrange for the relocation of furniture, fixtures, computer equipment and the computer server, from the current MN-S office location to the new MN-S office location
- Box up the MN-S registry, separately from all other office contents, for relocation to a third party secure storage facility.

Computers / Printers

Mr. Shoforost, EY, confirmed that computers and printers used in the recent MN-S election process would be allocated for Regional Director’s use.

Resolutions

The PMC directed that \$59,000 be set aside for legal fees to assist the MN-S Ministers in implementing their respective portfolios.

The PMC directed that a four-person Urban Aboriginal Strategy Committee be appointed (inclusive of a member of the PMC Executive).

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Swearing In Ceremony

Senator Clayton Ward led the meeting in a swearing-in ceremony. Each of the newly elected or acclaimed PMC members, read aloud the following Oath of Office:

“I am a Métis. As a Métis, I honour with pride the blood of both my mother and father;

As a Métis, I acknowledge the rich history of my people and the courage and dedication of my ancestors;

As a Métis, I pledge to preserve the spirit and the identity of my people;

As a Métis I confirm my commitment to my community, my people, my nation;

As a Métis, I accept my responsibility to put service to my people ahead of self interest, and to honour the spirit of the Creator and the Métis Nation.”

Comments from Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) President David Chartrand

MMF President David Chartrand offered information to assist in “rebuilding” and “rebranding” the MN-S, and welcomed further discussions on potential opportunities for collaboration.

MNC President Clément Chartier

MNC President Chartier provided historical information on the Métis Nation and acknowledged:

- The structure of the MNC General Assembly, comprised of 55 delegates (15 each from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta and 5 each from British Columbia and Ontario)
- Plans for the 150th Anniversary of the Métis Nation in 2020, including re-establishment of the MNC office in Red River, Manitoba
- The creation of permanent bilateral mechanisms with a commitment to meet annually to develop policies on shared priorities and monitor progress going forward
- The importance of maintaining citizenship registries at an arms length from the political body.

Legal Counsel

Jay Watson, Legal Counsel, commented on:

- The legal landowner of the Batoche lands, the MN-S Secretariat Inc.
- An application to access the Affiliate's records under the *Non-Profit Business Corporations Act*.

The MN-S PMC directed that a discussion on the Provincial Métis Housing Corporation be held at the next PMC Meeting.

Board Training / Banff / Governance and Structure

Vice President Morin commented on a Board Governance Program offered through the Banff Centre for Governance.

Federal Government - Update

Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations, INAC, acknowledged his involvement with the MN-S since October 2014, and offered comments on:

- The appointment of EY as Expert Advisor to the MN-S PMC, which may be adjusted as the MN-S' capacity changes
- Federal Government's commitment to engage with the MN-S towards an exploratory process and signing of a MOU.

Expert Advisor - EY

The meeting discussed:

- The role of the Expert Advisor
- Potential future PMC priorities, including:
 - Relocating the MN-S office
 - Other potential funding sources.

The following resolution was passed:

"That the MN-S PMC directs that EY be retained as Expert Advisor to the MN-S, from July 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

Youth Council

Jaycee Bell, Acting Chair, Youth Council, reminded Regional Representatives to designate a representative to the Youth Council.

Les Filles des Madeleine (LFDM)

Tammy Mah reported that the next LFMO Annual General Meeting may be held in August 2017. Three regions had not yet assigned a Regional Representative to LFDM.

The following resolution was passed:

"That the MN-S PMC allocates funding to enable each region to send the same number of delegates (up to five) to attend an annual LFDM meeting, depending on finances available."

Executive / CEO

Mavis Taylor, CEO, offered comments on:

- Information, minutes and reports available on the MN-S website
- The Finance Committee's collaboration with the Expert Advisor and the CEO on a workplan for submission to INAC.

The following resolution was passed:

"That the MN-S PMC directs that future agreements entered into on behalf of the MN-S, be signed by the MN-S President and Vice President and authorized by the PMC."

Finance Committee

The meeting discussed:

- More cost-efficient office space
- Contracts for the Expert Advisor and the Chief Executive Officer.

Resolutions

The following resolutions were passed:

The PMC directed some changes to MN-S personnel, and further approved new Portfolio Assignments, as follows:

- Economic Development Portfolio – Leonard Montgrand
- Education Portfolio – Earl Cook
- Environment Portfolio – Mervin "Tex" Bouvier
- Finance Portfolio – Mary Ann Morin
- Health Portfolio – Marg Friesen
- Housing Portfolio – Derek Langan
- Justice, Child and Family Services Portfolio – Wendy Gervais
- Sports, Culture and Recreation Portfolio – Billy Kennedy.

The PMC also approved appointments to the Finance Committee: Earl Cook, Gerald Morin, Mary Ann Morin and Sherry Soll.

Back to Batoche Committee members were acknowledged: Jaycee Bell, Earl Cook, Billy Kennedy and Glen McCallum.

The meeting discussed: the intent of the MN-S' committees to provide guidance to the PMC; and the assignment of portfolios based on PMC members' background and knowledge.

Back to Batoche Committee

The PMC directed that \$100,000 be requested from Federal Government, to assist in preparations for 2017 Back to Batoche.

The PMC confirmed MN-S delegates to attend the July 19-20, 2017 Special Sitting of the Métis MNC General Assembly.

The PMC agreed to meet on July 18, 2017, immediately prior to the July 19-20, 2017 Special Sitting of the MNC General Assembly.

Elections Update / Complaints

Evan Shoforost, EY, referenced the "Voters Lists" provided by the Chief Electoral Officer after the recent MN-S Election.

Unauthorized Métis Membership Cards

Concerns were expressed concerns that someone in Lloydminster area, may be issuing unauthorized Métis membership cards.

Western Region III Board Appointment

The PMC supported a resolution passed by the Western Region III Council, to remove the Region's current appointee to the GDI Board, leaving the position vacant until the Western Region III Council selects a representative, through a clear and transparent vetting process.

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Crown-Métis Nation Summit - Update

Vice President Morin referenced the "Canada-Métis Nation Accord" signed April 13, 2017 by the Prime Minister, the Minister of INAC, MNC leaders and each of the Governing Members.

All Governing Members, with the exception of the MNBC and MN-S, had signed MOUs with the Federal Government and would proceed towards achieving framework agreements for negotiations.

Federal Government - Update

The meeting was informed that the Accord signed provided an opportunity to work towards a distinctions-based approach to funding and offered commitments to Métis-specific programming through negotiations.

Update From Legal Counsel

Jay Watson, Legal Counsel, reported that MN-S Affiliates would be requested to provide financial and other information. EY had compiled a list of information items required for reporting purposes, for review with the Affiliates.

Elections Update

An update provided by Loretta Metzger, Chief Electoral Officer, was reviewed which offered comments on: eligibility of candidates to participate in the MN-S election, the distribution of ballot boxes, and proof of identification required to vote.

The PMC agreed that for the 2017 MN-S Election process, Hafford would be considered as part of Western Region IIA.

Ernst & Young / Finance Committee - Update

The PMC directed Ernst & Young to pay the outstanding balance of \$19,659, owed to Cuelenaere, Kendall, Katzman & Watson LLP.

Chief Executive Officer - Update

The PMC agreed that the June 2017 PMC Meeting would consider the request made at the February 19, 2017 MN-S General Assembly to recognize Mike Tanton, Chef de Mission of the North American Indigenous Games, as a MN-S Youth Ambassador.

The meeting was informed that the MN-S Registry Office closed, when the MN-S' funding was discontinued. At that time, there were approximately 2,900 members registered.

It was noted that Lennard Morin attended commemorative events to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

Ernst & Young (EY)

The meeting received and reviewed budget and financial information provided in the statements prepared by EY, dated April 19, 2017.

MEDS, Environmental Reviews, and the Mi'kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Consultation

Kyle Vermette, Legal Counsel, reported on four environmental reviews he had been tasked to represent the MN-S on, and reviewed a presentation titled, "MN-S Economic Development Strategy (MEDS).

The following resolution was passed:

"That the MN-S PMC endorses the following resolution:

WHEREAS the MN-S MNLA passed (and the Annual General Assembly ratified) Resolution 005, adopting the "Interim Statement of Principles on Métis Consultation and Accommodation May 2008";

AND WHEREAS Governments and industry continue to inadequately consult and accommodate the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan's interests through its self-government representative, the MN-S;

AND WHEREAS there continues to be developments underway in Saskatchewan, including forestry, hydro, mining and pipeline developments, in which the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan continues to be left out of development opportunities;

AND WHEREAS contemplated and actual Crown decisions and actions, including Additions to Reserve Lands under Treaty Land Entitlement and sale of unoccupied Crown lands, may affect the lands traditionally and currently used and occupied by the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan, and Governments have not adequately consulted and accommodated the interests of the Métis Nation;

AND WHEREAS the Crown and industry have parts to play in ensuring environmental legislation and constitutional rights are respected and adhered to in consulting with and accommodating the Métis Nation;

AND WHEREAS the rights of the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan are at least at parity with First Nations when it comes to consultations and other Aboriginal rights, and we may have more Aboriginal rights including un-extinguished commercial rights and Aboriginal Title;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC:

- a. Undertake the development of a proposal for a modern MN-S consultation protocol and internal mechanism for tracking, responding and managing consultations affecting the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan;*
- b. Negotiate the establishment of adequate funding with the Government of Canada to develop this proposal for a MN-S consultation protocol and internal mechanism; and*
- c. Work closely with the Regions and Locals in developing this MN-S consultation protocol and internal mechanism to ensure Governments and industry abide by environmental and constitutional obligations to the MN-S."*

The PMC approved a draft working model for the MN-S Métis Economic Development Strategy, as presented by Kyle Vermette.

MN-S Consultation Protocol

Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, INAC, reported that the "Understanding the Mi'kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Consultation Process" conference, held March 8 and 9, 2017 in Membertou, Nova Scotia, outlined the tripartite protocol achieved between the Mi'kmaq, the Province of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada.

The meeting discussed benefits of establishing a "one window approach" (i.e. potentially through the MN-S office) for all consultations affecting Métis communities in Saskatchewan.

The PMC directed Kyle Vermette to compile and submit a funding proposal to Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, INAC, for developing a MN-S Consultation Protocol, which outlines an efficient process that will ensure the Métis community of Saskatchewan is fully consulted and accommodated when a decision or project is contemplated (by governments or industry) that may affect Métis rights; and further, that the proposal include:

- A workplan for developing a protocol, and
- Travel and other costs related to engaging with the regions.

Back to Batoche

Darlene McKay confirmed that the Back to Batoche Committee was scheduled to meet April 23, 2017.

Les Filles de Madeleine

Tammy Mah announced that a LFMO Annual General Assembly was scheduled in Saskatoon in July 2017.

Youth Council

Jaycee Bell, Chair, Youth Council, confirmed her collaboration with other Governing Members' Youth Councils towards a position paper, on reactivating a national MNC Youth Council.

Northern Teacher Education Program (NORTEP)

Earl Cook led the meeting in a discussion on NORTEP.

The PMC requested Kyle Vermette to assist in drafting a letter from the MN-S PMC to the Honourable Bronwyn Eyre, Minister of Advanced Education, Saskatchewan, related to NORTEP.

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ACRONYM LIST

The following acronyms are used in this summary:

ASETS	Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy
CCDF	Clarence Campeau Development Fund
EY	Ernst & Young
GDI	Gabriel Dumont Institute
INAC	Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
LFDM	Les Filles des Madeleine
LFMO	Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak
MMF	Manitoba Metis Federation
MNA	Métis Nation Alberta
MNBC	Métis Nation British Columbia
MNC	Métis National Council
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MNO	Métis Nation of Ontario
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
NORTEP	Northern Teacher Education Program
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
RBC	Royal Bank of Canada
SMEDCO	SaskMetis Development Corporation
UIP	Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples