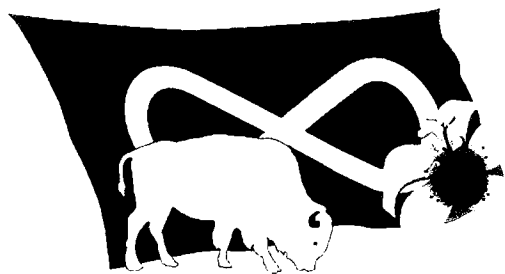


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**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 22 and 29, 2016**

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held July 22, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Express, 3580 2nd Avenue West, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, and July 29, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Express Yorkton East, 63 7th Avenue North, Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

DATE: Friday, July 22, 2016

PRESENT:

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

Billy Kennedy
Derek Langan (departed at 11:41 a.m.)
Glen McCallum
Darlene McKay
Tammy Mah
Lennard Morin

ABSENT:

Robert Doucette, President
Louis Gardiner
May Henderson

Penny Hurton
Shelly Kapell

ALSO PRESENT:

Olivia Arcand, Observer
Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant
(via teleconference) (for Item 4.3)
Ray Laliberté, Observer

Karen Larocque, Back to Batoche (for Item 4.1)
Michael Nolin, Legal Counsel
Jocelyn Ormerod, Observer
Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer

ERNST & YOUNG (EY) REPRESENTATIVES:

Michael Campbell, EY

Evan Shoforost, EY

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Vivian Guthrie, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Gerald Morin called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

WELCOMING COMMENTS AND OPENING PRAYER

Vice-President Morin welcomed attendees to the meeting. Lennard Morin offered an Opening Prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)

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

1. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
2. Appointment of the Co-Chairs
3. Adoption of the June 16 and July 8, 2016 MN-S PMC Meeting Minutes:
 - 3.1 Review of the Minutes
 - 3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 3.3 Economic Development Funding
4. Updates:
 - 4.1 Update from the PMC Back to Batoche Committee
 - 4.2 Update from the PMC MNLA Committee
 - 4.3 Update from the PMC Election Committee
 - 4.4 Update from the PMC Finance Committee
 - 4.5 Update from the CEO (Mavis Taylor)
 - 4.6 Update from the Expert Advisor - Ernst & Young
 - 4.7 Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI)
5. Resolutions
6. Other Business:
 - 6.1 Cuthbert Grant Declaration
 - 6.2 The S.S. Northcote
7. Next Meeting Date

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 RECORDING SECRETARY

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Vivian Guthrie, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as the Recording Secretary for the July 22, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPOINTMENT OF CO-CHAIRS

It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Chester Herman)

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES (June 16 and July 8, 2016 MN-S PMC Meeting)

3.1 Review of the Minutes

The meeting was referred to the draft minutes of the June 16 and July 8, 2016 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting.

3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

The meeting reviewed the resolutions passed at the June 16 and July 8, 2016 MN-S PMC meeting and discussed business arising from the minutes.

Regarding Item 7.6, Mavis Taylor, CEO, confirmed that Legal Counsel had sent letters seeking financial information (i.e. minutes, records) from the affiliates.

3.3 Economic Development Funding

Further to Item 7.10, Co-Chair Morin referenced the Métis National Council (MNC) Board of Governors teleconference at which the equal distribution of federal economic development funding amongst the Governing Members was approved.

During discussion, suggestions were offered related to the MN-S' dispensation of its portion of the funds, including:

- Setting aside funds for improvements to the Batoche site (and/or the potential purchase of adjacent land)
- Seeking shareholders' approval for the use of the funds
- Potentially seeking representation from each of the MN-S' twelve regions, on the SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO) Board of Directors (to date, some representatives had not been accepted)
- Developing a budget plan for using the funds and a schedule for accessing the funds
- Using the money to improve the lives of youth (i.e. training and skills development dollars)
- Supporting programs already generating profits (i.e. horse drawn sleigh rides, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, pamphlets to promote Métis services and businesses).

Michael Nolin, Legal Counsel, suggested the PMC maintain the ability to reallocate funds, in the event that programs they selected to support with the MN-S' portion of the economic development funding, did not meet the funding criteria.

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Chester Herman)

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 11:41 a.m. and reconvened at 1:12 p.m. Derek Langan was absent when the meeting resumed.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES (June 16 and July 8, 2016 MN-S PMC Meeting) (Continued)

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopts the Minutes of the June 16 and July 8, 2016 meeting, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.0 UPDATES

4.1 Update from the PMC Back to Batoche Committee

Karen Larocque reported on the success of Back to Batoche 2016. She reviewed financial details, revenues and expenditures, noting an approximate net gain of \$58,000.00. Members discussed outstanding payments owed from prior Back to Batoche events, and the reimbursement of personal expenditures related to the 2016 event (i.e. Karen Larocque's cell phone charges).

In response to a query regarding whether contracts related to the 2016 event had been paid in full, the meeting was advised that:

- An accounting review with EY will discuss the collection and disbursement of funds
- Payment was made towards current taxes, and over \$24,000.00 in past taxes.

Gratitude was extended to volunteers including the Back to Batoche Committee (and their families), PMC members and EY. The Back to Batoche Committee was particularly commended for quickly expediting the event and for surmounting some financial challenges. It was acknowledged that including others and requesting support for the event, helped to establish and rebuild relationships.

A full report on the Back to Batoche 2016 will be presented to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), highlighting the fiscal success of event, and the opportunity to repay debts incurred by previous Batoche events.

4.2 Update from the PMC Committee

Mavis Taylor, CEO, reviewed the proposed MNLA Orders of the Day and contents of the MNLA Agenda binders, noting that accommodations for delegates needed to be confirmed with EY by July 25, 2016. Assistance was welcomed in locating some additional documents required (i.e. prior meeting minutes and the 2015 audit). Appreciation was extended to EY for their assistance in compiling the MNLA Agenda binders.

Request for Action

It was requested that Directors:

- *Assist Michael Campbell, Ernst & Young, in registering their respective region's delegates for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly*
- *Forward available copies of any prior meeting minutes still missing from the "Record of Minutes" (specifically for the meetings held November 30 – December 1, 2012 and February 8 and 9, 2013).*

The meeting acknowledged the MNLA's focus on setting a date for the next MN-S election, noting that voting members could be required to sign a declaration confirming their citizenship and eligibility to vote.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council approves the Agenda binders for the July 30 and 31, 2016 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), including the MNLA Orders of the Day and other information, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Michael Nolin, Legal Counsel, confirmed that he had received an electronic file, which included the 2007 MN-S voters list.

3:20 p.m.

Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant, joined the meeting by teleconference for Item 4.3.

4.3 Update from the PMC Election Committee

The meeting acknowledged urgent requests sent for information to former consultants, for a copy of the 2007 MN-S Election kit, to help expedite preparations for the next election. It was noted that as the voters' list used in the 2007 MN-S election process had not been updated, voters may be asked to self-declare their citizenship at the time of voting in the next election.

During discussion on the upcoming MN-S election, the following comments were offered:

- Amendments made in 2008, affirmed the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act (Act)* as the MN-S' electoral process
- The consultant involved in the 2007 MN-S election process, took nine months to prepare for the election

- Sufficient time was required to hire and verify the credentials of approximately 115 Métis Commissioners and other election officials.

Mr. Gibson offered the following comments regarding the upcoming MN-S election:

- Although two potential Chief Electoral Officers had been contacted, further information on the MN-S election process was required (i.e. a prior instruction manual) to help determine the time required to prepare for the election
- There was insufficient time to prepare for an election in September or October 2016
- The next MN-S election could more realistically be held, with six months to prepare (sometime in February or March 2017).

Request for Action

It was requested that Helene Johnson or Gerald Morin forward a copy of the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007 to Mavis Taylor, CEO, to convey to: Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant; Michael Nolin, Legal Counsel; and Evan Shoforst, Ernst & Young.

Request for Action

It was requested that the MN-S Election Committee review the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act adopted in 2008 with Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant.

During further discussion, members offered the following additional comments:

- Hiring only Métis Commissioners may not be a requirement; the Act could be amended at the MNLA to clarify this
- It was required that some of the election officials (i.e. Regional Returning Officer, Registration Officer, and Polling Officers) be Métis
- A reasonable amount of time was required to prepare for an election
- Conducting the next election in accordance with the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act*, adopted in 2008, was a requirement for federal funding.

Mavis Taylor, CEO, further reported that:

- Some MN-S election materials were available
- Mr. Nolin received some information from the consultant involved in the prior election process
- A list of voters that participated in the prior election process was not compiled.

Request for Action

Directors were requested to forward any information they may have retained, related to prior MN-S elections (preferably in digital format), to Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant, to assist in expediting the process leading up to the next MN-S election.

Michael Nolin, Legal Counsel, advised that:

- An explanation will be provided, if the MNLA is advised that the election will be postponed
- Time is required to train the Election Commissioners and other election personnel
- Appointments to all electoral positions should be made without prejudice
- The election process must be structured to withstand scrutiny and protect the organization.

Members expressed frustrations related to the suggested postponement of the MN-S election, and offered additional comments regarding:

- Uncertainties related to how many citizens were waiting to receive their citizenship cards
- Arrangements required if the MNLA rejected postponing the MN-S election
- Potentially determining an election process and alternate election date prior to the MNLA.

The following Election Committee members were acknowledged: Chester Herman, Gerald Morin and Lennard Morin.

Request for Action

It was requested that Mavis Taylor, CEO, arrange a conference call with Lorne Gibson, Michael Nolin, Richard Quintal, and the Election Committee on July 27, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council now rescinds the following motion passed on June 5, 2016: “That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) directs that all PMC member positions terminate August 2, 2016, and that Ernst & Young and the MN-S CEO manage MN-S affairs during the 30-day period prior to the election”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.4 Update from the PMC Finance Committee

Evan Shoforst, EY, led the meeting in discussion regarding the sale of the MN-S library and strategies to repay secured creditors. Mr. Shoforst confirmed that EY would review in advance with the PMC, a report prepared for presentation at the MNLA.

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Chester Herman)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council approves payment of a retainer in the amount of \$60,000 to Cuelenaere, Kendall, Katzman & Watson LLP (MN-S Legal Counsel).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.5 Update from the CEO

This item was addressed under Item 4.3.

4.6 Update from the Expert Advisor – Ernst & Young (EY)

Evan Shoforst, EY, reviewed discussions with the MN-S’ current landlord related to office space costs. Investigations confirmed that office space was available locally, for significantly less than the current lease. He further noted that the current office space was under a lease until September 30, 2016. During discussion, members acknowledged an objective to see MN-S in the financial position to purchase or build its own office.

4.7 Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI)

It was noted that a \$300,000 advance from GDI was anticipated towards the purchase of the MN-S library, once an inventory of the MN-S library was complete.

5. RESOLUTIONS

Co-Chair Helene Johnson reviewed resolutions submitted by members for consideration at the MNLA, noting that some (Resolutions #3, 4, 5 and 9) did not include the signatures of five members, as required.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Handling of submitted resolutions which did not meet the requirements of the Constitution
- The dissolution of regions/locals and the declaration of an independent Council
- Recognition of the legal Métis local representative (their expenses will be reimbursed)
- Instances where there are two locals in one region, claiming to be the legal authorized local.

During further discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- The 2013 MNLA (deemed to be illegal)
- A lack of documented process for removing elected officials between legal elections
- An unapproved Regional Director indicated on a region's corporate documents
- The importance of clarifying that the MN-S rules will henceforth be enforced.

Request for Action

With respect to resolutions submitted for consideration at the 2016 MNLA, Regional Directors were requested to:

- *Acknowledge locals and persons from their region, who submitted resolutions in compliance with the Constitution*
- *Inform Michael Nolin, Legal Counsel, of locals and persons from their region, who submitted resolutions that were **not** in compliance with the Constitution, so Mr. Nolin could advise them of the status of their resolution.*

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 2:36 p.m. and reconvened at 2:58 p.m.

Michael Nolin, Legal Counsel, clarified that if a local complied with constitutional requirements, its approval to exist was not required from higher authorities. He acknowledged challenges related to the establishment of new locals, and locals with multiple presidents. While new locals could be approved by regions, only the authorized delegate could vote at the MNLA.

Request for Action

Regional Directors were asked to communicate to Michael Nolin, Legal Counsel, the names of legitimate Presidents so he could advise, in writing, those who were not recognized as legitimate Presidents in accordance with the Constitution.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Cuthbert Grant Declaration

It was MOVED (Lennard Morin) and SECONDED (Gerald Morin)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopt the Cuthbert Grant Declaration as presented, with some minor amendments.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 The S.S. Northcote

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

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

- Approves building a replica of the S.S. Northcote (or rebuilding the original, whichever is more cost effective), and that money be allocated each year from the economic development funding to help cover project costs;
- Appoints a three-person committee of PMC members to this project, one being the representative of the Delta Métis Local #42 from Cumberland House, who will Chair the S.S. Northcote Project Committee; and
- Supports the S.S. Northcote Project Committee approaching the following entities on behalf of the PMC, for financial contributions to the project:
 - Clarence Campeau Development Fund
 - Gabriel Dumont Institute
 - SMEDCO
 - Federal Government
 - Provincial Government
 - CAMECO/AREVA
 - Métis National Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Next Meeting Date

It was agreed that the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting scheduled July 22, 2016 would reconvene on July 29, 2016 at the Holiday Inn, Yorkton.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting held July 22 and 29, 2016 adjourned on July 22, 2016 at 4:16 p.m.

**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 22 and 29, 2016**

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held July 22, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Express, 3580 2nd Avenue West, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, and July 29, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Express Yorkton East, 63 7th Avenue North, Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

DATE: Friday, July 29, 2016

PRESENT:

Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair
Helene Johnson, Co-Chair
(departed at 6:35 p.m.)
Lela Arnold
Michael Bell
Cody Breaton
Earl Cook
Chester Herman

Shelly Kapell
Billy Kennedy
Derek Langan
Glen McCallum
Darlene McKay
Tammy Mah
Lennard Morin (arrived at 3:00 p.m.)

ABSENT:

Robert Doucette, President
Louis Gardiner

May Henderson
Penny Hurton

ALSO PRESENT:

Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant
Michael Nolin, Legal Counsel

Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer

ERNST & YOUNG (EY) REPRESENTATIVES:

Michael Campbell, EY

Evan Shoforost, EY

INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA (INAC) REPRESENTATIVE:

Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Morin called the meeting back to order at 1:50 p.m. on July 29, 2016 and confirmed a quorum was present.

WELCOMING COMMENTS

Co-Chair Morin welcomed attendees, acknowledged the previously approved Agenda, and reviewed items to be considered at the meeting.

1. APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY (Continued)

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as the Recording Secretary for the July 29, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

5.1 The Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act Amendments

Michael Nolan, Legal Counsel, read aloud some amendments to the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007 (Act)*, proposed by Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant.

Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant, offered the following comments:

- The list of amendments to the *Act* submitted for consideration would:
 - Deem the *Act* applicable to the upcoming and future elections
 - Provide greater flexibility to the Chief Electoral Officer
 - Prohibit campaigning in polling stations
- The *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007* was the most recent version of the *Act* available
- The Chief Electoral Officer involved in the prior election recommended the *Act* be amended
- Meyers Norris Penny LLP organized the 2012 election process and subsequently submitted a 2012 Elections Report to the MN-S
- Items pertaining to the 2007 election process (i.e. voter registration information, data/computer equipment) were held by the MN-S' Legal Counsel (Scott Phelps & Mason) in trust, and were released to the MN-S Registrar in June 2009 (see attached "List of Information Items" to locate related correspondence)
- The five potential candidates contacted about participating as Chief Electoral Officer for the upcoming MN-S election process, expressed that there was insufficient time to prepare for an election in September 2016
- The Chief Electoral Officer involved in the 2007 election had nine months to prepare.

The meeting agreed to further discuss the MN-S election process later in the meeting, after biographies of the potential candidates for the Chief Electoral Officer for the upcoming MN-S election process, were made available for review.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 2:40 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m. Lennard Morin was present when the meeting resumed.

5.2 Appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and Chairpersons for the Annual General Assembly

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

WHEREAS Article 5 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act* directs the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoint a Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council at their duly called meeting of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council on June 4 and 5, 2016 appointed Will Goodon and Kathy Hodgson-Smith as Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly ratify these appointments as stated;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Will Goodon and Kathy Hodgson-Smith shall serve as Chairperson and Co-Chairperson for the Annual General Assembly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.3 Appointment of Dumont's Scouts

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

WHEREAS Article 8 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act* directs the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council to appoint Dumont's Scouts to maintain order and procedure at the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints the following representatives of Eastern Region 2A as Dumont's Scouts for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly on July 30 and 31, 2016: Donna Bernard, Robert Bernard, Richard Genialle, Jeff Langan, Jeremy Langan, Donna Pelletier, Tyler Pelletier, Tyler Severight and Stewart Swain.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.4 Adoption of Métis Citizenship Standard

It was MOVED (Chester Herman) and SECONDED (Michael Bell)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation has inherent jurisdiction to identify the members/citizens of the Métis Nation;

AND WHEREAS the Métis National Council (MNC) General Assembly ratified a National Definition for the identification of Métis Nation citizens, and amended it from time to time;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) has adopted the National Definition in the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* Article 10 and has established a Registry for the purpose of identifying and registering Métis Nation citizens resident in Saskatchewan pursuant to the National Definition;

AND WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the Métis Nation to identify the citizens of the Métis Nation in a way that is open, transparent, consistent, objective and verifiable;

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada has required, and the MN-S does agree, that the process of identification of Métis Aboriginal rights holders must be objective and verifiable;

AND WHEREAS the MNC General Assembly directed, at the 2014 General Assembly, that the MNC and Governing Members ensure: a) that the National Definition of Métis is applied in all registrations; b) that the MNC and Governing Members engage fully in the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Standard setting processes to the completion and publication of a Métis Nation Registry Operations Standard, which can be used to ensure that the identification and registration of Métis Nation members/citizens is consistent, respectful, objective and verifiable;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly require the MN-S to ensure compliance with the MNC General Assembly direction that the MN-S Registry ensure: a) that the National Definition of Métis is applied in all registrations; b) that the MN-S and the MN-S Registry ensure the implementation of the CSA Standard on Métis Nation Registry Operations Standard; and c) engage in the CSA Standard setting processes to review and update the Métis Nation Registry Operations Standard, from time to time, which can be used to ensure that the identification and registration of Métis Nation members/citizens is consistent, respectful, objective and verifiable.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.5 Adoption of Ernst & Young Report in Lieu of Executive and Regional Reports

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

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan had not held the number of Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meetings required by the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*;

AND WHEREAS the Court of Queen's Bench found that:

- a) The last attempted Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly was unlawfully called and unlawfully held;
- b) That all of the motions passed at the last attempted Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly are of no force and effect; and
- c) The last lawfully called and lawfully held Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly was in 2012;

AND WHEREAS the administrative funding and financial support to the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan was discontinued by the Province of Saskatchewan and the Government of Canada on November 1, 2014 due to a lack of democracy, accountability and transparency in the operation of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan;

AND WHEREAS in order to reinstate funding toward the administration and operation of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan entered into an agreement with Ernst & Young LLP, by motion of the Provincial Métis Council and signature of President Robert Doucette, on February 17, 2016 to allow Ernst & Young LLP to carry out specific administrative, policy and financial processes on behalf of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, pursuant to the direction of the Provincial Métis Council as a third party Expert Advisor;

AND WHEREAS the Executive of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan has not been provided salaries since March 31, 2015 and has not participated fully in the ongoing meetings of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council;

AND WHEREAS Articles 3 and 4 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* and Article 9 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act* provides that the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council shall provide written reports to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly;

AND WHEREAS Ernst & Young LLP, as Expert Advisor, has prepared a report on behalf of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council for submission to the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly on July 30 and 31, 2016;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council has reviewed and approved the report of Ernst & Young LLP as a written report of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs Ernst & Young LLP to deliver the written report to the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, on behalf of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council, to comply with its constitutional reporting obligation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.6 Deeming of Any Program, Service or Affiliate Created for the Purposes of the Constitution

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

WHEREAS Article 3(3) of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* provides that the Provincial Métis Council is responsible for ensuring that the affiliates, departments, programs and services covered by their portfolios are running smoothly and have the necessary resources to enable them to operate effectively;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council deems to be an affiliate, the following:

- a) BTB Festival Days Inc.
- b) BTB Land Management Inc.
- c) Provincial Métis Holdco Inc.
- d) Provincial Métis Housing Corporation
- e) Round Prairie Ventures Inc.
- f) Round Prairie Developments Limited
- g) The Métis Society of Saskatchewan Inc.
- h) All other corporations formed by an Executive member or members arising from their authority as a member of the Executive of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
- i) All corporations where an Executive member holds a position within that corporation arising from their authority as a member of the Executive of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council needs to ensure it maintains an accurate account of all affiliates of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan and all corporations formed to meet the needs of the Métis people in Saskatchewan, including but not limited to:

- a) BTB Festival Days Inc.
- b) BTB Land Management Inc.
- c) Provincial Métis Holdco Inc.
- d) Provincial Métis Housing Corporation
- e) Round Prairie Ventures Inc.
- f) Round Prairie Developments Limited
- g) The Métis Society of Saskatchewan Inc.
- h) All other corporations formed by an Executive member or members arising from their authority as a member of the Executive of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
- i) All corporations where an Executive member holds a position within that corporation arising from their authority as a member of the Executive of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive provide the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council with certified copies of all documents relating to all affiliates of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, including but not limited to:

- a) BTB Festival Days Inc.
- b) BTB Land Management Inc.
- c) Provincial Métis Holdco Inc.
- d) Provincial Métis Housing Corporation
- e) Round Prairie Ventures Inc.
- f) Round Prairie Developments Limited
- g) The Métis Society of Saskatchewan Inc.
- h) All other corporations formed by an Executive member or members arising from their authority as a member of the Executive of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, and
- i) All corporations where an Executive member holds a position within that corporation arising from their authority as a member of the Executive of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

During discussion it was confirmed that at the PMC's prior direction, Legal Counsel had sent letters to Directors of the affiliates via registered mail or email, requesting documentation (i.e. minutes, documentation and records).

5.7 Internal Dispute Resolution Mechanism

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Shelly Kapell)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council supports the following resolution, and recommends its consideration and ratification at the July 30 and 31, 2016 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly:

WHEREAS the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* is the governing document of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan;

AND WHEREAS Paragraphs 3 to 5 of the Preamble of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* provides that the citizens of the Métis Nation agree to the following:

- a) To ensure that any Métis person whose rights or freedoms as herein recognized are violated shall have an effective remedy;
- b) To ensure that any person claiming such a remedy shall have their right thereto determined by a competent Judicial administrative or legislative authorities of the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan; and
- c) To ensure competent authorities as enacted by the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan shall enforce such remedies when granted;

AND WHEREAS Paragraph 9 of the Preamble of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* provides that all persons shall be equal before the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly in the termination of any issue which they are charged with, and that every Métis person shall be entitled to a fair and public hearing by a competent, independent and impartial tribunal established by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly directs the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council to establish and create an internal dispute resolution mechanism to meet the goals of the preamble as set out above.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 3:45 p.m. and reconvened at 4:15 p.m.

5.8 Selecting the MN-S Election Date / Calling of Election

Mr. Gibson led the meeting in a discussion related to the selection of an MN-S election date. During discussion, the following additional comments were offered:

- Significant preparations for the MN-S election are required, including: creation of materials, forms, nominations kits, training of elections personnel, etc.
- Both Mr. Gibson and David Hamilton (the Chief Electoral Officer involved in the 2007 MN-S election) have agreed to assist the next Chief Electoral Officer in preparing for the upcoming election, to the extent required
- Six months preparation will be required for an MN-S election in February 2017
- The election date will be declared 35 days prior to the election; once called, electoral candidates may file nominations papers accordingly
- A presentation regarding the next MN-S election has been prepared for the MNLA.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council support the following resolution, and recommend its consideration and ratification at the July 30 and 31, 2016 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly:

WHEREAS Article 28 of the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, as amended, and Article 8(2) of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* requires that the election day for the Executive and Regional Representatives of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council be held within four (4) years of the previous election;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council has retained, pursuant to the advice of Ernst & Young LLP as Expert Advisor, the expertise of Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant, to advise on the process required to ensure the running of an election pursuant to the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, as amended;

AND WHEREAS Ernst & Young LLP and Mr. Gibson have advised the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council on the proper timing for the holding of an election and have recommended an election day of February 4, 2017;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council seek to have an election that is in accordance with Article 1 of the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, as amended, that promotes the meaningful exercise of the democratic rights and freedoms of the Métis citizens in Saskatchewan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT an election day for the Executive and Regional Representatives of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council be set as February 4, 2017.

CARRIED

(Derek Langan voted in opposition)

5.9 Appointment of Chief Electoral Officer

Mr. Gibson acknowledged the qualifications and eligibility of Fred Payton, the candidate available and interested in participating as Chief Electoral Officer for the next MN-S election.

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

WHEREAS Section 92 of the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, as amended, directs the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly to appoint by resolution, a Chief Electoral Officer for the election set for February 4, 2017;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council recommends the appointment of Fred Payton to serve as the Chief Electoral Officer for the election set for February 4, 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council recommends the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly appoint Fred Payton to serve as the Chief Electoral Officer for the election set for February 4, 2017.

CARRIED

(Derek Langan abstained from the vote)

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

That the Métis Nation- Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council rescind the following motion passed on March 5, 2016: “That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council set September 3, 2016 as the date for the 2016 MN-S Election, with advance polls scheduled on August 27, 2016”.

CARRIED

(Derek Langan abstained from the vote)

5.1 The Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act Amendments (Continued)

It was MOVED (Chester Herman) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council support the following resolution, and recommend its consideration and ratification at the July 30 and 31, 2016 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly:

WHEREAS Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, represented by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (the “Government of Canada”) has agreed to provide funding to the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan as per the Funding Agreement (Agreement No: 1415-HQ-000097) entered into between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, April 1, 2014, as amended by:

- The undated Amending Agreement entered into between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan;
- The May 1, 2016 Amending Agreement entered into between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; and
- The June 2016 Amending Agreement entered into between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (“Amending Agreement #3”)

(collectively, the “MN-S Agreement”);

AND WHEREAS as part of the MN-S Agreement, an “Expert Advisor” must be retained;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. has contracted with Ernst & Young LLP pursuant to an engagement letter dated June 17, 2016 and has appointed Ernst & Young LLP as the Expert Advisor;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan and Ernst & Young LLP agree that amendment of the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007* is a matter relevant to carrying out the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan’s obligations under the MN-S Agreement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council amend the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007* in accordance with the recommendations provided by the Expert Advisor Ernst & Young LLP, as follows (and described in the attached Schedule A):

1. In section 1, delete the words “for the general election in 2007 and may be adapted to all subsequent elections”;
2. In section 2, in the definition of “declaration of election”, delete the words “the general election in 2007 and any by-election after the general election in 2007” and substitute the words “a general election or by-election”;
3. In section 2, delete the term and definition for “Independent Oversight Committee”;
4. In section 3, delete the words “in 2007” and the accompanying footnote;
5. In section 28, delete subsection (2) and its heading and re-number subsection 28(1) as section 28;
6. In section 92, delete subsection (3) and its heading, and re-number the remaining subsections in section 92 accordingly;

7. In section 101, delete subsection (3) and its heading, and re-number the remaining subsections in section 101 accordingly;
8. In subsection 107(1), add the words “Unless authorized otherwise by the Chief Electoral Officer,” to the beginning of the sentence;
9. In section 111, delete subsection (2) and its heading, and re-number the remaining subsections in section 111 accordingly;
10. In section 116, delete subsection (3) and its heading, and re-number the remaining subsections in section 116 accordingly;
11. In section 120, delete subsection (3) and its heading, and re-number the remaining subsections in section 120 accordingly;
12. Add a new section 127.1 to say: “No person shall disturb the peace and good order at a polling station”;
13. Add a new section 127.2 to say:
 - (1) *Any person who places or displays campaign material in or on any premises used as a polling station is guilty of an offence, and*
 - (2) *Any person who uses, wears or displays or causes to be used, worn or displayed, any flag, ribbon, label, badge, or similar object in a polling station as campaign material, is guilty of an offence; and*
14. In Form 1 (VOTER REGISTRATION FORM) of the Schedule, delete the words “in 2007” and substitute the words “to be held on [election day]”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.10 Extension of Terms of Members of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council

It was MOVED (Billy Kennedy) and SECONDED (Cody Breaton)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council support the following resolution, and recommend its consideration and ratification at the July 30 and 31, 2016 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly:

WHEREAS Article 4(3) of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* provides that the Executive of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly have a term of office of four (4) years;

AND WHEREAS Article 8(2) of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* requires that an election for the Executive and Regional Representatives of the Provincial Métis Council of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly be held within four (4) years of the previous Provincial Métis Council election;

AND WHEREAS the election of the Executive and Regional Representatives of the Provincial Métis Council of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly may not comply with the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* and the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007*, as amended;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT any member of the Executive and Regional Representatives of the Provincial Métis Council of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly whose term will expire in accordance with the *Constitution of the Métis Nation –*

Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007, as amended, where the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly secures an election date beyond the required timeframe, will have their term extended for a reasonable period of time to facilitate the completion of an election pursuant to the Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 5:00 p.m. and reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Cody Breaton)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that the contract with Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant, be extended until the Chief Electoral Officer has been appointed, and the election period for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan election set for February 4, 2017, has commenced.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council approves the following appointments of Quorum Counters for the July 30 and 31, 2016 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly:

- Two designated Ernst & Young LLP (EY) staff members; and
- Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary, specifically for any resolutions related to EY.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.3 Payment of MNLA Expenses (for Non-Recognized Delegates)

It was confirmed that the MN-S' Legal Counsel recently informed MNLA registrants that had not been recognized by their region to attend the MNLA as delegates, that they would not be reimbursed for travel and accommodation expenses associated with attending the MNLA.

During discussion, the following comments were offered:

- Regional Councils determined who the valid delegates would be for the MNLA
- A list was compiled of registrants that were not recognized as delegates by a region
- Reimbursing attendance-related expenses of registrants not recognized as delegates by a region ("disputed delegates") for the 2016 MNLA only, could be considered.

6:35 p.m.

Co-Chair Helene Johnson departed the meeting.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council authorizes Ernst & Young LLP to reimburse the same expenses for attending the July 30 and 31, 2016 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) for: registrants recognized as valid MNLA delegates, and registrants **not** recognized as valid MNLA delegates.

CARRIED

(Earl Cook, Chester Herman and Tammy Mah voted in opposition)

CONCLUSION

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting July 22 and 29, 2016 concluded on July 29, 2016 at 6:45 p.m.

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS:

The following items were provided for information at the meeting on July 22, 2016:

1. Draft Minutes of the June 16 and July 8, 2016 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting
2. MNLA Draft Orders of the Day
3. Correspondence dated May 29, 2012 from The W Law Group to MN-S Secretariat Inc. Re: Advice 2011, File #16555.60, regarding interpretation of Article 17.3, The Métis Nation Constitution
4. Email correspondence dated July 21, 2016 from John Weinstein regarding MNC Board of Governors recommendation for distribution of the \$25 million
5. Email correspondence dated July 21, 2016 from MNC President Clement Chartier regarding a record on the teleconference meeting held July 21, 2016
6. Correspondence dated July 21, 2016 from Cuelenaere, Kendall, Katzman & Watson LLP to Mavis Taylor regarding a service retainer in the amount of \$60,000.00
7. Media Release dated July 21, 2016 titled, “Minister Bennett Welcomes Thomas Isaac Report on Reconciliation with Métis”
8. Document dated March 31, 2016 titled, “Métis Family and Community Justice Services of Saskatchewan Inc., Independent Auditor’s Report and Financial Statements”
9. Document submitted by Lynn LaRose, Executive Director, MFC, titled Métis Family & Community Justice Services of Saskatchewan, Inc. (MFC) Annual Report 2016-2017
10. Report from Louis Gardiner, MN-S Treasurer including 2012 MN-S Election Financial Statement, Holdco Trust letter from the W Law Group, First Quarter MN-S Financial Statement (April 1 – June 30, 2013) and 2012/2013 MN-S Audit
11. Resolution Package
12. Email correspondence dated June 28, 2016 from Evan Shoforost to Mavis Taylor, CEO/Clerk of the Assembly containing Constitutional Amendments received to date to be included in the Order of the Day
13. List of Binders and Contents for MNLA
14. Record of Motions, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan MNLA / AGA, June 16, 2012, Travelodge, Prince Albert
15. Document dated June 14, 2016 titled “A Matter of National and Constitutional Import: Report of the Minister’s Special Representation on Reconciliation with Métis: Section 25 Métis Rights and the *Manitoba Métis Federation* Decision” by Thomas Isaac
16. Cuthbert Grant Declaration (proposal to be considered at the MNLA 30 July 2016)

The following items were provided in an information package on July 22, 2016:

17. MN-S PMC Meeting July 22, 2016 Agenda
18. The Métis Act being Chapter M-14.01 of *The Statutes of Saskatchewan, 2001* (effective January 28, 2002)
19. Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Adopted December 3, 1993 and amended through September 9, 2008
20. Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act, ratified November 6, 1999 and amended through September 9, 2008
21. Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period from February 18, 2016 to July 21, 2016
22. Email Correspondence from Ernst & Young dated July 8, 2016 regarding MN-S Audit report 2016 with attachment “INACs report incorporating the consultant audit finding dated March 2012”
23. Email Correspondence from Ernst & Young dated June 28, 2016 containing attachments of constitutional amendments received

The following items were provided for information at the meeting on July 29, 2016:

24. Correspondence from Scott Phelps & Mason to Deb Donaldson, Métis Nation of Saskatchewan (and copied to President Robert Doucette) dated June 26, 2009 regarding the return of “MNS Voter Registration Funds, Data and Computer Equipment”
25. Biography of Fred Payton, Chief Electoral Officer
26. Printed copy of a draft resolution regarding “Appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and Chairpersons for the Annual General Assembly”
27. Printed copy of a draft resolution regarding “Appointment of Dumont’s Scouts”
28. Printed copy of a draft resolution regarding “Adoption of Métis Citizenship Standard”
29. Printed copy of a draft resolution regarding “Adoption of Ernst & Young Report in Lieu of Executive and Regional Reports”
30. Printed copy of a draft resolution regarding “Deeming of Any Program, Service or Affiliate Created for the Purposes of the Constitution”
31. Printed copy of a draft resolution regarding “Internal Dispute Resolution Mechanism”
32. Printed copy of a draft resolution regarding “Calling of Election”
33. Printed copy of a draft resolution regarding “Appointment of Chief Electoral Officer”
34. Printed copy of a draft resolution regarding “The *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act* Amendments”
35. Printed copy of a draft resolution regarding “Extension of Terms of Members of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council”

**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING**

JULY 22 and 29, 2016

List of Resolutions and Requests for Action (*indicated in italics*)

RESOLUTIONS / REQUESTS FOR ACTION	STATUS
<p>1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</p> <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following Agenda for its July 22, 2016 meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appointment of the Recording Secretary 2. Appointment of the Co-Chairs 3. Adoption of the June 16 and July 8, 2016 MN-S PMC Meeting Minutes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Review of the Minutes 3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes 3.3 Economic Development Funding 4. Updates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1 Update from the PMC Back to Batoche Committee 4.2 Update from the PMC MNLA Committee 4.3 Update from the PMC Election Committee 4.4 Update from the PMC Finance Committee 4.5 Update from the CEO (Mavis Taylor) 4.6 Update from the Expert Advisor - Ernst & Young 4.7 Gabriel Dumont Institute 5. Resolutions 6. Other Business: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1 Cuthbert Grant Declaration 6.2 The S.S. Northcote 7. Next Meeting Date. 	Complete
<p>2. APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY (July 22, 2016)</p> <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Vivian Guthrie, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as the Recording Secretary for the July 22, 2016 meeting.</p>	Complete
<p>3. APPOINTMENT OF CO-CHAIRS</p> <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Helene Johnson and Gerald Morin as Co-Chairs for the meeting.</p>	Complete
<p>4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the MN-S PMC be involved in determining the disbursements of funds; 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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; <p>and with the further provisos that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	
<p>5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES</p> <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopts the Minutes of the June 16 and July 8, 2016 meeting, as presented.</p>	
<p>6. UPDATE FROM THE PMC MNLA COMMITTEE</p> <p><i>It was requested that Directors:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist Michael Campbell, Ernst & Young, in registering their respective region's delegates for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly • Forward available copies of any prior meeting minutes still missing from the "Record of Minutes" (specifically for the meetings held November 30 – December 1, 2012 and February 8 and 9, 2013). 	
<p>7. UPDATE FROM THE PMC MNLA COMMITTEE</p> <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council approves the Agenda binders for the July 30 and 31, 2016 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), including the MNLA Orders of the Day and other information, as presented.</p>	

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8. UPDATE FROM THE PMC ELECTION COMMITTEE <i>It was requested that Helene Johnson or Gerald Morin forward a copy of the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007 to Mavis Taylor, CEO, to convey to: Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant; Michael Nolin, Legal Counsel; and Evan Shoforost, Ernst & Young.</i>	
9. UPDATE FROM THE PMC ELECTION COMMITTEE <i>It was requested that the MN-S Election Committee review the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act adopted in 2008 with Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant.</i>	
10. UPDATE FROM THE PMC ELECTION COMMITTEE <i>Directors were requested to forward any information they may have retained, related to prior MN-S elections (preferably in digital format), to Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant, to assist in expediting the process leading up to the next MN-S election.</i>	
11. UPDATE FROM THE PMC ELECTION COMMITTEE <i>It was requested that Mavis Taylor, CEO, arrange a conference call with Lorne Gibson, Michael Nolin, Richard Quintal, and the Election Committee on July 27, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.</i>	
12. UPDATE FROM THE PMC ELECTION COMMITTEE <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council now rescinds the following motion passed on June 5, 2016: “That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) directs that all PMC member positions terminate August 2, 2016, and that Ernst & Young and the MN-S CEO manage MN-S affairs during the 30-day period prior to the election”.</p>	
13. UPDATE FROM THE PMC FINANCE COMMITTEE <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council approves payment of a retainer in the amount of \$60,000 to Cuelenaere, Kendall, Katzman & Watson LLP (MN-S Legal Counsel).</p>	
14. RESOLUTIONS <p><i>With respect to resolutions submitted for consideration at the 2016 MNLA, Regional Directors were requested to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Acknowledge locals and persons from their region, who submitted resolutions in compliance with the Constitution</i> <i>Inform Michael Nolin, Legal Counsel, of locals and persons from their region, who submitted resolutions that were not in compliance with the Constitution, so Mr. Nolin could advise them of the status of their resolution.</i> 	
15. RESOLUTIONS <p><i>Regional Directors were asked to communicate to Michael Nolin, Legal Counsel, the names of legitimate Presidents so he could advise, in writing, those who were not recognized as legitimate Presidents in accordance with the Constitution.</i></p>	

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<p>16. OTHER BUSINESS - Cuthbert Grant Declaration That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopt the Cuthbert Grant Declaration as presented, with some minor amendments.</p>	
<p>17. OTHER BUSINESS – The S.S. Northcote That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves building a replica of the S.S. Northcote (or rebuilding the original, whichever is more cost effective), and that money be allocated each year from the economic development funding to help cover project costs; • Appoints a three-person committee of PMC members to this project, one being the representative of the Delta Métis Local #42 from Cumberland House, who will Chair the S.S. Northcote Project Committee; and • Supports the S.S. Northcote Project Committee approaching the following entities on behalf of the PMC, for financial contributions to the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clarence Campeau Development Fund; ○ Gabriel Dumont Institute; ○ SMEDCO; ○ Federal Government; ○ Provincial Government; ○ CAMECO/AREVA; and ○ Métis National Council. 	
<p>18. APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY (July 29, 2016) That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as the Recording Secretary for the July 29, 2016 meeting.</p>	
<p>19. Appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and Chairpersons for the Annual General Assembly WHEREAS Article 5 of the <i>Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act</i> directs the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoint a Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council at their duly called meeting of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council on June 4 and 5, 2016 appointed Will Goodon and Kathy Hodgson-Smith as Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly ratify these appointments as stated;</p>	

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<p>AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Will Goodon and Kathy Hodgson-Smith shall serve as Chairperson and Co-Chairperson for the Annual General Assembly.</p>	
<p>20. Appointment of Dumont's Scouts</p> <p>WHEREAS Article 8 of the <i>Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act</i> directs the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council to appoint Dumont's Scouts to maintain order and procedure at the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints the following representatives of Eastern Region 2A as Dumont's Scouts for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly on July 30 and 31, 2016: Donna Bernard, Robert Bernard, Richard Genialle, Jeff Langan, Jeremy Langan, Donna Pelletier, Tyler Pelletier, Tyler Severight and Stewart Swain.</p>	
<p>21. Adoption of Métis Citizenship Standard</p> <p>WHEREAS the Métis Nation has inherent jurisdiction to identify the members/citizens of the Métis Nation;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Métis National Council (MNC) General Assembly ratified a National Definition for the identification of Métis Nation citizens, and amended it from time to time;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) has adopted the National Definition in the <i>Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan</i> Article 10 and has established a Registry for the purpose of identifying and registering Métis Nation citizens resident in Saskatchewan pursuant to the National Definition;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the Métis Nation to identify the citizens of the Métis Nation in a way that is open, transparent, consistent, objective and verifiable;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada has required, and the MN-S does agree, that the process of identification of Métis Aboriginal rights holders must be objective and verifiable;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the MNC General Assembly directed, at the 2014 General Assembly, that the MNC and Governing Members ensure: a) that the National Definition of Métis is applied in all registrations; b) that the MNC and Governing Members engage fully in the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Standard setting processes to the completion and publication of a Métis Nation Registry Operations Standard, which can be used to ensure that the identification and registration of Métis Nation members/citizens is consistent, respectful, objective and verifiable;</p>	

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<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly require the MN-S to ensure compliance with the MNC General Assembly direction that the MN-S Registry ensure: a) that the National Definition of Métis is applied in all registrations; b) that the MN-S and the MN-S Registry ensure the implementation of the CSA Standard on Métis Nation Registry Operations Standard; and c) engage in the CSA Standard setting processes to review and update the Métis Nation Registry Operations Standard, from time to time, which can be used to ensure that the identification and registration of Métis Nation members/citizens is consistent, respectful, objective and verifiable.</p>	
<p>22. Adoption of Ernst & Young Report in Lieu of Executive and Regional Reports</p> <p>WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan had not held the number of Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meetings required by the <i>Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan</i>;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Court of Queen’s Bench found that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The last attempted Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly was unlawfully called and unlawfully held; b) That all of the motions passed at the last attempted Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly are of no force and effect; and c) The last lawfully called and lawfully held Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly was in 2012; <p>AND WHEREAS the administrative funding and financial support to the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan was discontinued by the Province of Saskatchewan and the Government of Canada on November 1, 2014 due to a lack of democracy, accountability and transparency in the operation of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS in order to reinstate funding toward the administration and operation of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan entered into an agreement with Ernst & Young LLP, by motion of the Provincial Métis Council and signature of President Robert Doucette, on February 17, 2016 to allow Ernst & Young LLP to carry out specific administrative, policy and financial processes on behalf of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, pursuant to the direction of the Provincial Métis Council as a third party Expert Advisor;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Executive of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan has not been provided salaries since March 31, 2015 and has not participated fully in the ongoing meetings of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council;</p>	

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<p>AND WHEREAS Articles 3 and 4 of the <i>Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan</i> and Article 9 of the <i>Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act</i> provides that the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council shall provide written reports to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS Ernst & Young LLP, as Expert Advisor, has prepared a report on behalf of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council for submission to the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly on July 30 and 31, 2016;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council has reviewed and approved the report of Ernst & Young LLP as a written report of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs Ernst & Young LLP to deliver the written report to the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, on behalf of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council, to comply with its constitutional reporting obligation.</p>	
<p>23. Deeming of Any Program, Service or Affiliate Created for the Purposes of the Constitution</p> <p>WHEREAS Article 3(3) of the <i>Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan</i> provides that the Provincial Métis Council is responsible for ensuring that the affiliates, departments, programs and services covered by their portfolios are running smoothly and have the necessary resources to enable them to operate effectively;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council deems to be an affiliate, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) BTB Festival Days Inc.; b) BTB Land Management Inc.; c) Provincial Métis Holdco Inc.; d) Provincial Métis Housing Corporation; e) Round Prairie Ventures Inc.; f) Round Prairie Developments Limited; g) The Métis Society of Saskatchewan Inc.; h) All other corporations formed by an Executive member or members arising from their authority as a member of the Executive of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; and i) All corporations where an Executive member holds a position within that corporation arising from their authority as a member of the Executive of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; <p>AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council needs to ensure it maintains an accurate account of all affiliates of the Métis</p>	

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<p>Nation – Saskatchewan and all corporations formed to meet the needs of the Métis people in Saskatchewan, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) BTB Festival Days Inc.; b) BTB Land Management Inc.; c) Provincial Métis Holdco Inc.; d) Provincial Métis Housing Corporation; e) Round Prairie Ventures Inc.; f) Round Prairie Developments Limited; g) The Métis Society of Saskatchewan Inc.; h) All other corporations formed by an Executive member or members arising from their authority as a member of the Executive of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; and i) All corporations where an Executive member holds a position within that corporation arising from their authority as a member of the Executive of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan; <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive provide the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council with certified copies of all documents relating to all affiliates of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) BTB Festival Days Inc.; b) BTB Land Management Inc.; c) Provincial Métis Holdco Inc.; d) Provincial Métis Housing Corporation; e) Round Prairie Ventures Inc.; f) Round Prairie Developments Limited; g) The Métis Society of Saskatchewan Inc.; h) All other corporations formed by an Executive member or members arising from their authority as a member of the Executive of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, and i) All corporations where an Executive member holds a position within that corporation arising from their authority as a member of the Executive of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan. 	
<p>24. Internal Dispute Resolution Mechanism</p> <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council supports the following resolution, and recommends its consideration and ratification at the July 30 and 31, 2016 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly:</p> <p>WHEREAS the <i>Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan</i> is the governing document of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS Paragraphs 3 to 5 of the Preamble of the <i>Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan</i> provides that the citizens of the Métis Nation agree to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To ensure that any Métis person whose rights or freedoms as herein 	

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<p>recognized are violated shall have an effective remedy;</p> <p>b) To ensure that any person claiming such a remedy shall have their right thereto determined by a competent Judicial administrative or legislative authorities of the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan; and</p> <p>c) To ensure competent authorities as enacted by the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan shall enforce such remedies when granted;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS Paragraph 9 of the Preamble of the <i>Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan</i> provides that all persons shall be equal before the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly in the termination of any issue which they are charged with, and that every Métis person shall be entitled to a fair and public hearing by a competent, independent and impartial tribunal established by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly directs the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council to establish and create an internal dispute resolution mechanism to meet the goals of the preamble as set out above.</p>	
<p>25. Selecting the MN-S Election Date / Calling of Election</p> <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council support the following resolution, and recommend its consideration and ratification at the July 30 and 31, 2016 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly:</p> <p>WHEREAS Article 28 of the <i>Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007</i>, as amended, and Article 8(2) of the <i>Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan</i> requires that the election day for the Executive and Regional Representatives of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council be held within four (4) years of the previous election;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council has retained, pursuant to the advice of Ernst & Young LLP as Expert Advisor, the expertise of Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant, to advise on the process required to ensure the running of an election pursuant to the <i>Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007</i>, as amended;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS Ernst & Young LLP and Mr. Gibson have advised the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council on the proper timing for the holding of an election and have recommended an election day of February 4, 2017;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council seek to have an election that is in accordance with Article 1 of the <i>Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007</i>, as amended, that promotes the meaningful exercise of the democratic rights and freedoms of the Métis citizens in Saskatchewan;</p>	

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<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT an election day for the Executive and Regional Representatives of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council be set as February 4, 2017.</p>	
<p>26. Appointment of Chief Electoral Officer</p> <p>WHEREAS Section 92 of the <i>Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007</i>, as amended, directs the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly to appoint by resolution, a Chief Electoral Officer for the election set for February 4, 2017;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council recommends the appointment of Fred Payton to serve as the Chief Electoral Officer for the election set for February 4, 2017;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council recommends the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly appoint Fred Payton to serve as the Chief Electoral Officer for the election set for February 4, 2017.</p>	
<p>27. Appointment of Chief Electoral Officer</p> <p>That the Métis Nation- Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council rescind the following motion passed on March 5, 2016: “That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council set September 3, 2016 as the date for the 2016 MN-S Election, with advance polls scheduled on August 27, 2016”.</p>	
<p>28. The <i>Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act</i> Amendments</p> <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council support the following resolution, and recommend its consideration and ratification at the July 30 and 31, 2016 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly:</p> <p>WHEREAS Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, represented by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (the “Government of Canada”) has agreed to provide funding to the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan as per the Funding Agreement (Agreement No: 1415-HQ-000097) entered into between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, April 1, 2014, as amended by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The undated Amending Agreement entered into between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, • The May 1, 2016 Amending Agreement entered into between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan, and • The June 2016 Amending Agreement entered into between the Government of Canada and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (“Amending Agreement #3”) <p>(collectively, the “MN-S Agreement”);</p>	

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<p>AND WHEREAS as part of the MN-S Agreement, an “Expert Advisor” must be retained;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. has contracted with Ernst & Young LLP pursuant to an engagement letter dated June 17, 2016 and has appointed Ernst & Young LLP as the Expert Advisor;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan and Ernst & Young LLP agree that amendment of the <i>Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007</i> is a matter relevant to carrying out the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan’s obligations under the MN-S Agreement;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council amend the <i>Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007</i> in accordance with the recommendations provided by the Expert Advisor Ernst & Young LLP, as follows (and described in the attached Schedule A):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In section 1, delete the words “<i>for the general election in 2007 and may be adapted to all subsequent elections</i>”; 2. In section 2, in the definition of “declaration of election”, delete the words “the general election in 2007 and any by-election after the general election in 2007” and substitute the words “<i>a general election or by-election</i>”; 3. In section 2, delete the term and definition for “<i>Independent Oversight Committee</i>”; 4. In section 3, delete the words “<i>in 2007</i>” and the accompanying footnote; 5. In section 28, delete subsection (2) and its heading and re-number subsection 28(1) as section 28; 6. In section 92, delete subsection (3) and its heading, and re-number the remaining subsections in section 92 accordingly; 7. In section 101, delete subsection (3) and its heading, and re-number the remaining subsections in section 101 accordingly; 8. In subsection 107(1), add the words “Unless authorized otherwise by the Chief Electoral Officer,” to the beginning of the sentence; 9. In section 111, delete subsection (2) and its heading, and re-number the remaining subsections in section 111 accordingly; 10. In section 116, delete subsection (3) and its heading, and re-number the remaining subsections in section 116 accordingly; 11. In section 120, delete subsection (3) and its heading, and re-number the remaining subsections in section 120 accordingly; 12. Add a new section 127.1 to say: “No person shall disturb the peace and good order at a polling station”; 13. Add a new section 127.2 to say: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) <i>Any person who places or displays campaign material in or on any premises used as a polling station is guilty of an offence, and</i> 	

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<p>(2) Any person who uses, wears or displays or causes to be used, worn or displayed, any flag, ribbon, label, badge, or similar object in a polling station as campaign material, is guilty of an offence; and</p> <p>14. In Form 1 (VOTER REGISTRATION FORM) of the Schedule, delete the words "in 2007" and substitute the words "to be held on [election day]".</p>	
<p>29. Extension of Terms of Members of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council</p> <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council support the following resolution, and recommend its consideration and ratification at the July 30 and 31, 2016 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly:</p> <p>WHEREAS Article 4(3) of the <i>Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan</i> provides that the Executive of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly have a term of office of four (4) years;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS Article 8(2) of the <i>Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan</i> requires that an election for the Executive and Regional Representatives of the Provincial Métis Council of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly be held within four (4) years of the previous Provincial Métis Council election;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the election of the Executive and Regional Representatives of the Provincial Métis Council of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly may not comply with the <i>Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan</i> and the <i>Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007</i>, as amended;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT any member of the Executive and Regional Representatives of the Provincial Métis Council of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly whose term will expire in accordance with the <i>Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan</i> and the <i>Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007</i>, as amended, where the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly secures an election date beyond the required timeframe, will have their term extended for a reasonable period of time to facilitate the completion of an election pursuant to the <i>Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan</i> and the <i>Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007</i>, as amended.</p>	
<p>30. Election Consultant Contract</p> <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that the contract with Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant, be extended until the Chief Electoral Officer has been appointed, and the election period for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan election set for February 4, 2017, has commenced.</p>	

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<p>31. Quorum Counters</p> <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council approves the following appointments of Quorum Counters for the July 30 and 31, 2016 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two designated Ernst & Young LLP (EY) staff members; and • Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary, specifically for any resolutions related to EY. 	
<p>32. Payment of MNLA Expenses (for Non-Recognized Delegates)</p> <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council authorize Ernst & Young LLP to reimburse the same expenses for attending the July 30 and 31, 2016 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) for: registrants recognized as valid MNLA delegates, and registrants not recognized as valid MNLA delegates.</p>	

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MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING
September 10 and 11, 2016

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held September 10 and 11, 2016 in the Cosmopolitan Room, at the Holiday Inn Downtown, 101 Pacific Ave, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

DATE: Saturday, September 10, 2016

PRESENT:

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

Shelly Kapell
Billy Kennedy
Derek Langan
Tammy Mah
Glen McCallum
Darlene McKay
Lennard Morin

ABSENT:

Robert Doucette, President
Louis Gardiner

May Henderson
Penny Hurton

ALSO PRESENT:

Lana Bonnor, Observer
Greg Fofonoff, SaskMétis Economic
Development Corporation (SMEDCO)
(for Item 4.3) (arrived at 11:00 a.m. and
departed at 12:05 p.m.)
Fred Payton, Chief Electoral Officer
Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer

Senator Clayton Ward
Jay Watson, Legal Counsel (for Item 6.6)
(arrived at 3:05 p.m. and departed at
3:20 p.m.)
John Weinstein, Métis National Council (MNC)
(for Item 4.3) (via teleconference) (arrived at
11:00 a.m. and departed at 12:05 p.m.)

ERNST & YOUNG LLP (EY) REPRESENTATIVES:

Michael Campbell, EY

Evan Shoforost, EY (for Item 6.5)
(via teleconference) (arrived at 2:50 p.m. and
departed at 3:20 p.m.)

INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA (INAC) REPRESENTATIVE:

Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, INAC

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

CALL TO ORDER and OPENING PRAYER

Vice-Chair Morin called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m. Senator Clayton Ward offered an Opening Prayer.

ROLL CALL and 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 (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following Agenda for its September 10 and 11, 2016 meeting:

1. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
2. Appointment of the Co-Chairs
3. Provincial Youth Council Representative
4. Review of the Minutes (July 22 and July 29, 2016 Meeting):
 - 4.1 Review of the Minutes
 - 4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 4.3 Economic Development
5. Election:
 - 5.1 Swearing in of the Chief Electoral Officer
 - 5.2 Approval of the Election Budget
6. Updates:
 - 6.1 Update from the PMC Election Committee and the Chief Electoral Officer
 - 6.2 Update from the MN-S Chief Executive Officer
 - 6.3 Update from the Federal Government
 - 6.4 Update from the Finance Committee
 - 6.5 Update from the Expert Advisor – Ernst & Young LLP
 - 6.6 Update from Legal Counsel
7. Resolutions:
 - 7.1 Direction for EY to Repay RBC and Other Secured Creditors
8. Other Business:
 - 8.2 In-Camera Discussion
 - 8.3 MN-S Registry
 - 8.4 Batoche
 - 8.5 Next Meeting Dates

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 (Lennard Morin) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as the Recording Secretary for the September 10 and 11, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE CO-CHAIRS

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Helene Johnson and Gerald Morin as Co-Chairs for the September 10 and 11, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. PROVINCIAL YOUTH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Co-Chair Morin acknowledged the attendance of Provincial Youth Council (PYC) Vice President Jaycee Bell. It was noted that the PYC would appoint an interim President as the former President, Cody Breaton, had recently resigned.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) accepts Jaycee Bell as the MN-S Provincial Youth Council representative on the PMC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 9:35 a.m. and reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

4. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES (July 22 and 29, 2016 Meeting)

4.1 Review of the Minutes

Co-Chair Morin referred the meeting to the draft minutes of the July 22 and 29, 2016 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting, which had been circulated to members in advance.

4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

The meeting reviewed resolutions passed at the July 22 and 29, 2016 meeting, and discussed business arising from the minutes.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopts the Minutes of the July 22 and 29, 2016 meeting, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Health Break

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

5. ELECTION

5.1 Swearing In of the Chief Electoral Officer (Fred Payton)

Senator Clayton Ward officiated in the administration of the Oath of Office and the swearing-in of Chief Electoral Officer, Fred Payton. Congratulations were extended to Mr. Payton on his appointment.

Mr. Payton welcomed comments on the election process, noting that printed copies of the revised Elections Act were provided at the meeting. He confirmed that the Elections Act, the MN-S Constitution, and the applicable local, provincial and federal regulations would guide the 2017 MN-S Election.

In response to questions raised, Mr. Payton confirmed that:

- The Election Committee Meeting held September 9, 2016 considered acceptable pieces of identification, which voters would be required to provide to confirm their eligibility to vote in the 2017 MN-S Election; a Métis citizenship card would be accepted as a secondary piece of identification
- The Election Budget included “Consultant Fees”, which would accommodate an Elections Consultant, technical consultants, and others as required.

11:00 a.m.

Greg Fofonoff arrived at the meeting and John Weinstein joined the meeting via teleconference.

4.3 Economic Development

Mavis Taylor, CEO, referred the meeting to the PMC’s July 22, 2016 resolution, related to the disbursement and administration of the MN-S’ portion of the Métis National Council’s (MNC’s) economic development funding allocation.

John Weinstein, MNC, reviewed the MNC Board of Governors’ decision regarding the allocation of the economic development funding and offered the following additional comments:

- The MNC Board of Governors:
 - Was requested to submit a proposal to Federal Government on how to allocate the economic development funds, shortly after the announcement of Budget 2016
 - Recognized benefits of flowing economic development funds from the Treasury Board through Métis Aboriginal financial institutions (AFIs), given that the AFI’s reporting requirements were less onerous than for Métis governing members
 - Agreed that \$1.5 million be retained by the MNC to continue efforts on the Métis Economic Development Strategy (MEDS), and that the remaining \$23.5 million would be divided equally amongst the five Governing Members; \$4.7 million would be directed to each of their respective AFIs, under the existing authorities
- MEDS recognizes economic development opportunities beyond financial institutions
- Métis AFIs could allocate economic development funds for small business loans and broader economic development purposes, through Métis-owned organizations.

Greg Fofonoff, SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO), explained that SMEDCO provided small business loans to Métis-owned businesses that presented viable proposals. It was further noted that:

- SMEDCO had delivered a conditional grant program (with funding through INAC), from which \$3 million had been disbursed, over the past three years
- SMEDCO was pleased with the opportunity to top-up the capital available for future economic development projects.

During discussion, the following comments were offered:

- SMEDCO could be designated as the AFI for MN-S to distribute the economic development

- funds, in compliance with the provisos of the PMC's July 22, 2016 resolution
- The agreement with SMEDCO would need to be structured to enable broader access to the economic development funds (i.e. beyond small business loans)
 - The PMC should be involved in the allocation of the economic development funds
 - MN-S Representatives should participate on SMEDCO's Board of Directors.

In response to questions raised, Mr. Fofonoff clarified that SMEDCO's current agreement enabled SMEDCO to distribute funding as small business loans only. Some of the allocations indicated in the PMC's July 22, 2016 resolution were not "loans". As such, a new agreement between INAC and SMEDCO would be required, to specify the allowable allocations of the economic development funds.

Ms. Taylor, Mr. Fofonoff and Mr. Weinstein agreed to collaboratively review the draft agreement between INAC and SMEDCO, expected in the coming months, to ensure the PMC's July 22, 2016 directions were incorporated.

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

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

- a) That an Economic Development Committee be established to facilitate communications between the Chief Executive Officer and representatives from the Federal Government, the Métis National Council, and SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation, on the allocation of the economic development funds; and
- a) That the following PMC members be appointed to the Economic Development Committee: Earl Cook, Helene Johnson, Derek Langan, Darlene McKay and Gerald Morin.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Fofonoff agreed to communicate with Ms. Taylor to coordinate scheduling the Economic Development Committee's inaugural meeting.

12:05 p.m.

Mr. Fofonoff and Mr. Weinstein departed the meeting

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.3 MN-S Registry

The meeting recognized the importance of the MN-S Registry remaining transparent and at arms length from the President's office.

6. UPDATES

6.1 Update from the PMC Election Committee and the Chief Electoral Officer

Related information: "Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007", as amended July 29, 2016

Members questioned how eligibility to vote in the 2017 MN-S Election, would be confirmed. The Chief Electoral Officer clarified that:

- Voters will be required to sign an oath (indicated on Page 54 in the Elections Act) confirming their eligibility to vote
- There will be consequences to anyone participating in the election process in a manner contrary to the guidelines of the election.

During discussion on the 2017 MN-S Elections Process, it was confirmed that:

- The website will provide information on the 2017 MN-S Election (i.e. including identification required to confirm eligibility to vote)
- A lawyer involved in the 2007 MN-S Election process is sending electronic versions of the materials utilized in the 2007 MN-S Election process to the Chief Electoral Officer
- It is understood there will be a Regional Returning Officer in every Métis region; Deputy Returning Officers (hired by the Regional Returning Officer) will be at every poll.

During a discussion on polling stations for the 2017 MN-S Elections, the following comments were offered:

- Providing an updated list of local Presidents to the Chief Electoral Officer will assist in confirming poll locations
- Although the Election Budget indicates 65 voting static polls, this could be adjusted
- Mobile polling stations could be considered in some smaller locals; although static polling stations are required to remain open until 7:00 p.m., mobile polling stations are not
- The Chief Electoral Officer and the local President will collaboratively determine whether the appropriate polling station would be static or mobile.

During a discussion on the Elections Act, the following comments were offered:

- The Elections Act has been updated by Legal Counsel, to incorporate revisions approved by the PMC in 2008 and 2016
- The Finance Committee and Election Committee received the updated Elections Act, at their September 9, 2016 meetings
- The PMC is required to appoint a Complaints Officer and an Adjudication Officer
- Any appeals related to the election will require consideration by a judge.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs Ernst & Young LLP to compile and distribute as soon as possible to Regional Representatives and Métis Local Presidents, a list of all members registered in the MN-S Registry (inclusive of their name, address, and the Métis local in which the member is registered).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Billy Kennedy)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council:

- Supports scheduling an Electoral Workshop to discuss the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act with regional representatives; and
- Authorizes the Chief Executive Officer and Ernst & Young LLP to communicate with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada regarding funding required to hold the workshop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was MOVED (Shelly Kapell) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs Ernst & Young LLP to administer all funds received, pertaining to the 2017 MN-S Election process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Approval of Election Budget
Related information: "Election Budget"

It was MOVED (Lela Arnold) and SECONDED (Lennard Morin)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council approves the "Election Budget", as presented.

CARRIED

(Tammy Mah abstained from the vote)

Chief Electoral Officer Payton confirmed that nominations for the 2017 MN-S Election would open at 9:00 a.m. on December 31, 2016 and close on January 5, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Co-Chair Morin suggested that Chief Electoral Officer Payton and the Elections Committee consider involving Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, INAC, in discussions related to the elections process, given his prior experience with First Nations election processes.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 2:00 p.m. and reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

6.2 Update from the MN-S Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Taylor explained that the MN-S received minimal notice of an opportunity to submit a proposal for funding to participate in an environmental assessment process. A proposal for \$750,000 was submitted on September 9, 2016 on behalf of the MN-S, to participate in the process. Ms. Taylor added that a resolution is required from the PMC approving the submission on the PMC's behalf.

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

That the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council:

- a) Authorizes Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, to enter into a Contribution Agreement with the Government of Canada's federal departments or organizations, in relation to any type of consultation and/or engagement, in relation to any impacts of Métis rights;
- b) Designates MN-S Vice President Gerald Morin as duly authorized signatory on behalf of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., for the purposes of signing the Contribution Agreement, the application for funding, or any other documents required under the Contribution Agreement; and
- c) Authorizes Ernst & Young LLP, as Expert Advisor to the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., to manage any related funds and/or expense claim processes and to receive any payments in relation to the Contribution Agreement.

CARRIED

(Helene Johnson and Shelly Kapell voted in opposition)

It was MOVED (Shelly Kapell) and SECONDED (Helene Johnson)

That the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that the following 15 delegates attend the October 13 – 15, 2016 Métis National Council (MNC) Assembly in Vancouver, and requests that the MNC office be notified to make the appropriate arrangements for their attendance: Lela Arnold, Jaycee Bell, Michael Bell, Earl Cook, Chester Herman, Helene Johnson, Shelly Kapell, Billy Kennedy, Derek Langan, Glen McCallum, Darlene McKay, Tammy Mah, Gerald Morin, Lennard Morin and Gale Pelletier.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2:50 p.m.

Evan Shoforost joined the meeting via teleconference.

6.5 Update from the Expert Advisor – Ernst & Young LLP

Related information: "Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period from February 18, 2016 to September 6, 2016"

Michael Campbell, EY, referenced the statement provided and offered comments on:

- The first payment received from Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) for the MN-S library assets (for \$300,000)
- Funds received to date for the 2017 MN-S Election, included under "INAC – General Funds".

3:05 p.m.

Jay Watson arrived at the meeting.

Evan Shoforost, EY, offered additional comments regarding:

- The organization's financial position, the total anticipated "cash available" amount of \$1.9 million, and funds set aside to pay creditors
- Establishing a separate account specifically for the 2017 MN-S Election
- An audit required to ensure MN-S remained in good standing with the Corporations Branch.

Mr. Shoforost added that written requests to obtain financial records from MN-S subsidiary organizations had not been successful. It was suggested that receiving bank statements from the subsidiary organizations could negate some members' suggestions for a forensic audit.

- 6.4 Update from the Finance Committee
This update was included under Item 6.5.

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Direction for EY to Repay RBC and Other Secured Creditors

The meeting was informed that as discussions with the RBC on the MN-S' outstanding loan were pending, an update would be provided to the PMC when information was available. It was further reported that the most recent invoice from Cuelenaere, Kendall, Katzman & Watson LLP (MN-S Legal Counsel), indicated an outstanding balance of \$17,821.75.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs Ernst & Young LLP to pay the outstanding balance of \$17,821.75 plus all prior invoices since 2013 owed to Cuelenaere, Kendall, Katzman & Watson LLP (MN-S Legal Counsel), using the proceeds from the sale of the MN-S library.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.6 Update from Legal Counsel

Jay Watson, Legal Counsel, commented on:

- Progress towards confirming the transfer of title of the Batoche lands to "Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc."
- An application submitted to the Court of Queens Bench, seeking resolution of an ongoing tenancy issue at the Batoche site
- Submission of a court application requesting financial records from the MN-S subsidiary corporations, under the Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act.

3:20 p.m.

Mr. Shoforost and Mr. Watson departed the meeting.

6.2 Update from the MN-S Chief Executive Officer (Continued)

Ms. Taylor reviewed some recent activities of the MN-S office, including:

- Submission of a funding proposal through the Urban Aboriginal Strategy
- Payment of The W Group invoice, for legal services provided in April and May 2012 for the Ron Lamabe and Bob Macleod court application
- Payment of the SaskTel invoice, for the MN-S office's land line; services provided by SaskTel have now been minimized to only one line; the current voicemail message indicates the office is closed until after the 2017 MN-S Election
- President Doucette's resignation from the GDI Board of Directors
- The anticipated final payment of \$200,000 from GDI for the MN-S library assets upon receipt of the library asset inventory list from the MN-S
- Some PMC members' continued recognition of their previous portfolio assignments.

The meeting was informed that the MNC had agreed to fund two representatives from each Governing Member to attend an October 7, 2016 meeting in Ottawa, on the Indigenous component of the new National Housing Strategy, with representatives from the MNC, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, INAC and Employment and Social Development Canada.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that the Métis National Council office be requested to make the appropriate travel arrangements for Darlene McKay and Derek Langan to attend the October 7, 2016 meeting in Ottawa, regarding the National Housing Strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Update from the Federal Government

The meeting discussed the importance of reminding the Federal and Provincial Governments to engage with the MN-S on matters pertinent to Métis communities. Opportunities to apply for funding to enable the MN-S to consult meaningfully, should be pursued.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting held September 10 and 11, 2016 adjourned on September 10, 2016 at 3:45 p.m. after agreeing to reconvene on September 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING
September 10 and 11, 2016

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held September 10 and 11, 2016 in the Cosmopolitan Room, at the Holiday Inn Downtown, 101 Pacific Ave, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan.

DATE: Sunday, September 11, 2016

PRESENT:

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

Billy Kennedy
Derek Langan
Tammy Mah
Glen McCallum
Darlene McKay
Lennard Morin

ABSENT:

Robert Doucette, President
Louis Gardiner
May Henderson

Chester Herman
Penny Hurton

ALSO PRESENT:

Lana Bonnor, Observer
Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer

Senator Clayton Ward

ERNST & YOUNG LLP (EY) REPRESENTATIVE:

Michael Campbell, EY

INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA (INAC) REPRESENTATIVE:

Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, 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. Glen McCallum offered an Opening Prayer

6.2 Update from the MN-S Chief Executive Officer (Continued)

Ms. Taylor suggested that there may be some flexibility in the "Election Budget" and that "Consulting Fees" could include unforeseen consultants' fees or legal costs. Additionally, \$30,000 had been set-aside in the budget specifically for legal fees. The CEO agreed to discuss the amount available for potential legal costs with the Chief Electoral Officer, and to consult with the PMC if further consideration was required. The need for flexibility in the budget to accommodate court costs, and/or to retain a Complaints Officer or Adjudicator if required, was discussed.

6.2.1 Provincial Youth Council (PYC) Meeting

Members were requested to encourage the Regional Youth Representatives (one from each region) to contact Jaycee Bell, Vice Chair, Provincial Youth Council. It was suggested that funding be made available for Regional Youth Representatives to attend a Provincial Youth Council meeting in Saskatoon, utilizing proceeds from the sale of the MN-S library assets.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that funding be provided to allow one Regional Youth Representative from each region to attend:

- A Provincial Youth Council meeting, in Saskatoon; and
- The November 19, 2016 Engagement and Consultation Session and November 20, 2016 Electoral Workshop, in Saskatoon.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2.2 Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak (LFMO): Women of the Métis Nation

It was noted that the LFMO: Women of the Métis Nation Annual General Meeting (AGM) was tentatively scheduled October 8, 2016 in Saskatoon. Ten delegates from each province would be invited to attend. The two regions that had not yet submitted names of representatives to attend the AGM, were requested to convey their designates' names to Tammy Mah, President, Les Filles de Madeleine.

6.3 Update from the Federal Government

Mr. Marcoux referenced the 2016 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and commended the PMC for its successes and achievements to date.

6.3.1 MN-S Designated Point of Contact

Related information: MN-S Local Presidents and Regional Representatives' Contact Information

During discussion on establishing a process to enable federal and provincial government agencies to communicate efficiently with the MN-S prior to 2017 MN-S Election, the following comments were offered:

- Federal and provincial agencies could convey Métis-specific issues to a designated contact at the MN-S, to subsequently dispatch to the appropriate regional representative
- Involving experts with the appropriate knowledge is critical in consultation discussions; there is often a lack of capacity to intervene in activities impacting Métis communities.

It was suggested that a future strategic planning session be held to discuss government's relationship with the MN-S, implications of the Daniels decision, and how the MN-S could collaborate with various federal agencies.

Request for Action

It was requested that PMC members review the chart listing MN-S Local Presidents' and Regional Representatives' contact information, and submit any revisions to the Chief Executive Officer as soon as possible; the updated information will be posted on the MN-S website.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs that effective immediately, and until the 2017 MN-S election of the new MN-S government:

- a) The MN-S Chief Executive Officer be the designated first point of contact to which federal and other government agencies convey Métis-specific issues; and
- b) Any Métis-specific issues received by the Chief Executive Officer will be subsequently dispatched to the appropriate MN-S Regional Representative or otherwise, as soon as possible.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3.2 Funding for Consultation Coordination

Mr. Marcoux suggested that funding could be available after the MN-S 2017 election, for the MN-S to establish a new approach for engaging in consultation processes.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Other Métis organizations' approaches to coordinating consultation processes
- The feasibility of MN-S seeking funding to cover office expenses, travel, meetings, etc. for a designated Consultation Coordinator.

6.3.3 Workshop

The meeting discussed scheduling a workshop for the PMC and local MN-S Presidents, at which consistent messaging could be shared on the 2017 MN-S Election process.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Costs associated with bringing local MN-S Presidents and the PMC together for a workshop
- Access to funding through the Federal Government to contribute to a workshop (potentially \$50,000); additional funding could be pursued through the Provincial Government
- The feasibility of redirecting any unspent funds previously set aside for MN-S regional meetings (\$5,000 per region) towards the cost of a workshop
- Dedicating a one day session to presentations by federal government agency representatives
- Dedicating a one-day workshop specifically to reviewing the 2017 MN-S Election process.

Request for Action

It was requested that local MN-S Presidents and members of the Provincial Métis Council, Provincial Youth Council and Les Filles de Madeleine, be invited to attend the following two events to be scheduled in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan:

- An Engagement and Consultation Session on November 19, 2016, to receive presentations from some federal government agency representatives (i.e. Canadian Environment Assessment Agency, the Saskatchewan INAC Regional Office, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Transport Canada, etc.); and
- An Electoral Workshop on November 20, 2016, to receive information regarding the 2017 MN-S Election process.

Request for Action

Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, INAC, agreed to:

- Collaborate with the MN-S Chief Executive Officer and Ernst & Young LLP via conference call in the coming weeks to discuss details related to scheduling the November 19, 2016 Engagement and Consultation Session and the November 20, 2016 Electoral Workshop;
- Invite federal agency representatives to present at the November 19, 2016 Engagement and Consultation Session; and
- Provide assistance and expertise to the MN-S Chief Executive Officer as needed, regarding the November 20, 2016 Electoral Workshop.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

6. UPDATES (Continued)

It was MOVED (Billy Kennedy) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council receives and approves the updates provided under Item 6 of the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1 Directions for EY to repay RBC and Other Secured Creditors (Continued)

Mr. Campbell confirmed that an update on the repayment of the outstanding RBC loan would be provided at the next meeting, and that bills for the functioning of the organization (utilities, rent etc.) had been paid.

8.4 Batoche

Thanks were extended to the Darlene McKay, Chair of the Back to Batoche Committee, the Back to Batoche Committee, and the Federal Government for their contributions to the coordination of Back to Batoche 2016. Lennard Morin was applauded for his efforts related to the veterans monument. Ms. McKay confirmed that the Back to Batoche Committee would be prioritizing workplan tasks for the Batoche site, noting that the condition of the ball diamond would be addressed.

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Lennard Morin)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council supports maintaining the current 2016 Back to Batoche Committee membership, for the 2017 and 2018 Back to Batoche festivals.

CARRIED

(One member voted in opposition)

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council supports collaborating with the Gabriel Dumont Institute to install a permanent plaque at the Batoche Veterans Monument, to recognize its funders and Lennard Morin.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting Recessed – In-Camera Discussion

The meeting recessed at 11:15 a.m. for a brief in-camera discussion, and reconvened at 11:35 a.m. with the same persons present.

8.5 Next Meeting Dates

Co-Chair Morin suggested that two PMC meetings be held prior to December 2016.

It was MOVED (Helene Johnson) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)

That the next Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting be held October 22 and 23, 2016 (possibly October 22, 2016 only) in North Battleford, Saskatchewan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONCLUSION

The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting held September 10 and 11, 2016 concluded on September 11, 2016 at 11:45 a.m.

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS:

The following items were provided for information at the meeting:

1. Draft Minutes of the July 22 and 29, 2016 Métis Nation - Saskatchewan PMC Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the July 30 and 31, 2016 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
3. Draft Minutes of the July 31, 2016 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Annual General Assembly
4. Correspondence from Betchar Holdings regarding an extension of the lease at 231 Robin Crescent, dated July 27, 2016
5. Engagement letter between the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. and Lorne Gibson, Election Management Consultant, dated August 3, 2016
6. Correspondence from President Doucette regarding “Notice for PMC Meeting on September 10 and 11, 2016”, dated August 29, 2016, and attached correspondence from The W Law Group dated May 29, 2012
7. Record of Motions, Resolutions & Amendments, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly held September 8-9, 2008 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
8. Record of Motions, Resolutions & Amendments, Annual General Assembly held September 8-9, 2008 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
9. Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, last amended September 9, 2008
10. Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, last amended April 21, 2007
11. Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Senate Act, amended September 9, 2008
12. Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Senate Act, ratified November 6, 1999
13. The “Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007”, as amended July 29, 2016
14. Correspondence from the W Law Group, dated April 25, 2012 and attached invoice
15. Press release titled “Saskatchewan Métis Leaders Argue Over Length of Mandate for Executive Council”, dated September 9, 2016
16. Email correspondence between EY and MNC regarding economic development funding
17. Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period from February 18, 2016 to September 6, 2016
18. Chart listing MN-S Local Presidents and Regional Representatives’ Contact Information.

MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING

September 10 and 11, 2016

List of Resolutions and Requests for Action (indicated in *italics*)

RESOLUTIONS / REQUESTS FOR ACTION	STATUS
<p>1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</p> <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following Agenda for its September 10 and 11, 2016 meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appointment of the Recording Secretary 2. Appointment of the Co-Chairs 3. Provincial Youth Council Representative 4. Review of the Minutes (July 22 and July 29, 2016 Meeting): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1 Review of the Minutes 4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes 4.3 Economic Development: John Weinstein and Greg Fofonoff 5. Election: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1 Swearing in of the Chief Electoral Officer 5.2 Approval of the Election Budget 6. Updates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1 Update from the PMC Election Committee and Chief Electoral Officer 6.2 Update from the MN-S Chief Executive Officer 6.3 Update from the Federal Government 6.4 Update from the Finance Committee 6.5 Update from the Expert Advisor - Ernst & Young LLP 6.6 Update from Legal Counsel 7. Resolutions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7.1 Direction for EY to Repay RBC and Other Secured Creditors 8. Other Business: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8.2 In-Camera Discussion 8.3 MN-S Registry 8.4 Batoche 8.5 Next Meeting Dates. 	Complete
<p>2. APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY</p> <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as the Recording Secretary for the September 10 and 11, 2016 meeting.</p>	Complete
<p>3. APPOINTMENT OF CO-CHAIRS</p> <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Helene Johnson and Gerald Morin as Co-Chairs for the September 10 and 11, 2016 meeting.</p>	Complete

RESOLUTIONS / REQUESTS FOR ACTION	STATUS
<p>3. PROVINCIAL YOUTH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) accepts Jaycee Bell as the MN-S Provincial Youth Council representative on the PMC.</p>	
<p>4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopts the Minutes of the July 22 and 29, 2016 meeting, as presented.</p>	
<p>4.3 Economic Development: John Weinstein, MNC and Greg Fofonoff, SMEDCO That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) directs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That an Economic Development Committee be established to facilitate communications between the Chief Executive Officer and representatives from federal government, the Métis National Council, and SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation on the allocation of the economic development funds; and b) That the following PMC members be appointed to the Economic Development Committee: Earl Cook, Helene Johnson, Derek Langan, Darlene McKay and Gerald Morin. 	
<p>6.1 Update from the PMC Election Committee and the Chief Electoral Officer That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs Ernst & Young LLP to compile and distribute as soon as possible to Regional Representatives and Métis Local Presidents, a list of all members registered in the MN-S Registry (inclusive of their name, address, and the Métis local in which the member is registered).</p> <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports scheduling an Electoral Workshop to discuss the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act with regional representatives; and • Authorizes the Chief Executive Officer and Ernst & Young LLP to communicate with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada regarding funding required to hold the workshop. <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs Ernst & Young LLP to administer all funds received, pertaining to the 2017 MN-S Election process.</p>	
<p>5.2 Approval of Election Budget That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council approves the “Election Budget”, as presented.</p>	

RESOLUTIONS / REQUESTS FOR ACTION	STATUS
<p>6.2 Update from the MN-S Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>That the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Authorizes Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, to enter into a Contribution Agreement with the Government of Canada's federal departments or organizations, in relation to any type of consultation and/or engagement, in relation to any impacts of Métis rights; Designates MN-S Vice President Gerald Morin as duly authorized signatory on behalf of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., for the purposes of signing the Contribution Agreement, the application for funding, or any other documents required under the Contribution Agreement; and Authorizes Ernst & Young LLP, as Expert Advisor to the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc. to manage any related funds and/or expense claim processes, and to receive any payments in relation to the Contribution Agreement. <p>That the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that the following 15 delegates attend the October 13-15, 2016 Métis National Council (MNC) Assembly in Vancouver, and requests that the MNC office be notified to make the appropriate arrangements for their attendance: Lela Arnold, Jaycee Bell, Michael Bell, Earl Cook, Chester Herman, Helene Johnson, Shelly Kapell, Billy Kennedy, Derek Langan, Glen McCallum, Darlene McKay, Tammy Mah, Gerald Morin, Lennard Morin and Gale Pelletier.</p> <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that the Métis National Council office be requested to make the appropriate travel arrangements for Darlene McKay and Derek Langan to attend the October 7, 2016 meeting in Ottawa, regarding the National Housing Strategy.</p>	
<p>7.1 Direction for EY to Repay RBC and Other Secured Creditors</p> <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs Ernst & Young LLP to pay the outstanding balance of \$17,821.75 plus all prior invoices since 2013 owed to Cuelenaere, Kendall, Katzman & Watson LLP (MN-S Legal Counsel), using the proceeds from the sale of the MN-S library.</p>	
<p>6.2.1 Provincial Youth Council (PYC) Meeting</p> <p>That the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that funding be provided to allow one Regional Youth Representative from each region to attend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Provincial Youth Council meeting, in Saskatoon; and The November 19, 2016 Engagement and Consultation Session and November 20, 2016 Electoral Workshop, in Saskatoon. 	

RESOLUTIONS / REQUESTS FOR ACTION	STATUS
<p>6.3.1 MN-S Designated Point of Contact</p> <p>It was requested that PMC members review the chart listing MN-S Local Presidents' and Regional Representatives' contact information, and submit any revisions to the Chief Executive Officer as soon as possible; the updated information will be posted on the MN-S website.</p> <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs that effective immediately, and until the 2017 MN-S election of the new MN-S government:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The MN-S Chief Executive Officer be the designated first point of contact to which federal and other government agencies convey Métis-specific issues; and Any Métis-specific issues received by the Chief Executive Officer will be subsequently dispatched to the appropriate MN-S Regional Representative or otherwise, as soon as possible. 	
<p>6.3.3 Electoral Workshop</p> <p>Request for Action</p> <p>It was requested that local MN-S Presidents and members of the Provincial Métis Council, Provincial Youth Council and Les Filles de Madeleine, be invited to attend the following two events to be scheduled in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Engagement and Consultation Session on November 19, 2016, to receive presentations from some federal government agency representatives (i.e. Canadian Environment Assessment Agency, the Saskatchewan INAC Regional Office, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Transport Canada, etc.); and An Electoral Workshop on November 20, 2016, to receive information regarding the 2017 MN-S Election process. <p>Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, INAC, agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with the MN-S Chief Executive Officer and Ernst & Young LLP via conference call in the coming weeks to discuss details related to scheduling the November 19, 2016 Engagement and Consultation Session and the November 20, 2016 Electoral Workshop; Invite federal agency representatives to present at the November 19, 2016 Engagement and Consultation Session; and Provide assistance and expertise to the MN-S Chief Executive Officer as needed, regarding the November 20, 2016 Electoral Workshop. 	
<p>6. UPDATES</p> <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council receives and approves the updates provided under Item 6 of the agenda.</p>	

RESOLUTIONS / REQUESTS FOR ACTION	STATUS
<p>8.4 Batoche</p> <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council supports maintaining the current 2016 Back to Batoche Committee membership, for the 2017 and 2018 Back to Batoche festivals.</p> <p>That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council supports collaborating with the Gabriel Dumont Institute to install a permanent plaque at the Batoche Veterans Monument, to recognize its funders and Lennard Morin.</p>	
<p>8.5 Next Meeting Dates</p> <p>That the next Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting be held October 22 and 23, 2016 (possibly October 22, 2016 only) in North Battleford, Saskatchewan.</p>	

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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 Shoforost, 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. Shoforost 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 CEAA 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 CEAA, 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.

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	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 be 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. Shoforost 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

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MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL MEETING
December 2, 2016

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting held December 2, 2016 at the Best Western Marquis Inn and Suites, 602 Marquis Road East, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

DATE: Friday, December 2, 2016

PRESENT:

Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Co-Chair
Glen McCallum, Co-Chair
Lela Arnold
Jaycee Bell
Michael Bell
Earl Cook
Chester Herman (arrived at 4:50 p.m.)

Helene Johnson
Shelly Kapell (arrived at 4:20 p.m.)
Billy Kennedy
Derek Langan
Darlene McKay
Tammy Mah
Lennard Morin

ABSENT:

Robert Doucette, President
Louis Gardiner

May Henderson
Shannon Unrau

ALSO PRESENT:

President Clément Chartier,
Métis National Council (MNC)
Jimmy Durocher
Cecile Blanke, Elder
Greg Fofonoff, SaskMétis Economic
Development Corporation (SMEDCO)
(for Item 5.4) (departed at 5:55 p.m.)
Gordon Kirkby, Complaints Officer
(departed at 5:55 p.m.)

Robert McCauley, Senator (arrived at 4:20 p.m.)
Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer
Jay Watson, Legal Counsel (for Item 4)
(via teleconference) (arrived at 4:40 p.m. and
departed at 4:50 p.m.)
John Weinstein, MNC (for Item 5.4)
(via teleconference) (arrived at 4:00 p.m. and
departed at 4:40 p.m.)

ERNST & YOUNG LLP (EY) REPRESENTATIVE:

Evan Shoforost, EY

INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA (INAC) REPRESENTATIVE:

Charles Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, INAC

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

WELCOMING COMMENTS and OPENING PRAYER

Vice-President Gerald Morin called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. Jimmy Durocher 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 December 2, 2016 meeting:

1. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
2. Appointment of the Co-Chairs
3. Review of the Minutes (October 22 and 23, 2016 Meeting):
 - 3.1 Adoption of the Minutes
 - 3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
4. Legal Update (Jay Watson, Legal Counsel)
5. Updates:
 - 5.1 Ernst & Young, Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer
 - 5.2 Update from the Federal Government
 - 5.3 Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) (Kyle Vermette / Minister Lennard Morin)
 - 5.4 Economic Development (John Weinstein / Greg Fofonoff, SMEDCO)
 - 5.5 Health Consultation
 - 5.6 ASETS Meetings
 - 5.7 Youth
 - 5.8 Les Filles de Madeleine (Women's Council)
 - 5.9 Elections Committee – Complaints Officer
6. Resolutions
7. Other Business:
 - 7.1 Northern Teacher Education Program (NORTEP)
8. Next Meeting

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 (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as the Recording Secretary for the December 2, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE CO-CHAIRS

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Glen McCallum and Gerald Morin as Co-Chairs for the December 2, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES (October 22 and 23, 2016 Meeting)

3.1 Adoption of the Minutes

Co-Chair Morin referred the meeting to the draft minutes of the October 22 and 23, 2016 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council adopt the Minutes of October 22 and 23, 2016 meeting, with the following revisions:

- On Page 6: Replace references to “the CCDF” with “CCDF”; and correct the spelling of Kyle Vermette’s surname;
- On Page 12: Indicate Derek Langan as Mover of the resolution and Lennard Morin as Seconder of the resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

The meeting reviewed resolutions passed at the October 22 and 23, 2016 meeting, and discussed business arising from the minutes. The following updates were provided:

- MNC President Chartier sent a letter to Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall on potential opportunities for Provincial Government funding for the MN-S; a response has not yet been received
- Evan Shoforost, EY, sent the PMC’s October 22, 2016 resolution indicating that the PMC would submit appointments to the Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF) Board after the February 4, 2017 MN-S Election, and requesting that in the interim the positions should NOT be filled to CCDF; a response was received from the CCDF:
 - Confirming that the appointments would be postponed as requested
 - Requesting to meet with Vice President Morin and Mr. Shoforost to discuss the resolution; Vice President Morin replied that a meeting with the CCDF Chief Executive Officer would be scheduled after the election
- The Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) made arrangements for Lennard Morin to lay a wreath at the Saskatoon Remembrance Day ceremony; GDI purchased the wreath through the Saskatoon Poppy Campaign.

4:00 p.m.

John Weinstein joined the meeting via teleconference.

5. UPDATES

5.4 Economic Development

John Weinstein, Métis National Council (MNC), reported on the allocation of core funding and Powley funding from the Federal Government, and provided comments on:

- MNC's discussions with the Ministry of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) regarding an increase in core and Powley funding
- A "Memorandum to Cabinet" proposing multi-year and flexible core funding (potentially \$5 million each year, per MNC Governing Member) to provide a more stable foundation on which to support, plan and operate programs and services
- An increase in Powley funding proposed (potentially \$2.25 million each year, per MNC Governing Member)
- A combined potential total of \$7.25 million per year (of core funding and Powley funding)
- Federal Government's efforts towards providing access to reliable and stable financing, consistent with a nation-to-nation relationship.

Mr. Weinstein reported on the allocation of the economic development funding from the Federal Government, noting that:

- The MNC Board initially recommended that the economic development funds should flow through Métis financial institutions
- INAC suggested that the funds could flow through capital corporations or Aboriginal financial institutions (AFIs)
- Each Governing Member would receive an allocated portion of economic development funding over the next five years, which could be allocated (in whole or in part) to an economic development corporation
- Two agreements with the Federal Government will be required for the economic development funding: one for the current year (up to March 31, 2017), and another for the remaining four years
- It was understood that given the MN-S current pre-election phase:
 - The MN-S' allocation of economic development money for the current year, would go through a capital corporation (SMEDCO)
 - After the first year's contribution of economic development funding, the new MN-S leadership could negotiate how funds would be allocated for the subsequent four years.

4:20 p.m.

Shelly Kapell and Senator Robert McCauley arrived at the meeting.

During discussion, additional comments were offered on:

- Federal Government's position regarding the MN-S' pre-election and post-election phases, and suggestion that after the election, the same arrangements extended to other Governing Members would be extended to the MN-S
- The MN-S' strengthened position and previous decisions regarding the allocation of MN-S' portion of the economic development funding.

4:40 p.m.

Mr. Weinstein departed the meeting and Jay Watson joined the meeting via teleconference.

4. LEGAL UPDATE

Jay Watson, Legal Counsel, provided an update on the court's support for the order filed, which requested that each of the MN-S' affiliates provide the required documentation (i.e. minute books, financial statements, etc.) to the MN-S, as requested. He further reported that:

- One individual representing each affiliate has been served (an order was granted to serve President Doucette at a more accessible location)
- Despite some initial objections to releasing financial information with respect to the affiliates' employees, the parties' legal counsel agreed on a consent order
- A list of required documents and reports will be compiled by December 5, 2016 for review by Vice President Morin and Ms. Taylor, and subsequently by the other parties' legal counsel
- In the event the documents and report requested are not provided, the matter will proceed to Judge Smith for his determination, based on the information provided.

4:50 p.m.

Mr. Watson departed the meeting and Chester Herman arrived at the meeting.

5.9 Elections Committee - Complaints Officer

Chester Herman, Chair, Elections Committee, referenced the committee's recent decision to retain Gordon Kirkby as Complaints Officer for the 2017 MN-S Election.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council endorse the recommendation of the MN-S Election Committee, to retain Gordon Kirkby as Complaints Officer for the 2017 MN-S Election.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

During discussion, the following comments were offered:

- The MN-S Elections Office will open after December 8, 2016, when Fred Payton, Chief Electoral Officer returns from vacation; members have been unable to contact the office during Mr. Payton's absence
- Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant, will assist in drafting a contract to engage Mr. Kirkby as Complaints Officer.

Request for Action

It was requested that the minutes of the MN-S Elections Committee meeting be provided to the Provincial Métis Council, for information.

Mr. Kirkby introduced himself to the PMC, reviewed his background and experience, and commended the PMC's selection of Chief Electoral Officer Fred Payton.

5.4 Economic Development (Continued)

Related on-table information: "The Case for Additional Loan Capital – December 2, 2016"

Greg Fofonoff, SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO), referred the meeting to the information provided and offered additional comments regarding:

- SMEDCO's ability to assist more businesses each year with funding anticipated in the first year of the five-year economic development funding

- The \$10 million capital base SMEDCO required to remain self-sufficient and cover operating expenses
- Benefits of having loan capital available to assist future Métis businesses
- SMEDCO's interest in submitting a proposal, outlining a statement of work for how additional loan capital could be utilized.

President Chartier clarified that the structure of economic development funding through Federal Government, had shifted from the earlier approach SMEDCO referenced. It would be up to each of the Governing Members to determine how the money allocated to them, would be directed (i.e. through a capital corporation or otherwise).

Mavis Taylor, CEO, referenced recent indications from Richard Quintal, INAC, that:

- The MN-S' first year allocation of economic development funding (anticipated prior to the MN-S election) would be directed through the MN-S' capital corporation (SMEDCO)
- The MN-S' allocation of the remaining four years of economic development funding (following the MN-S election), could be determined by the PMC.

Ms. Taylor further referenced INAC funding anticipated for the MN-S beyond April 1, 2017, with the continued involvement of an Expert Advisor (EY or otherwise).

Meeting Recessed – In-Camera Discussion

The meeting recessed at 5:55 p.m. for an in-camera discussion, and reconvened at 7:00 p.m. Greg Fofonoff and Gordon Kirkby were absent when the meeting resumed.

Change in Chair

Co-Chair McCallum assumed the role as Chair.

[Recording Secretary's Note: These minutes were duly adopted on January 14, 2017. At the time of adoption, the PMC directed that the following resolution NOT be acted on.]

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

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 UNANIMOUSLY

5.1 Ernst & Young, Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer
Related information:

- Funding applications submitted for the MN-S' participation in reviews related to: Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, Fisheries Act, National Energy Board Modernization and Navigation Protection Act
- MN-S Budget, Based on Actuals To Date and Estimates to March 31, 2017
- MN-S Secretariat Inc., Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the period from February 18, 2016 to December 1, 2016
- MN-S Expenses Reconciliation and General Ledger Report, dated December 1, 2016

Mr. Shoforost offered comments on the conclusion of financial arrangements related to the office photocopier and telephone equipment. He confirmed that the outstanding RBC debt had

been repaid, and that the landlord had been asked to provide occupancy cost information and audits for the past three years, to ensure the MN-S' rent was paid appropriately.

During a review of the financial summary, additional comments were offered regarding:

- Funding anticipated under the Urban Aboriginal Strategy (UAS)
- Funding applied for and received by MN-S for participation in reviews related to: the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, Fisheries Act, National Energy Board Modernization and Navigation Protection Act
- A GST return anticipated; GST filing on a more regular basis will be considered
- Reports and information required by the MN-S and its affiliates.

Additional comments were offered regarding:

- Documentation which contributed to the incurrence of the RBC debt, which has been submitted to the INAC Allegations and Investigations Branch for review
- A request sent to the INAC Access to Information and Privacy Unit, for a copy of correspondence from John Robert Lafontaine to the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada on July 28, 2016 on a number of issues related to the MN-S; if Mr. Lafontaine's consent to release the letter is not received after 20 days, options for proceeding will be considered.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council accept as presented the reports and information provided under Item 5.1 – “Ernst & Young, Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer”, including budget and other information related to the MN-S' participation in reviews related to: the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, Fisheries Act, National Energy Board Modernization, and the Navigation Protection Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) authorize Ernst & Young (EY) to inform anyone contacting EY for financial or other information related to the MN-S, to their respective Area Representative or a PMC member.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Update from the Federal Government
No updates were provided at the meeting.

5.3 Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA)
The meeting was reminded of the PMC's December 3, 2016 discussion scheduled with Kyle Vermette.

5.5 Health Consultation
Members expressed an interest in attending a December 10, 2016 engagement session in Saskatoon hosted by the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer.

Request for Action

Darlene McKay agreed to contact the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer, to confirm the PMC's December 10, 2016 engagement session in Saskatoon on barriers and facilitators to participating in cancer screening for Métis people, and to promptly inform the PMC accordingly.

5.6 ASETS Meetings

Chester Herman provided updates on ASETS meetings that he attended on October 26 and 27, 2016 (in Ottawa, Ontario) and November 23 and 24, 2016 (in Vancouver, BC). He reported that:

- GDI has been administering the ASETS program, as the ASETS Agreement Holder in Saskatchewan
- Funding is available through the ASETS program for Indigenous people to cover training costs and costs related to training
- Future updates will be provided on the ASETS program and funding.

5.7 Youth

No updates were provided at the meeting.

5.8 Les Filles de Madeleine (Women's Council)

Tammy Mah noted that no updates were available on the next National Women's Conference.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Northern Teacher Education Program (NORTEP)

An update was provided on recent activities related to the NORTEP.

6. RESOLUTIONS

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs the Chief Executive Officer to cancel Vice President Gerald Morin's cell phone, effective December 31 2016.

CARRIED

(Lennard Morin voted in opposition)

It was MOVED (Chester Herman) and SECONDED (Lela Arnold)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN- S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) has been informed and received details of all duties performed and expenditures made by Ernst & Young on behalf of the MN-S since February 17, 2016;

BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC approves all duties performed and expenditures made by Ernst & Young on behalf of the MN- S, from February 17, 2016 to December 1, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PMC also approves the budget and all anticipated duties to be performed and expenditures to be incurred up to March 31, 2017, as reviewed with the PMC on December 2, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. NEXT MEETING DATES

Co-Chair Morin acknowledged that a meeting may be scheduled December 17, 2016 in Saskatoon, depending on funding availability.

CONCLUSION

It was MOVED (Derek Langan) and SECONDED (Shelly Kapell)

That the December 2, 2016 meeting of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council, now conclude.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Time: 8:15 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 October 22 and 23, 2016 MN-S PMC Meeting
2. Information items regarding the February 4, 2017 MN-S Election
3. The "Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007", as amended July 29, 2016
4. Correspondence to Greg Fofonoff, SMEDCO, dated November 29, 2016
5. Draft Minutes of the September 10 and 11, 2016 MN-S PMC Meeting
6. Information items related to climate change
7. MN-S Duty to Consult and Accommodate Policy and Principles, dated November 2009
8. Share Purchase Agreement between Dean Fetch, Darryl Fidler and Round Prairie Developments Ltd., dated August 1, 2014
9. Share Purchase Agreement between Round Prairie Ventures Inc., Darryl Fidler and Round Prairie Developments Ltd., dated August 1, 2014
10. Contribution Agreement for the Review of Environmental Assessment Processes, between the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the MN-S, dated November 23, 2016
11. Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, last amended September 9, 2008
12. Correspondence from Natural Resources Canada regarding the "Federal Funding Allocation to Participate in the National Energy Board Modernization Review", dated November 25, 2016
13. Correspondence from Transport Canada regarding the "Review of the Navigation Protection Act"
14. Correspondence from Fisheries and Oceans Canada regarding the "Review of Changes to the Fisheries Act", dated November 16, 2016
15. MN-S Budget, Based on Actuals To Date and Estimates to March 31, 2017 (as of December 1, 2016)
16. MN-S Secretariat Inc., Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the period from February 18, 2016 to December 1, 2016
17. MN-S Expenses Reconciliation and General Ledger Report, dated December 1, 2016.

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MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
December 30, 2016

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Special Meeting held December 30, 2016 in the Cosmopolitan Room, at the Holiday Inn Downtown, 101 Pacific Avenue, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

PRESENT:

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

Billy Kennedy
Derek Langan (arrived at 9:35 a.m.)
Glen McCallum
Darlene McKay
Tammy Mah
Lennard Morin
Shannon Unrau

ABSENT:

Robert Doucette, President
Louis Gardiner

May Henderson
Chester Herman

ALSO PRESENT:

Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant
Loretta Metzger, Interim Chief Electoral Officer
(arrived at 1:45 p.m. / departed at 2:00 p.m.)

Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer

OBSERVERS:

Lana Bonnor, Observer
Dave Halborson, Observer
Karen Laroque, Observer
Lorna Ledoux, Observer
Floyd McCallum, Observer

Lisa McCallum, Observer
R. Major, Observer
Reina Sinclair, Observer
Wayne Trotchie, Observer

ERNST & YOUNG LLP (EY) REPRESENTATIVES:

Michael Campbell, EY

Evan Shoforost, EY

INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA (INAC) REPRESENTATIVES:

Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations, INAC
Arash Rasekhi-Nejad, Policy and Program Officer, INAC

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

CALL TO ORDER and OPENING PRAYER

Vice-Chair Morin called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Glen McCallum offered an Opening Prayer.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Vice-President Morin confirmed that a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Shelly Kapell)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the following Agenda for its December 30, 2016 meeting:

1. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
2. Appointment of the Co-Chairs
3. Review of the Minutes (December 2, 2016 Meeting):
 - 3.1 Adoption of the Minutes
 - 3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
4. Election:
 - 4.1 Report from Lorne Gibson
 - 4.2 Appointment of Chief Electoral Officer / Deputy Chief Electoral Officer
 - 4.3 General Discussion - Election
5. Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA):
 - 5.1 Discussion
 - 5.2 Report from Ernst & Young (EY) on Event Planning
6. Updates:
 - 6.1 Update from EY, Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
 - 6.2 Update from the Federal Government
7. Resolutions
8. Other Business:
 - 8.1 Vice President Morin's Cell Phone.

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 (Lela Arnold)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as the Recording Secretary for the December 30, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE CO-CHAIRS

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Helene Johnson and Gerald Morin as Co-Chairs for the December 30, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

3.1 Adoption of the Minutes

Co-Chair Morin referred the meeting to the draft minutes of the December 2, 2016 MN-S PMC Meeting, which were circulated to members in advance.

3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

The meeting reviewed resolutions passed at the December 2, 2016 meeting, and discussed business arising from the minutes.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding the PMC's July 22, 2016 resolution which included specific directions on the allocation of the MN-S' portion of economic development funding, and the PMC's December 2, 2016 resolution directing that a letter be drafted confirming the July 22, 2016 resolution.

9:35 a.m.

Derek Langan joined the meeting.

Richard Quintal, Negotiator and Manager of Métis Relations, INAC, offered comments on the intent that economic development funding allocated to each of the Métis National Council (MNC) Governing Members could be distributed to their designated Aboriginal financial institution (AFI) and/or distributed through their own respectively-established economic development strategy.

In response to questions raised, comments were offered regarding:

- A plan needed for allocating the MN-S' first and future years' economic development funding in a manner that supports economic development in Saskatchewan
- Terms and conditions guiding the allocation of the economic development funding
- The feasibility of retaining a consultant to assist in developing a MN-S economic development strategy, similar to strategies developed by other MNC Governing Members.

During discussion specifically on the allocation of the MN-S' first year of economic development funding, the following comments were offered:

- Developing a MN-S economic development strategy before the quickly approaching deadline, will be challenging
- The first year of funding could be allocated to the MN-S' AFI (i.e. SMEDCO), along with some guidance from the PMC on how the funds can be accessed and utilized
- Consideration could be given to utilizing a portion of the MN-S' first year of funding, to retain a consultant to begin developing an economic development strategy for the MN-S.

During discussion specifically on the allocation of the MN-S' future years of economic development funding, the following comments were offered:

- A consultant could assist the MN-S in developing an economic development strategy specifically to support economic development in Saskatchewan
- Any funds remaining after distributions through the MN-S economic development strategy could be directed to a MN-S-designated AFI (i.e. SMEDCO or otherwise).

The meeting was informed that based on legal advice received, the PMC was not required to take a leave of absence prior to the pending election.

3.1 Adoption of the Minutes (Continued)

The meeting agreed to consider adopting the December 2, 2016 minutes, after receiving an update on the economic development funding issue from Federal Government representatives.

Request for Action

It was requested that the incorrectly indicated hyphens in some references to “MN-S”, which occurred during the process of printing the draft December 2, 2016 minutes, be corrected.

Health Break

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

4. ELECTION

4.1 Report from Lorne Gibson

Related information:

- Correspondence from Evan Shoforost, dated December 21, 2016 and attached correspondence from Fred Payton, dated December 15, 2016
- Situation Report on Saskatchewan’s Provincial Métis Council Elections Scheduled February 4, 2017.

Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant, acknowledged the letter of resignation received from Fred Payton, Chief Electoral Officer, and offered comments regarding:

- Postponing the February 4, 2017 MN-S Election, calling a Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) as soon as possible at which a new Chief Electoral Officer will be appointed, and setting a new MN-S election date
- Utilizing election-related documents prepared for the 2007 MN-S Election to assist in preparing documents for the 2017 MN-S Election
- A suggested candidate as the new Chief Electoral Officer, Loretta Metzger
- Revisions required to the Elections Act to improve the process of administering oaths and declarations on the day of the election.

The meeting discussed holding a MNLA and General Assembly on February 18 and 19, 2017 in Saskatoon. Tentative reservations had been made by EY at TCU Place (for the MNLA) and the Holiday Inn Express (to accommodate MNLA attendees).

During further discussion, the following additional comments were offered:

- Once an Interim Chief Electoral Officer is appointed, preparations for the MN-S Election could begin; the appointment will require ratification by resolution at the MNLA
- The Electoral Consultant will ensure regular updates are conveyed to the PMC
- Loretta Metzger has significant experience in electoral processes and has confirmed her interest in the role as Chief Electoral Officer in the upcoming MN-S Election
- If appointed as interim Chief Electoral Officer, Ms. Metzger will retain someone with the appropriate experience to assist in preparing for the MN-S Election.

In response to questions raised, comments were offered on Federal Government funding previously allocated to hold the 2017 MN-S Election, and additional funding required for a MNLA solely intended to consider the MN-S Election and election-related business.

4.2 Appointment of Chief Electoral Officer / Deputy Chief Electoral Officer

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) appoints the following, pending ratification at the 2017 Métis National Legislative Assembly:

- Loretta Metzger as interim Chief Electoral Officer; and
- Lorne Gibson as Electoral Consultant, to follow the progress in the election preparations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 11:50 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

4.3 General Discussion – Election (Continued)

The meeting discussed mechanisms to prevent voters from fraudulently casting multiple ballots, and offered the following suggestions:

- Providing daily updated lists of voters who have cast ballots to the Chief Electoral Officer and the Regional Returning Officers
- The use of “electoral ink” to prevent voters from casting duplicate ballots, by marking voters’ forefingers with indelible ink when they cast a ballot (a method common in electoral processes where identification documents are not standardized)
- Establishing consequences for voters caught casting more than one ballot.

During general discussion on the MN-S Election, comments were offered regarding:

- Police record checks required for the election candidates
- A candidate’s ineligibility to participate in the election, if he/she has been charged with an indictable offense in the last five years or an election-related offense in the last ten years
- A future swearing-in ceremony needed, at which the elected candidates will swear an oath of allegiance.

Request for Action

Lorne Gibson, Election Consultant, agreed to draft revisions to the Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, for consideration by the Elections Committee and approval at the February 18 and 19, 2017 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, including a revision to the form indicated on Page 55 of the Act to include the statement “I have not previously voted”.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs that the next MN-S General Election be held May 27, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (MNLA)
5.1 Discussion

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) directs that the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and General Assembly be held February 18 and 19, 2017 at TCU Place in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 5.2 Report from Ernst & Young (EY) on Event Planning
Related information: News release regarding “Métis Nation – Saskatchewan delays general election due to unforeseen circumstances”, dated December 31, 2016

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) authorizes the release of the “News Release” reviewed by the PMC on December 30, 2016, with the following revisions:

- Change the subtitle to “Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and General Assembly set for February 18-19, 2017”; and
- Replace the text under “For further information” with: “Please contact Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Vice President Gerald Morin at 306-220-0071, your respective Regional Representative, or visit the official website at <http://metisnationsk.com/>”

CARRIED

(Shelly Kapell voted in opposition)

1:45 p.m.

Loretta Metzger joined the meeting.

- 4.2 Appointment of Chief Electoral Officer / Deputy Chief Electoral Officer (Continued)
Related on-table information: Resume of Loretta Metzger

Ms. Metzger introduced herself to the meeting and reviewed her professional experience in the education system (as a teacher, principal and administrator) and her subsequent involvement in various electoral processes.

Mavis Taylor, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), advised Ms. Metzger of the PMC’s earlier resolution appointing her as Interim Chief Electoral Officer, and the pending affirmation of her appointment at the February 18 and 19, 2017 MNLA. Ms. Metzger agreed to promptly collaborate with Mr. Gibson regarding information available related to the pending election and to contact Ms. Taylor for further general information regarding the MN-S.

2:00 p.m.

Ms. Metzger departed the meeting.

5.1 Discussion (Continued)

The meeting acknowledged the PMC's prior direction that the Regional Representatives and Presidents of the Youth Council and Les Filles de Madeleine would register MNLA delegates in advance of the MNLA. Delegates will be reimbursed for their expenses at the end of the MNLA.

During discussion, the following additional comments were offered:

- Four youth delegates can be selected by the Youth representative to attend the MNLA
- The Regional Representatives will resolve any disputes regarding who will be recognized as "registered delegates" from their respective region
- The MNLA needs to allocate space to involve Senators and Veterans.

It was MOVED (Shelly Kapell) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that:

- Regional representatives will register delegates from their respective regions to attend the 2017 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and General Assembly;
- The President of Les Filles de Madeleine will register delegates from Les Filles de Madeleine to attend the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and General Assembly;
- The President of the Youth Council will register delegates from the Youth Council to attend the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and General Assembly; and
- Only registered delegates will be reimbursed for expenses incurred by attending the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly and General Assembly.

CARRIED

(Derek Langan and Shannon Unrau voted in opposition)

Regional representatives were reminded to submit names, addresses and phone numbers of their respective Presidents to the CEO and EY prior to January 10, 2017.

6. UPDATES

6.1 Updates from EY, Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs that MN-S Vice President Gerald Morin attend all Métis National Council (MNC) Board of Governors meetings (including the January 30, 2017 MNC Summit with the Prime Minister) on behalf of the MN-S, until the May 27, 2017 election.

CARRIED

(Derek Langan and Shannon Unrau voted in opposition)

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council supports the Métis National Council (MNC) holding:

- A Special Sitting of the MNC General Assembly in Saskatchewan in March 2017; and
- The Regular Sitting of the MNC General Assembly and Election in Ottawa, Ontario in June 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

An update was offered regarding the Court's pending decision related to eviction of the tenant at the Batoche site. A future update was anticipated from legal counsel on the status of the documentation requested from the MN-S affiliates, to enable the completion of financial audits.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 2:35 p.m. and reconvened at 2:55 p.m.

Evan Shoforost, EY, led the meeting in a review of the "Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period from February 18, 2016 to December 31, 2016" and offered additional comments regarding:

- A pending GST return, funding anticipated from INAC, and funding forthcoming for the MN-S' participation in reviews related to the National Energy Board Modernization process
- Direction required on how to proceed with the current building lease, after its expiration on March 31, 2017.

During discussion, further comments were offered regarding:

- The status of agreements and funding for the MN-S' participation in discussions related to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act and the Fisheries Navigation program
- Scheduling a Finance Committee meeting to consider some budgetary decisions.

6.2 Update from the Federal Government

Mr. Quintal acknowledged that the current years' budget for the MN-S could be adjusted to accommodate holding a PMC meeting and/or a Finance Committee meeting to prepare for the February 18 and 19, 2017 MNLA and General Assembly. Additional comments were offered on:

- A Memorandum to Cabinet (likely to be considered in February 2017) proposing the continuation and enhancement of the current funding program
- The intent to maintain a financial advisor through which Federal Government would transfer funding, while the organization continued rebuilding towards financial viability
- The upcoming opportunity for the newly elected MN-S leaders to discuss organizational structures with other MNC Governing Members.

Further comments were offered regarding:

- The feasibility of providing a reasonable salary and travel allowances for newly elected MN-S leaders to carry out work on behalf of the MN-S
- Acknowledging some of the MN-S' past and pending achievements at the MNLA; a communications specialist could assist in drafting a newsletter conveying the organization's successes, to be shared with MNLA delegates, national organizations and others
- The MNLA could review a proposed budget and vision for moving the organization forward based on anticipated funding.

The following additional comments were offered:

- Increased respect for the MN-S has been demonstrated through funding contributions by various government agencies
- Pending a favourable decision by the Treasury Board, funding could be available annually to MNC Governing Members to support the delivery of programs, etc.
- United support is required to address critical community issues such as homelessness, mental illness and poverty.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) directs that given the postponement of the MN-S General Election, Vice President Morin's cell phone continue to remain active.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gratitude was extended to the MN-S CEO and participating representatives from Federal Government, EY and Raincoast Ventures Ltd. for their continued support during the organization's progression.

8.2 Economic Development Funding

The meeting discussed how to proceed with respect to the MN-S' portion of economic development funding, and offered comments regarding:

- The requirement that the first years' allocation would be spent by March 31, 2017
- Utilization of the economic development funding, which must comply with the established terms and conditions.

During discussion on potential options for the MN-S' first year portion of economic development funding, the following suggestions were offered:

- A portion of the MN-S' first year of funding could be allocated to hiring someone to develop a economic development strategy, leaving the remainder to the MN-S' AFI (i.e. SMEDCO)
- The first year of funding could be allocated entirely to the MN-S AFI, with clear directions on how it can be spent (for example, specific portions could be allocated to specific regions).

Members of the Economic Development Committee were acknowledged: Earl Cook, Helene Johnson, Derek Langan, Darlene McKay, and Gerald Morin.

Request for Action

It was agreed that the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Economic Development Committee promptly discuss the MN-S allocation of the economic development funding (particularly the first year's funding) via teleconference with federal government representatives.

8.3 Next Meeting Date

It was suggested that two PMC meetings may be required prior to the upcoming MNLA.

It was MOVED (Helene Johnson) and SECONDED (Shelly Kapell)

That the next Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting be held January 14 and 15, 2017 in Regina, Saskatchewan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONCLUSION

It was MOVED (Earl Cook)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting held December 30, 2016 now conclude.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Time: 4:35 p.m.)

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS:

The following items were provided for information at the meeting:

1. Draft Minutes of the December 2, 2016 Métis Nation - Saskatchewan PMC Meeting
2. Correspondence from Evan Shoforst, dated December 21, 2016 and attached update from Fred Payton, dated December 15, 2016
3. Situation Report on Saskatchewan's Provincial Métis Council Elections Scheduled February 4, 2017
4. News Release regarding "Métis Nation – Saskatchewan delays general election due to unforeseen circumstances", dated December 31, 2016
5. The "Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007", as amended July 29, 2016
6. Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act, amended September 9, 2008
7. Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, last amended September 9, 2008
8. Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period from February 18, 2016 to December 15, 2016
9. Métis Economic Development Strategy Initiative – 2016/17 Statement of Work
10. Correspondence from John Weinstein, MNC, dated December 19, 2016, with attachment titled "Métis Nation Economic development Strategy Funding Budget 2016"
11. List of registered delegates at the July 2016 MNLA.

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**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 Shoforost, 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. Shoforst 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.

**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: 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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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.

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. Shoforost 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. Shoforst 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*