



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL *Summary of Meetings – June 2018 to March 2019*

Summary of PMC meeting discussions and decisions

NOT the official minutes of the business conducted by the Provincial Métis Council

MARCH 7, 2019

President's Update

President Glen McCallum referenced events that had transpired in Métis communities, recognized the need to move forward for the benefit of the Métis people, and offered comments on:

- Funding and staff required, to ensure critical files could advance quickly
- Engagement needed on environmental and other matters, critical to Métis citizens.

Updates were requested for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) on the MN-S' memorandums of understanding (MOUs), progress on federal funding files, and the MN-S' relationships with government.

Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN)

The FSIN expressed an interest in signing a MOU with the MN-S, affirming their working relationship. A signing ceremony will be held.

Budget 2019-2020

Richard Quintal, Chief of Staff, reviewed the budget, and commented on federal government's successful review of the MN-S' audited financial statements. It was noted that:

- Funding received under the Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Sub-Accord, will be held in a trust while the MN-S identifies how to allocate the funds
- The budget presented at the MNLA, will include information on the MN-S departments
- The MN-S will receive Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) funding for the 2019/20 Fiscal Year

- A communications strategy, and a media release will be prepared for circulation, outlining the MN-S' efforts over recent years.

The PMC passed a motion to approve the MN-S Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, as presented.

It was requested that a financial outline for 2018/19 be prepared and provided to the PMC prior to the MNLA.

Dumont Scouts - MNLA Appointments

The following resolution was passed:

"WHEREAS Article 8.1 of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act provides that "Dumont Scouts" be appointed by the Provincial Métis Council to maintain order and procedure during the Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following individuals shall be Dumont Scouts:

- *Lloyd Bishop*
- *Alex Maurice*
- *Felix Merasty*
- *1 woman (to be selected)."*

Métis Nation Legislative Assembly

The MNLA agenda will include a "Question and Answer Period", to provide an opportunity for MN-S Senior Officials and MN-S Ministers to respond to attendee's questions.

The PMC passed a motion appointing Mike Nolan to serve as Speaker, and Joe Blyn to serve as Deputy Speaker for the 2019 MNLA.

Les Filles De Madeleine (LFDM)

Tammy Mah, LFDM, acknowledged support sought for a resolution to be introduced at the MNLA, to include the election of Métis Women and Youth Representatives on future MN-S general election ballots.

Veterans Protocol

Ryan Carriere, Minister of Veterans, referred the meeting to a report provided, which included updates on the Veterans Protocol and the role of Dumont Scouts at MN-S events.

Eastern Region 3 - Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) Board Appointment

Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, acknowledged names submitted for appointment to the GDI Board, which had not yet been approved.

Children and Family Services - Sixties Scoop

Wendy Gervais, Minister of Métis Family and Community Justice Services Saskatchewan, Inc. referenced a Sixties Scoop Engagement Session scheduled April 6-7, 2019, in Saskatoon.

Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC)

Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, confirmed that CPAC engagement sessions were scheduled to begin on March 27, 2019. A representative or designate from each region was invited to attend.

JANUARY 12-13, 2019

Introductions – New Staff

The following MN-S employees were introduced to the PMC:

- Mark Calette, Director of Administration
- Dorothy Myo, Director of Research and Policy.

Budget Update / Local Budgets

Richard Quintal, Chief of Staff, reviewed funding required to support the MN-S in moving towards self-government. The MN-S' portion of funding negotiated by the MNC was discussed, for:

- Basic organizational capacity and economic development
- Health, child and family services, housing, and ELCC.

The PMC directed the Minister of Finance and the Finance Committee to prepare a process for Regional Chairs, outlining how to manage funds allocated to Locals and Regions.

Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP)

Arash Rasekhi-Nejad, Policy and Program Officer, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) commented on UPIP submissions from the Métis Nation Governing Members, for flexible multi-year agreements.

Ministry of Education – Update

Earl Cook, Minister of Education, referred to his report provided and commented on a Métis Endowment Funding Agreement signed with federal government, valued at \$2.5 million in scholarships and bursaries for Métis post-secondary students.

Ministry of Health - Update

Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, introduced Adel Panahi, Interim MN-S Director of Health. She referred to her report provided and commented on a \$600,000 agreement negotiated with the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer.

MOU with the Saskatchewan Voice of People with Disabilities

A MOU had been prepared, to improve programs and service delivery in collaboration with the Saskatchewan Health Authority, and assist Métis citizens with disabilities.

A motion was passed directing the Minister of Health to sign the MOU on "Working Toward Inclusive Communities, with the Saskatchewan Voice of People with Disabilities Inc".

Ministry of Housing - Update

Greg Ross, Interim Director of Housing, referred to his report provided and commented on a survey being prepared to: seek feedback on housing needs and priorities; identify where progress has been achieved; and support creation of a framework for a MN-S housing plan.

Ministry of the MN-S Registry - Update

Wendy Gervais, Minister of the MN-S Registry, reviewed her report and commented on reviving registry efforts in dormant locals, at upcoming community engagement sessions, etc.

A motion was passed directing PMC members to visit their respective registration offices to register for their citizenship cards.

Ministry of Sports, Recreation and Culture

Billy Kennedy, Minister of Sports, Recreation and Culture, referenced a MOU being prepared with the FSIN, affirming a relationship with the MN-S, potentially with some financial support for Métis-specific activities and events.

The PMC passed a motion supporting in principle the protocol agreement between the MN-S and the FSIN.

Ministry of Economic Development - Update

Leonard Montgrand, Minister of Economic Development, referred the meeting to his report provided, which included updates on SaskMetis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO), the Métis Assistance Program, and the Clarence Campeau Development Fund.

Ministry of Environment - Update

Reina Sinclair, Director of Environment, referenced engagements held throughout the province. She explained that the first phase of the engagement process, involved visiting all 12 regions. The next phase will bring together youth and Elders to review the data gathered.

Ministry of Heritage and Language - Update

Sherry Soll, Minister of Heritage and Language, referenced the April 22–May 3, 2019 United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, focused on “Traditional knowledge: Generation, Transmission And Protection”, at which efforts to protect Michif, will be highlighted.

2021 Elders Gathering

The PMC passed a motion in support of bringing the 2021 National Métis Elders Gathering to Regina, Saskatchewan.

Ministry of Tourism - Update

President McCallum commented on the establishment of the MN-S Ministry of Tourism, and potentially developing tourism opportunities to highlight Métis experiences (i.e. historic sites).

Batoche 2019

Sherry McLennan, Minister of Batoche, reported that discussions had ensued in preparation for Batoche 2019, scheduled July 18-21, 2019. Comments were offered on the feasibility of:

- Retaining a professional organization to coordinate Batoche 2019

- Leasing out the Batoche site for other activities (i.e. music festivals).

The Minister of Finance, Minister of Batoche and the Director of Administration were directed to develop a policy outlining processes for renting out the Batoche site (i.e. liability insurance, etc.).

Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA)

The meeting discussed a three-day MNLA, with the first two days dedicated to separate topic-specific group discussions. Each group could prepare resolutions for consideration by the full governing body, on the third day.

Additional comments were offered on:

- Sending a MNLA notice to delegates a month in advance
- Reviewing unaudited financial statements at the MNLA
- Livestreaming the 2019 MNLA (over 1,600 citizens watched the 2018 MNLA).

The PMC passed a motion confirming that the next MNLA be held April 12-14, 2019, at a location to be determined.

Batoche Infrastructure - CCDF

The PMC passed a motion directing that the Clarence Campeau Development Fund be requested to contribute \$125,000 to Batoche 2019 for infrastructure improvements.

Health Research Resolution

The following resolution was passed:

“WHEREAS Métis Nation-Saskatchewan moves forward, it is important to determine the health status of Métis people, using indicators of health developed specifically by Métis people, and to develop strategies that improve the health of Métis people that are based in Métis culture and values;

WHEREAS health statistics for Métis in Saskatchewan are unknown due to a lack of data collection regarding Métis health in the province. Dr. Caroline Tait, along with her team with People First, First Person at University of Saskatchewan, along with the MN-S, are working collaboratively determining emerging research areas in Saskatchewan to build capacity for data collection, for further in-depth research to influence improvements for health service delivery and overall improved health and wellness for Métis citizens;

WHEREAS the MN-S has also recently developed a provincial Métis governance model that covers all areas of research. The model is grounded in the values of Métis people, is distinct from research governance models for First Nations, and will be utilized by communities across the province. There are excellent opportunities for synergies between the work. Dr. Tait's team has established research and knowledge translation priorities, and is engaging Métis stakeholders across the province in community-based and community-driven health research;

WHEREAS the timing to collaborate with Dr. Tait is ideal for the MN-S, as we are currently in the process of developing our own provincial health strategy in consultation with our community, as well as participating in the development of the National Métis Health Strategy;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Health for the MN-S encourages that all community-based research connected to health outcomes be shared with the Ministry of Health to ensure that the research is in alignment with MN-S health priorities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that with respect to health research grant opportunities, that the Ministry of Health be consulted about current priority areas, to ensure grant processes from provincial and federal programs are consistent with MN-S priorities; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the intention of this process is to eliminate overlap of interests or competing for resources within the MN-S."

GDI Appointments

A motion was passed requesting that Angie Quiring be appointed as a GDI director for Western Region 2A.

Métis Veterans / Dumont Scout Protocol

Métis Veteran Maurice confirmed that a Métis Veterans protocol was reviewed and would be tabled for consideration at a future PMC Meeting.

MN-S Cabinet Meeting.

President McCallum reported that a MN-S Cabinet meeting may be held in February 2019 at the MN-S office, to review some key priorities.

Tribunal

Louise Simard acknowledged a resolution passed at the April 15, 2018 General Assembly directing that the MN-S:

"Establish an independent Métis Judicial Court to deal with matters of non-compliance, specifically related to the MN-S Constitution and Legislation" and that *"a judiciary or tribunal (of three appointees), be appointed prior to the next MNLA"*.

It was noted that a group of Métis lawyers and Elders, could be tasked with drafting this process.

Communications

During discussion on communications, comments were offered on:

- The Director of Administration and Director of Research and Policy coordinating the posting and communication of MN-S information
- Seeking a communications person to highlight MN-S activities, at multiple levels
- Regular messaging from the provincial MN-S office (including on activities of the President and regions).

OCTOBER 26, 2018

Joint Cabinet Meeting

The Provincial Métis Council (PMC) reviewed the agenda prepared for the October 27-28, 2018 Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) / Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) Joint Cabinet Meeting.

Métis Women

Tammy Mah, Les Filles de Madeleine (LFDM), commented on the Annual General Meeting of Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak (LFMO) in Toronto. The PMC discussed:

- Funding applied for and secured for the LFDM
- Regional Directors' involvement in the upcoming LFDM election process.

Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (MACSI) - Board Appointments

Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, agreed to provide (when available): the revised MACSI Governance Handbook; and an updated list of MACSI Board of Directors.

The PMC approved the appointment of David Nelson and Anita Hopfauf to the MACSI Board of Directors.

Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ISETS)

It was noted that when the MN-S was early in its governance process, it was determined that ISETS funding would flow through Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI). In the future, after conclusion of the agreement with GDI, funding could flow directly through the MN-S.

Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF) / Batoche

Sherry McLennan, Minister Responsible for Batoche, requested that a resolution seeking funding from the CCDF towards Batoche, be considered at the next PMC meeting.

Scheduling - Future Meetings

Upcoming meetings were discussed including the November 28-29, 2018 Métis National Council (MNC) General Assembly in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)

Minister Friesen announced that in collaboration with CIHR, an Expression of Interest was submitted and accepted to establish an Indigenous health research centre in Saskatchewan.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

Northern Region 2 – GDI Board of Governors Appointment

The appointment of Tracy Tinker, Northern Region 2, to the GDI Board of Governors was approved.

Canadian Cultural Spaces Fund (CCSF)

Discussion ensued on the CCSF, which supported the improvement of physical conditions for arts, heritage, culture and creative innovation. It was suggested that the MN-S could identify 12 sites (one per each region).

The PMC voted to proceed with the CCSF application for the 12 MN-S regions; and to retain Aaron Murray, Consultant, Derek Murray Consulting and Associates, to assist with the application and site proposal processes.

MN-S Financial Report

Some of the Finance Department's key achievements were reviewed, including:

- Implementation of direct deposit payroll
- The Chief Financial Officer's (CFO's) access to the Grants and Contributions Information Management System (GCIMS), contribution agreements, and cash flow status.

Financial Statements (2017-2018)

The MN-S Secretariat Inc. Financial Statements prepared by Laskowski & Wright, were reviewed. The PMC voted to receive the Financial Statements dated March 31, 2018, as presented.

RRSP Contribution – Great West Life

The PMC approved the MN-S entering into an agreement with Great West Life Assurance Company to offer PMC Executive Members the opportunity to make RRSP contributions of 5%, which the MN-S would match.

Urban Peoples Indigenous Program (UPIP)

Minister Cook reported on recent changes to the UPIP management structure. The PMC supported hiring a UPIP Coordinator to assist with UPIP funding applications.

Introduction - Buckley Belanger

Buckley Belanger, Member of Legislative Assembly, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to attend and to learn about issues and projects the MN-S was working on.

Regional Boundary Issues

Discussion ensued on Regional Directors entering other regions, without prior notification. Updated maps showing regional boundaries would be provided to all Regional Directors.

Joint Cabinet Meeting with the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF)

President McCallum confirmed that discussion on a national Métis Nation registry would ensue at the joint cabinet meeting with the MMF in Regina on October 27-28, 2018.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) - Update

Richard Quintal, CEO, provided an update on the MN-S' achievements in 2018, including:

- The MN-S financial status and new processes
- Opening the new MN-S office location

- Maximized funding efforts and partnerships
- Establishing a MN-S Consultation and Resource Centre to assist with consultations
- Federal government's funding commitments.

The PMC requested:

- A copy of the "duty to consult principles", prepared by Jason Madden, Legal Counsel
- Butch Durocher to contact the appropriate provincial representative to gain access to "duty to consult" activities within the regions.

Michelle LeClair, Central Urban Metis Federation

Ms. LeClair invited the PMC to an auction and charity dinner on September 29, 2018 in Whitecap. Proceeds of the event would go to programs for families in supported-living homes.

Minister of Health - Report

Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, provided updates on initiatives of the Métis National Council (MNC) Health Committee, and a research project with the University of Saskatchewan, to build healthier communities.

MACSI

Minister Friesen acknowledged MACSI's bylaw review, noting that MASCI's revised memorandum of understanding (MOU) would address recruitment, retention and competitive administrative salaries.

Minister of the Citizenship Registry - Report

Minister Gervais reviewed her report and commented on:

- Consulting with the MMF to share learning and best practices
- Challenges with the MN-S registry process (i.e. wait times, delayed applications)
- Potentially establishing a registry office in each region.

The PMC authorized the Minister of the Citizenship Registry to proceed with restructuring the registry offices; and to create 12 regional offices in participation with Regional Directors.

Regional Representation at Local Annual General Meetings (AGMs) and Elections

Secretary Lisa McCallum agreed to send a letter to each region informing them of the elections process, and the extent of the Regional Director's involvement in the process.

JUNE 2-3, 2018

Regional Budgets

It was confirmed that Regional Budgets and Service Contracts needed to be submitted prior to the region's funding being released. A resolution was passed to accept the Regional Budgets received to-date.

Hamid Shahzad, CFO, provided updates on the MN-S' new financial and payroll system and confirmed that direct deposits were being arranged for PMC members to cover their travel expenses in advance of MN-S related travel.

Annual Reporting

The meeting discussed:

- Funding anticipated (late 2018 or early 2019) resulting from Budget 2018
- Adjustments to the MN-S budget to reflect staffing, and one Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) in 2018
- The financial system's ability to automatically transfer funding to the regions.

MN-S Head Office – New Location

The meeting was informed that an offer had been submitted to lease office space closer to downtown Saskatoon. The PMC directed staff to proceed to finalize the lease for the office space at 201 – 208 19th Street West, Saskatoon.

Financial Policy

The meeting reviewed and approved the MN-S Financial Policy, on the understanding that it could be further revised as needed.

A motion was passed requesting that PMC Executive Members and Regional Directors:

- Notify the applicable Regional Director before coming into their region to discuss MN-S business
- Advise the Regional Director regarding the nature of the discussion and invite the Regional Director to join the discussion.

Introductions

President McCallum extended appreciation to Charles Marcoux, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and Arash Rasekhi-Nejad, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), for their ongoing support and involvement with the MN-S.

Communications – Creative Fire

Bonnie Leask, Creative Fire, confirmed that a portion of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) was live streamed via social media, which prompted approximately 2,000 views.

Métis Family and Community Justice Services

Wendy Gervais, Minister of Métis Family and Community Justice Services (MFCJS), submitted a report and agreed to invite the MN-S Minister of Health to discussions related to MFCJS, given the potential overlapping health implications.

Environment

Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Minister of Environment, reviewed updates included in his report, and acknowledged engagements planned in communities within his region.

Back to Batoche

Sherry McLennan, Minister of Back to Batoche, provided updates on Back to Batoche.

Housing

Derek Langan, Minister of Housing, reported on the Housing Accord being prepared for a June 14, 2018 meeting with the Prime Minister.

Alex Maurice, Provincial Métis Veteran, agreed to submit information on grant funding available through federal government, to potentially support a Métis Veterans Homeless Program.

Education

Earl Cook, Minister of Education, referenced updates in his report and the opportunity to review issues with the Minister of Advanced Education prior to the June 20, 2018 Open House at Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) / Dumont Technical Institute (DTI).

MOU Between the MN-S and the Saskatchewan School Boards Association

The PMC authorized Earl Cook, Minister of Education, to sign a memorandum of understanding between the MN-S and the Saskatchewan School Boards Association, titled “Strengthening our Commitment for Success of Saskatchewan Métis Students”.

Framework Agreement

It was confirmed that the MN-S Framework Agreement was being reviewed by federal government officials, prior to signing at Batoche.

Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA)

The meeting discussed the April 14-15, 2018 MNLA. It was requested that guidelines be developed prior to the next MNLA, outlining a code of conduct for delegates. The guidelines should be sent to registrants in advance, and posted at the MNLA venue.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA)

Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, introduced the “Memorandum of Understanding, Working Toward a Healthier Population, Métis Nation of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Health Authority”, dated May 2018, which the PMC accepted in principle.

Minister Friesen confirmed that the MNC Health Committee, was scheduled to meet June 8, 2018, to finalize a Framework Agreement.

LFDM

The meeting acknowledged the importance of advertising the LFDM election, and ensuring that eligible voters had the opportunity to vote.

Strategic Planning

Staff was directed to schedule a PMC Strategic Planning Session.

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ACRONYM LIST

The following acronyms are used in this summary:

AGM	Annual General Meeting
CCDF	Clarence Campeau Development Fund
CCSF	Canadian Cultural Spaces Fund
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CIHR	Canadian Institutes of Health Research
CIRNAC	Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
DTI	Dumont Technical Institute
EY	Ernst & Young
GCIMS	Grants and Contributions Information Management System
GDI	Gabriel Dumont Institute
ISC	Indigenous Services Canada
LFDM	Les Filles de Madeleine
LFMO	Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak
MASCI	Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan Inc.
MFCJS	Métis Family and Community Justice Services
MMF	Manitoba Metis Federation
MNC	Métis National Council
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
SMEDCO	SaskMetis Economic Development Corporation
UPIP	Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples