



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
held March 10-11, 2022

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting held March 10-11, 2022, at the Elk Ridge Resort, Highway 264, Waskesui, Saskatchewan.

PMC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President	Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3*
Michelle LeClair, Vice President, Chair	Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A*
Lisa McCallum, Secretary	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3	Autumn LaRose-Smith, Provincial Métis Youth Council
Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1	Tammy Mah, Les Filles de Madeleine
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1	Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2	Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3	Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A*

ABSENT:

Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2

ALSO PRESENT:

Kurtis Boyer, University of Saskatchewan	Elder Deborah Smith
Elder Norman Fleury	

MN-S OFFICE:

Janice Braden, Senior Policy Analyst	Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
Lisa Fleming, Director, Early Learning and Childcare / Child and Family Services	Riva Racette, Legal Counsel
Brandy Laronde, Legislative Coordinator	Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer
Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research	Hamid Shahzad, Chief Financial Officer
Kelly Pruden, Project Manager	Matt Vermette, Chief Organizational Officer
	Shahab Yaqoob, Deputy Director, Budgeting and Planning

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Brandy Laronde, Legislative Coordinator (until March 10, 2022, at 3:50 p.m.)
Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary (after March 10, 2022, at 3:50 p.m.)

(Denotes participation by videoconference)*

AGENDA VARIED

The order of the agenda was varied at the meeting. Items are presented in these minutes in the order in which they were considered and numbered as indicated on the approved agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was scheduled to be held on March 11, 2022; however, due to inclement weather conditions, it was agreed that the meeting would begin on March 10, 2022, and conclude on March 11, 2022. After quorum was confirmed, the meeting was called to order on March 10, 2022, at approximately 1:20 p.m.

3. ROLL CALL

A roll call confirmed the PMC members in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Leonard Montgrand)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Brandy Laronde to act as Recording Secretary for its March 10-11, 2022 meeting, pending the arrival of Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary.

CARRIED (220310-01)

4. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered an Opening Prayer.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)

That the Agenda for the March 10-11, 2022 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) meeting be adopted, as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Recording Secretary
3. Roll Call
4. Opening Prayer
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Opening Remarks from the President
7. Review and Approval of the Minutes:
 - 7.1 Approval of the January 26, 2022 Minutes
 - 7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
8. Finance:
 - 8.1 Third Quarter Financial Update
 - 8.2 Update on Motions Approved by the Finance Committee
 - 8.3 Delegation of Signing Authority – Resolution
 - 8.4 Provincial Secretary - Finances
9. Resolutions:
 - 9.1 Resumption of Constitutional Reform Consultations
 - 9.2 Declaration of Employment
 - 9.3 Early Learning Child Care
 - 9.3.1 Extending the Michif and Dene Early Learning Pilot Project
 - 9.3.2 Accessibility Grants Program for Métis Children and Families
 - 9.3.3 Back to Batoche Outdoor Play Centre
 - 9.3.4 Community Enhancement Grant Program

- 9.4 Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Governors Appointment for Western Region 3
- 9.5 Summer Internship Program
- 9.6 Purchase of Land and Buildings from John and Victoria Arcand
- 9.7 Purchase of Land and Buildings Associated with the Former Rivier Academy
10. Updates:
 - 10.1 Local Commissioner
11. Human Resource Committee Update (In-Camera)
12. Other Business:
 - 12.1 Gabriel Dumont Institute (In-Camera)
13. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

CARRIED (220310-02)

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

7.1 Approval of the January 26, 2022 Minutes

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Minutes of the January 26, 2022, PMC Meeting

Brandy Laronde, Legislative Coordinator, read aloud the resolutions included in the minutes.

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

During discussion on the minutes, it was requested that an in-camera meeting be held to review confidentiality issues related to Resolution #220126-17, which directed staff to consider options for providing Regional Directors access to a list of Métis citizens in their respective regions.

Request for Action (RFA-220310-01)

It was requested that Les Filles de Madeleine (LFDM) promptly provide the following items requested at the November 15, 2021, and January 26, 2022, Provincial Métis Council (PMC) meetings:

- *Budget documents indicating how funds allocated to the LFDM have been utilized (including funding previously provided to the LFDM to support the September 2021 election);*
- *Clarification on the role of the LFDM and its relationship with the PMC;*
- *Further information on the upcoming election process, including the proposed election date;*
- *The LFDM Constitution and Bylaws document; and*
- *The Minutes of the April 10, 2021, LFDM Secretariat Inc. Board of Directors (referenced at the August 17, 2021, PMC Meeting).*

9.6 Purchase of Land and Building from John and Victoria Arcand

It was agreed to adjourn for an in-camera meeting to consider this item. Kathie Pruden Nansel left the meeting for this discussion.

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was MOVED (Kathie Pruden Nansel) and SECONDED (Wendy Gervais)

That the March 10-11, 2022 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now adjourn for an in-camera meeting.

CARRIED (220310-03)

(Time: 1:55 p.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

It was MOVED (Kathie Pruden Nansel) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

That the March 10-11, 2022 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now reconvene.

CARRIED (220310-04)
(Time: 2:35 p.m.)

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 2:35 p.m. and resumed at 2:45 p.m.

7.1 Approval of the January 26, 2022 Minutes (Continued)

It was MOVED (Laura Burnouf) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

That the Minutes of the January 26, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED (220310-05)

11. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

It was agreed to adjourn for an in-camera meeting to consider this item. Vice President LeClair left the meeting for this discussion.

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was MOVED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the March 10-11, 2022 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now adjourn for an in-camera meeting.

CARRIED (220310-06)
(Time: 2:55 p.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

It was MOVED (Kathie Pruden Nansel) and SECONDED (Brent Digness)

That the March 10-11, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now reconvene.

CARRIED (220310-07)
(Time: 3:40 p.m.)

Health Break

The meeting recessed at approximately 3:40 p.m. and reconvened at 3:50 p.m. Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary, was present when the meeting resumed.

8. FINANCE

8.1 Third Quarter Financial Update

Related information (provided with the agenda): Report titled, “Quarter 3 Ending 31 December 2021, Financial Report, Fiscal Year – 2021-22”

Hamid Shahzad, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the report provided and offered additional comments on:

- Charts indicating:
 - o A comparison of the MN-S’ 2020-21 and 2021-22 third-quarter income and expenditures
 - o A breakdown of MN-S’ revenues in the third quarter
 - o The revenues and expenses of major MN-S programs
- Revenues and expenses listed in the “MN-S’ Consolidated Income Statement for the Period Ending December 31, 2021”, and clarifications included in the explanatory notes
- Assets, liabilities, and equity listed in the “MN-S’ Statement of Financial Position as of 31 December 2021”.

Request for Action (RFA-220310-02)

It was requested that the spelling of île-à-la-Crosse be corrected in the “Quarter 3 Ending 31 December 2021, Financial Report, Fiscal Year – 2021-22”.

During discussion, comments and clarifications were offered on:

- Funding provided to organizations through contractual arrangements, such as the Central Urban Métis Federation Inc. (CUMFI)
- Clarification regarding vehicle allowances included in the MN-S Travel Policy
- An additional “Budget and Audit” breakout session planned at the pre-MNLA workshop.

Request for Action (RFA-220310-03)

It was requested that the Chief Financial Officer provide Minister Bouvier with a link to further information on allowances paid to MN-S Ministers.

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Leonard Montgrand)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) receive the following items for information, as presented to the PMC on March 10, 2022:

- The presentation provided on the “Third Quarter Financial Update”; and
- The report “Quarter 3 Ending 31 December 2021, Financial Report, Fiscal Year – 2021-22”.

CARRIED (220310-08)

8.2 Update on Motions Approved by the Finance Committee

Related information (provided with the agenda): List of “MN-S Finance Committee Motions (as of February 8, 2022)”

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, reviewed the list provided and offered comments on:

- Motions approved at Finance Committee meetings, not chaired by the Minister of Finance
- Proposals referred by the PMC to the Finance Committee for review and approval
- The intent that the Finance Committee reviews proposals with financial implications prior to being considered by the PMC.

Request for Action (RFA-220310-04)

It was requested that the List of “MN-S Finance Committee Motions (as of February 8, 2022)” be revised by prefacing each motion with: “That the Finance Committee recommends the Provincial Métis Council.”

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Funding allocated by the PMC on November 9, 2019, for small capital projects through a regional housing strategy (including funding to develop the project proposals)
- The MN-S’ proposal-based approach for project funding
- Seeking clarification of Resolution #191109-04, which intended to address housing needs in some regions.

Request for Action (RFA-220310-05)

It was requested that the October 2021 housing proposal package sent to Regional Representatives by the Director of Housing be re-sent.

Request for Action (RFA-220310-06)

It was requested that the Ministry of Housing and Ministry of Finance review the implications of Resolution #191109-04, which intended to address some regional housing needs.

8.3 Delegation of Signing Authority - Resolution

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft “Resolution to Revise Designated Signing Authorities”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution”

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Tim Roussin)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council passed a resolution on June 18, 2021, designating its signing authorities for MN-S’ banking-related documentation; and

WHEREAS on December 31, 2021, Robert LaFontaine, a designated signing authority, resigned from his position as the MN-S Treasurer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Robert LaFontaine be removed from the list of designated signing authorities for the MN-S’ banking-related documentation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MN-S’ banking-related documentation be signed by any two of the following designated signing authorities:

- Glen McCallum, President
- Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance
- Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
- Hamid Shahzad, Chief Financial Officer
- Matthew Vermette, Chief Operating Officer.

CARRIED (220310-09)

8.4 Provincial Secretary's Role

Lisa McCallum, Provincial Secretary, requested discussion on:

- A travel expense claim submitted by the Provincial Secretary, which was not accepted
- The feasibility of a salary increase for the Provincial Secretary's role.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The PMC's prior review of the Provincial Secretary's workplan, which was not approved
- The MN-S Travel Policy approved by the PMC on August 17, 2021, which did not include a travel budget for the Provincial Secretary
- Previous PMC resolutions and requests that PMC Executive Members notify Regional Directors when they are coming into their region to discuss MN-S business
- Feedback anticipated at the upcoming community consultation sessions on the role and duties of the Provincial Secretary.

Request for Action (RFA-220310-07)

President McCallum requested information on:

- *Previous PMC resolutions or requests, reminding Executive Members to notify Regional Directors when they are coming into their region to discuss MN-S business; and*
- *The MN-S Travel Policy approved by the PMC, which did not provide a travel budget specifically for the Provincial Secretary.*

MEETING ADJOURNED

The MN-S PMC Meeting held March 10-11, 2022, adjourned on March 10, 2022, at approximately 6:00 p.m. after agreeing to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on March 11, 2022.

MEETING RECONVENED

The MN-S PMC Meeting held March 10-11, 2022, reconvened on March 11, 2022, at 9:10 a.m. It was confirmed that the meeting was being live-streamed.

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYERS

President McCallum confirmed that quorum was present before calling the meeting back to order at approximately 9:15 a.m. Elders Norman Fleury and Deborah Smith offered Opening Prayers.

6. OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

President McCallum reviewed the MN-S' ongoing efforts to maintain relationships with other governments. He recalled the Oath of Office each PMC member agreed to, which recognized the rich history of the Métis people and the courage and dedication of their ancestors.

Additional comments were offered on:

- Recent changes to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions in Saskatchewan which would soon enable Grand Entry processions and other traditions to resume at MN-S events
- The PMC Retreat held prior to the March 10-11, 2022 PMC Meeting, which provided an opportunity to discuss governance issues and other priorities.

9. RESOLUTIONS

9.1 Resumption of Constitutional Reform Consultations

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- Draft “Resolution on the Resumption of Constitutional Reform Process and Consultations”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution”
- Report titled, “Voice of the People - Continuing our Constitutional Reform Journey”, dated March 11, 2022
- Briefing Note on “Constitutional Reform Consultation Plan and Proposed Budget”, dated March 11, 2022

Michelle LeClair, Vice President, and Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research, referred to the information provided, and commented on:

- The proposal to resume the Constitutional Reform Consultations in April 2022
- Collaborating with Regional Directors to schedule 1.5 days in each community, to provide evening sessions for people who work during the day, daytime sessions for Elders, and virtual sessions for citizens who are unable to attend in person
- Seven different “bundles” of inter-related topics to be considered at the sessions
- Plans to review the feedback before the next series of consultations in the fall of 2022.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Involving regional facilitators who understand the community’s unique needs to help coordinate the consultations (e.g. scheduling around seeding/harvesting seasons, accommodating language needs, arranging for written feedback, etc.)
- Potentially inviting local radio stations to broadcast consultations for citizens to listen to.

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Kathie Pruden Nansel)

WHEREAS delegates at the April 2019 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) directed the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) to conduct a constitutional reform process under Resolution #MNLA190414-11;

WHEREAS in 2020, the MN-S halted the constitutional reform process due to concerns arising from the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS it is essential that the transition from a not-for-profit to a self-governance model is based on consultations with Métis communities and the real needs of Métis citizens; and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee has reviewed a budget of \$1,938,000 for the resumption of constitutional reform engagements, as presented in the report titled, “Voice of the People: Continuing our Constitutional Reform Journey” for the 2022 fiscal year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Métis Council approves the “Voice of the People: Continuing our Constitutional Journey” plan, work plan and budget of \$1,938,000 as the model for resuming the constitutional reform process, beginning in April 2022.

CARRIED (220311-01)

9.2 Declaration of Employment

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft “Resolution on a Declaration of Employment”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution”

Autumn LaRose-Smith, President, Provincial Métis Youth Council, noted that although the November 15, 2021 Resolution #211115-10 confirmed that PMC members (with portfolios or Ministerial roles) would not hold outside employment, it did not specify a deadline.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Requiring PMC members who are portfolio holders and/or act in a ministerial role to notify the President in writing by March 31, 2022, that they do not hold outside employment
- An update anticipated by the next PMC meeting, confirming the status of PMC members who are portfolio holders and/or act in a ministerial role.

It was MOVED (Autumn LaRose-Smith) and SECONDED (Wendy Gervais)

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) passed Resolution #211115-10 on November 15, 2021, directing that PMC members “...who accept portfolios and who assume associated ministerial responsibilities are expected to devote themselves entirely to the pursuits of the MN-S and are prohibited from holding outside employment”;

WHEREAS the PMC members who are portfolio holders or who assume associated ministerial responsibilities have received ministerial financial compensation effective November 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS there was no fixed date attached to Resolution #211115-10 regarding confirmation of end dates of outside employment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that on or before March 31, 2022, all PMC members who are portfolio holders and/or act in a ministerial role are to confirm in writing to the President of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan, that they hold no outside employment, contracts, or any other employment obligations that would contravene the spirit and intent of the PMC’s November 15, 2021 Resolution #211115-10; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a report be provided on the status of PMC members who are portfolio holders and/or act in a ministerial role on or before the April 19, 2022 PMC meeting.

CARRIED (220311-02)

9.3 Early Learning Child Care

9.3.1 Extending the Michif and Dene Early Learning Pilot Project

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- *Draft “Resolution to Expand Michif and Dene Early Learning Project”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution”*
- *Briefing Note on the “Michif and Dene Early Learning Language Programming”*

Lisa Fleming, Director, Early Learning and Child Care / Child and Family Services, referred to the information provided and commented on the proposal to expand the Michif and Dene Early Learning Project to increase enrollment to up to 400 children from all regions.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Discussions with school divisions to identify schools for the program based on their size, space, location, and other factors
- Efforts to initially establish at least one program in each region
- Consultations needed on early learning programs to ensure that the language and dialects being taught reflect the community's needs.

It was MOVED (Tim Roussin) and SECONDED (Loretta King)

WHEREAS the future of Michif and Dene languages will be strengthened with early language programming in a high-quality learning environment;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) currently supports Michif and Dene early learning programming in nine school divisions for more than 230 Métis children and their families;

WHEREAS expanding this project to the remaining six additional MN-S Regions will provide more Métis children with an opportunity to learn their language and Métis identity;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Early Learning and Child Care has recommended to the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) at this meeting of March 10-11, 2022, that the Michif and Dene Early Learning Pilot Project be extended for the school years of 2022-23 and 2023-24; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Early Learning and Child Care has further recommended that the Michif and Dene Early Learning Pilot Project be expanded to include six additional MN-S Regions at this meeting of March 10-11, 2022;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S PMC approves the extension of the Michif and Dene Early Learning Pilot Project for the school years of 2022-23 and 2023-24 in accordance with the following funding allocations, as proposed at this meeting of March 10-11, 2022:

- a) \$2,600,000 for the 2022-23 school year; and
- b) \$2,250,000 for the 2023-24 school year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PMC approves the expansion of the Michif and Dene Early Learning Pilot Project to include schools within Northern Region 1, Eastern Region 1, Eastern Region 2, Eastern Region 2A, Eastern Region 3 and Western Region 1A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PMC authorizes the Ministry of Early Learning and Child Care to establish partnership agreements with the school divisions within each of the designated MN-S Regions as part of the project.

CARRIED (220311-03)

Change in Chair

President McCallum assumed the Chair for consideration of Item 9.3.2.

9.3.2 Accessibility Grants Program for Métis Children and Families

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- *Draft "Resolution to Fund Métis Accessibility Grants Program for Métis Children and Families", labelled "For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution"*
- *Briefing Note on the "Accessibility Support Grants", dated March 8, 2022*

Lisa Fleming, Director, Early Learning and Child Care / Child and Family Services, referred to the information provided.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Collaborating with relevant MN-S ministries (e.g. the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Child and Family Services, and others) to assist qualified MN-S families
- Including representatives from multiple MN-S ministries on the selection committee being established to review the funding applications
- The program's intent to support children under eight years of age; requests for children over eight years of age could be considered.

Request for Action (RFA-220311-01)

It was requested that clarification be provided at the next Provincial Métis Council Meeting on whether Métis children have access to funding intended for First Nations children through Jordan's Principle.

It was MOVED (Tim Roussin) and SECONDED (Loretta King)

WHEREAS Métis children who are impacted by complex medical, academic and behavioural needs may require additional supports;

WHEREAS supporting medically fragile and developmentally complex children may present undue financial hardships for Métis families;

WHEREAS financial assistance in the form of an annual Métis Children Accessibility Grants Program will allow Métis children and families to access supports and programs that may enhance the quality of life experiences;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Métis Children Accessibility Grants Program will assist qualified Métis families with up to \$5,000 annually to support a documented diagnosis requiring financial support, in order for the qualified Métis child and family to access the requested needs and services;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Early Learning and Child Care will establish a selection committee to review and approve grant applications based on need, diagnosis, and documentation not to exceed \$5,000 per individual child and \$2,000,000 in the entirety of the 2022-23 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Early Learning and Child Care has further recommended that the Métis Children Accessibility Grants Program be established at this meeting of March 10-11, 2022;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S Provincial Métis Council approves the Métis Children Accessibility Grants Program at this meeting of March 10-11, 2022.

CARRIED (220311-04)

9.3.3 Back to Batoche Outdoor Play Centre

This item was referred to the Finance Committee for review and subsequent approval at a future PMC meeting.

9.3.4 Community Enhancement Grant Program

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- *Draft “Resolution to Fund Community Enhancement Grants to Métis Programs”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution”*
- *Briefing Note on the “Community Enhancement Early Years Grant Program”, dated March 8, 2022*

Lisa Fleming, Director, Early Learning and Child Care / Child and Family Services, referred to the information provided, and offered additional comments on:

- The program’s intent to enable qualified community groups to apply for grant funding
- Establishing a committee to consider funding applications and how they will meet the needs of Métis children and their families.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The importance of involving families or a mentor to work with families, to support the revitalization of languages
- Opportunities for all MN-S ministries to work together to benefit Métis families
- Establishing cross-departmental committees to support multi-ministry collaboration
- The Finance Committee’s review of the project and recommendation that it be approved.

Health Break

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

Request for Action (RFA-220311-02)

It was requested that whenever possible, future resolutions presented to the Provincial Métis Council for consideration, begin with the following “WHEREAS” clauses:

- *“WHEREAS the government of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) will include distinctiveness processes based on our identity, culture, values and language, inclusive of knowledge keepers, Elders, youth and distinct resources” and;*
- *“WHEREAS the [insert relevant Ministry’s name] works across all MN-S ministries to create a collaborative process to review new and existing programs”.*

It was MOVED (Tim Roussin) and SECONDED (Loretta King)

WHEREAS the government of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) will include distinctiveness processes based on our identity, culture, values and language, inclusive of knowledge keepers, Elders, youth and distinct resources;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Early Learning and Child Care will work across all MN-S ministries to create a collaborative process to review new and existing programs;

WHEREAS high-quality Métis focused early learning and child care programs enhance opportunities for Métis children in our Nation;

WHEREAS Métis Elder and Old Ones’ involvement, Métis language programs, and Métis land-based learning programs will build strong cultural awareness in early learning programs for our Métis children and families;

WHEREAS Métis early learning community programs recognize needs and can respond accordingly;

WHEREAS a cross-ministerial process will review and approve grant applications based on existing program plans and community needs, not to exceed \$40,000 per individual project and \$2,850,000 in the entirety of the 2022-23 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Early Learning and Child Care has further recommended that the Community Enhancement Grants be established, at this meeting of March 10-11, 2022;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S Provincial Métis Council approves the Community Enhancement Grant Program at this meeting of March 10-11, 2022.

CARRIED (220311-05)

9.4 Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Governors Appointment for Western Region 3

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft “Resolution to Appoint a GDI Board Member for Western Region 3”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution”

During discussion, comments were offered on the application process for participating on the Gabriel Dumont Institute’s Board of Governors.

It was MOVED (Wendy Gervais) and SECONDED (Kathie Pruden Nansel)

WHEREAS Western Region 3, at their duly held meeting on February 3, 2022, recommended that Marilyn Fazakas be appointed to the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) Board of Governors as the Western Region 3 representative;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Métis Council ratify the appointment of Marilyn Fazakas to the GDI Board of Governors as the Western Region 3 representative.

CARRIED (220311-06)

9.5 Summer Internship Program

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- *Draft “Resolution: Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Summer Internship Program”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution”*
- *Briefing Note on the “Community Enhancement Early Years Grant Program”, dated March 8, 2022*

Lisa Fleming, Director, Early Learning and Child Care / Child and Family Services, referred to the information provided and commented on the proposal to hire 24 students entering or returning to a post-secondary program in the fall.

It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier)

WHEREAS the government of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) will include distinctiveness processes based on our identity, culture, values and language, inclusive of knowledge keepers, Elders, youth and distinct resources;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education will work across all MN-S ministries to create a collaborative process to review new and existing programs;

WHEREAS high-quality Métis focused post-secondary programs enhance opportunities for Métis learners in our Nation;

WHEREAS Métis post-secondary community programs recognize needs and can respond accordingly;

WHEREAS access to employment opportunities will support our post-secondary learners in achieving their goals and successfully completing their programs and future employability;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education will strike a selection committee to review and approve 24 internship applications based on program plans, with a project budget not to exceed \$500,000 in the 2021-2022 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education has further recommended that the Summer Internship program be established at this meeting of March 10-11, 2022;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Métis Council approves the Summer Internship program at this meeting of March 10-11, 2022.

CARRIED (220311-07)

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was MOVED (Autumn LaRose-Smith) and SECONDED (Brent Digness)

That the March 10-11, 2022 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now adjourn for an in-camera meeting.

CARRIED (220311-08)
(Time: 11:55 a.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

It was MOVED (Laura Burnouf) and SECONDED (Brent Digness)

That the March 10-11, 2022 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now reconvene.

CARRIED (220311-09)
(Time: 2:05 p.m.)

9. RESOLUTIONS

9.6 Purchase of Land and Buildings from John and Victoria Arcand

This item was considered during the preceding in-camera meeting.

9.7 Purchase of Land and Buildings Associated with the Former Rivier Academy

This item was considered during the preceding in-camera meeting.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Gabriel Dumont Institute

This item was considered during the preceding in-camera meeting.

13. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

The March 10-11, 2022 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting concluded at 2:05 p.m. with Closing Prayers offered by Elder Fleury and Elder Smith.

LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were considered at the March 10-11, 2022 PMC meeting:

1. Draft Agenda for the March 11, 2022, MN-S PMC Regular Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the January 26, 2022, MN-S PMC Regular Meeting
3. Report titled, “Quarter 3 Ending 31 December 2021, Financial Report, Fiscal Year – 2021-22”
4. List of “MN-S Finance Committee Motions (as of February 8, 2022)”
5. Draft “Resolution to Revise Designated Signing Authorities”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution”
6. Draft "Resolution on the Resumption of Constitutional Reform Process and Consultations", labelled "For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution"
7. Report titled, "Voice of the People - Continuing our Constitutional Reform Journey", dated March 11, 2022
8. Briefing Note on "Constitutional Reform Consultation Plan and Proposed Budget", dated March 11, 2022
9. Draft “Resolution on a Declaration of Employment”, labelled "For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution"
10. Draft "Resolution to Expand Michif and Dene Early Learning Project", labelled "For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution"
11. Briefing Note on the "Michif and Dene Early Learning Language Programming"
12. Draft "Resolution to Fund Métis Accessibility Grants Program for Métis Children and Families", labelled "For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution"
13. Briefing Note on the "Accessibility Support Grants", dated March 8, 2022
14. Draft "Resolution to Fund Community Enhancement Grants to Métis Programs", labelled "For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution"
15. Briefing Note on the "Community Enhancement Early Years Grant Program", dated March 8, 2022
16. Draft “Resolution to Appoint a GDI Board Member for Western Region 3”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution”
17. Draft "Resolution: Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Summer Internship Program", labelled "For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution"
18. Briefing Note on the “Community Enhancement Early Years Grant Program", dated March 8, 2022

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

CUMFI	Central Urban Métis Federation Inc.
GDI	Gabriel Dumont Institute
LFDM	Les Filles de Madeleine
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council