



**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**
held October 25, 2022

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting held October 25, 2022, at the Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront, 1133 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC.

PMC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President	Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3
Michelle LeClair, Vice President	Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A*
Lisa McCallum, Secretary	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1	Autumn LaRose-Smith, Provincial Métis Youth Council
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1	Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2*
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2	Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A*

REGRETS:

Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3	Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Elder Norman Fleury	

ABSENT:

Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3	Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A
Tammy Mah, Les Filles de Madeleine	

DUMONT'S SCOUTS:

Felix Merasty	Josie Searson
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MN-S OFFICE:

Jordan Burnouf, Advisor to the Vice President	Jason Mercredi, Acting Director of Housing
Lisa Fleming, Director of Early Learning and Childcare	Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research
Chris Gall, Senior General Counsel	Adel Panahi, Director of Health
Zareen Jawaid, Deputy Director of Finance, Affiliates and Subsidies	Kelly Pruden, Executive Project Manager
Christena Konrad, Director of Housing	Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
Brandy Laronde, Legislative Coordinator	Riva Farrell Racette, Legal Counsel
Claire Letendre, Technical Support	Merrilee Rasmussen, Legal Counsel (joined at 7:15 p.m.)*
Brennan Merasty, Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer	Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer
	Matt Vermette, Chief Operating Officer
	Shahab Yaqoob, Deputy Director, Budgeting and Planning

LOCAL PRESIDENTS

Barry Falcon, Local 53	Kelvin Roy, Local 5
Victor Guillet, Local 51	Linda Sopp, Local 25
Darlene McKay, Local 7	

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Jessi Connaughton, Recording Secretary

* denotes attendance by videoconference

AGENDA VARIED

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Glen McCallum called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

4. OPENING PRAYER

Secretary Lisa McCallum offered an Opening Prayer.

6. OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

President McCallum recalled a recent meeting with federal government representatives and commented on the significance of the Government of Canada's recognition of the MN-S as a government. The President confirmed that important updates on MN-S files and activities would be provided at the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA), scheduled November 18-20, 2022, in Saskatoon.

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Jessi Connaughton as Recording Secretary for its October 25, 2022 meeting.

CARRIED (221025-01)

3. ROLL CALL

Vice President Michelle LeClair, Chair, conducted a roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Ryan Carriere)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) convene a Special Meeting of the PMC to consider the following items:

- 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements
- Auditors for 2022-2023
- Budget 2022-2023

CARRIED (221025-02)

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

That the Agenda for the October 25, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) meeting be approved, as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Appointment of the Recording Secretary
3. Roll Call
4. Opening Prayer
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Opening Remarks from President Glen McCallum

7. Review and Approval of the Minutes:
 - 7.1 Approval of the Draft Minutes of the September 20, 2022, PMC Meeting
8. Resolutions:
 - 8.1 Speaker and Deputy Speaker - MNLA
 - 8.2 Minute Taker - MNLA
 - 8.3 Order of the Day – MNLA
 - 8.4 Dumont's Scouts - MNLA
 - 8.5 Local Participation at MNLA
 - 8.6 Housing and Infrastructure
 - 8.6.1 Emergency Repair Program
9. Rules of the House
10. Ma Faamiii – Province-Wide Infrastructure (In Camera)
11. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

CARRIED (221025-03)

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

7.1 Approval of the Draft Minutes of the September 20, 2022 PMC Meeting

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Minutes of the September 20, 2022, PMC Meeting

Secretary McCallum read aloud the resolutions and decisions included in the minutes.

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, provided updates on the following Requests for Action (RFAs):

- RFA-220920-09: The status of Early Learning and Child Care Community Enhancement grant funding was distributed to all PMC members
- RFA-220920-10: A Special Meeting of the PMC will be convened to review the financial breakdown, and consider the 2021-22 Audited Financial Statements and Budget 2022-23.

Request for Action (RFA-221025-01)

It was requested that the following items be included on the agenda for the next Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting: Elders Council and Elders Protocols; and, 2022 Batoche Veteran's budget request.

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Brent Digness)

That the Minutes of the September 20, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED (221025-04)

8. RESOLUTIONS

8.1 Minute Taker - MNLA

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft resolution titled, "Resolution to Approve Minute Taker for the Spring 2022 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly", dated October 25, 2022

It was MOVED (Loretta King) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock as the official Minute Taker for the November 19-20, 2022, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.

CARRIED (221025-05)

8.2 Order of the Day - MNLA

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft "Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Adopting the Agenda/Order of the Day for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly", dated October 25, 2022

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Leonard Montgrand)

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at their duly held meeting on August 8, 2022, resolved that the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) would be called for November 18-20, 2022;

WHEREAS the PMC further resolved that the November 18-20, 2022, MNLA would be held in person at Prairieland Park, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS Articles 6.2 and 6.3 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act* (the "Act"), as amended, directs the Clerk of the MNLA, as defined in Article 2.4 of the Act, to draft an agenda for the MNLA as directed by the PMC and to compile the necessary documentation for the Order of the Day;

WHEREAS an agenda is hereby proposed for the MNLA to be held on November 18-20, 2022;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC, at this meeting of October 25, 2022, hereby approves the following Agenda to be referred to the MNLA on November 18-20, 2022:

I. DIALOGUE FORUMS – NOVEMBER 18, 2022

II. MNLA DAY ONE – NOVEMBER 19, 2022

1. Grand Entry:
 - a. Opening Prayer
 - b. Fiddle – Dean Smith
 - c. Métis Anthem
 - d. O Canada
2. State of the Nation - President McCallum
3. Address by Provincial Métis Youth Council President
4. Greetings:
 - a. Métis National Council
 - b. Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
 - c. Federal Government Representative
 - d. Provincial Government Representative
 - e. Mayor of the City of Saskatoon
5. Health Break
6. Roll Call
 - a. Registered Delegates
7. Resolution for Rules of the House – Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA
8. MNLA Motions:
 - a. Adoption of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker
 - b. Adoption of the Minute Taker – Carrie Peacock
 - c. Order of the Day – Adoption of Agenda
 - d. Adoption of Dumont's Scouts
 - e. Adoption of New/Dissolved Locals
 - f. Adoption of Ministerial Reassignments

9. Review of the June 4-5, 2022 MNLA Minutes:
 - a. Reading of the Record of Decisions – June 4-5, 2022 MNLA Minutes
 - b. Adoption of the June 4-5, 2022 MNLA Minutes
 10. Lunch
 11. Legal Update – Thomas Isaac, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP, (TBC):
 - a. Self-Government
 - b. Land Claims
 - c. Harvesting
 12. Presentation on Health Legislation – Marg Friesen, Minister of Health
 13. Review of 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements
 - a. Approval of Auditor for 2022-2023
 14. Adjournment
 15. Closing Prayer
- Banquet and Entertainment

III. MNLA DAY TWO – NOVEMBER 20, 2022

1. Opening Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Chief Executive Officer Report – Richard Quintal
4. Update on the Commission for the Review of Locals – Michael Gatin, Commissioner
5. Motions to Accept Reports:
 - a. Executive
 - b. Regional
 - c. Ministerial
 - d. Affiliates
5. Resolutions:
 - a. Tabled Resolutions from the June 4-5, 2022 MNLA
 - b. New Resolutions
6. Conclusion

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT as defined in Article 2.11 of the Act, that the Clerk of the MNLA prepare the Order of the Day for November 19-20, 2022.

CARRIED (221025-06)

Change in Chair

President McCallum assumed the Chair for consideration of items 8.3 and 8.5.

8.3 Dumont's Scouts - MNLA

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Resolution to Appoint Dumont's Scouts for the November 18-20, 2022 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly, dated October 25, 2022

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)

WHEREAS Article 8.1 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act* (the "Act") provides that Dumont's Scouts be appointed by the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) to maintain order and procedure during the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following shall be the Dumont's Scouts for the November 19-20, 2022 MNLA: John Belanger, Adam Daigneault, Wade Daigneault, Felix Merasty and Josie Searson.

CARRIED (221025-07)

8.5 Local Participation at the MNLA

Related information (displayed on screen): Draft "Resolution to Have Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Locals Participate in the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly for 2022", dated October 25, 2022

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Lisa McCallum)

WHEREAS pursuant to Article 2, Section 1, of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (the "*Constitution*"), the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) is the governing authority of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S);

WHEREAS Article 7 of the *Constitution* sets out the foundational requirements for Locals of the MN-S;

WHEREAS Article 7, Section 5, of the *Constitution* provides that the MNLA "shall adopt rules pertaining to the admission and dissolution of Locals";

WHEREAS no formal rules have been adopted by the MNLA with respect to the admission of Locals;

WHEREAS a number of Locals have elected Presidents but, because they have not been recognized by their respective Regional Councils, have not participated at a MNLA since 2018;

WHEREAS the MNLA has directed the MN-S to hire a Commissioner on the Review of Locals to review, among other things, the criteria for recognition of Locals by Regional Councils and a ratification mission by the MNLA;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in 2022-23 while the review of Locals is underway, the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) shall recommend to the MNLA that those Locals which are in compliance with all Constitutional requirements of the MN-S, and have applied for recognition, but have been rejected by their Regional Councils, be permitted to participate at the November 19-20, 2022, MNLA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PMC recommends to the MNLA that the aforementioned Locals be considered for inclusion as voting members at the MNLA on November 19-20, 2022, until such time that the Commissioner on the Review of Locals has completed their mandate.

CARRIED (221025-08)

Regional Director Billy Kennedy voted in opposition

Change in Chair

Vice President LeClair assumed the Chair at this point.

8.6 Housing and Infrastructure

8.6.1 Emergency Repair Program (ERP)

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- Briefing Note titled, "Emergency Home Repairs Funding Request", dated October 17, 2022
- Draft Resolution titled, "Emergency Repair Program", dated October 25, 2022

Jason Mercredi, Acting Director of Housing, reviewed the information provided, and confirmed

that the MN-S Finance Committee reviewed the budget request on October 25, 2022. During discussion, it was confirmed that the \$4 million from the Métis Housing Strategy did not include funds for the Northern Housing Strategy.

President McCallum commended Minister King and the MN-S Housing and Infrastructure Department for their efforts in re-establishing the ERP and confirmed that the MN-S was in discussions at the federal level for increased resources for housing in northern Saskatchewan.

Request for Action (RFA-221025-02)

It was requested that representatives from the MN-S Housing and Infrastructure Department travel to Northern Regions 1, 2 and 3 to conduct engagement sessions on housing needs in northern Saskatchewan.

It was MOVED (Loretta King) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the distinctiveness of Métis identity, culture, values and language - inclusive of Knowledge Keepers, Elders, Youth and distinctive resources – which is incorporated into proposals and decisions of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC);

WHEREAS the Ministry of Housing works across all MN-S Ministries to create a collaborative process to review new and existing programs;

WHEREAS the demand for the Emergency Repair Program (ERP) reopened on October 11, 2022, with an additional \$2 million for new applications, and the uptake for the program was totally committed within seven days as a result of citizens waiting for the program to reopen with new program funds; and

WHEREAS the Métis Housing Strategy has a budgetary carry-over of funds from the past three fiscal years which can be reallocated to the ERP.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC is requested to approve the reallocated funds of \$4 million from the Métis Housing Strategy to the ERP for the remainder of the 2022-2023 fiscal year, to continue making funding available for the emergency housing needs of citizens through an established application process.

CARRIED (221025-09)

9. RULES OF THE HOUSE

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft "Rules of the House of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly", labeled "Rules 2022-10-13 ver. 4"

Vice President LeClair confirmed that the "Rules of the House" were provided for information and would be discussed during the November 18, 2022, MNLA Dialogue Forums. PMC members were welcomed to send any related comments to Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research.

10. MA FAAMII – PROVINCE-WIDE INFRASTRUCTURE

It was agreed to adjourn for an in-camera session for consideration of this item.

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Glen McCallum)

That the October 25, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular meeting now adjourn for an in-camera meeting.

CARRIED (221025-10)

(Time: 7:30 p.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

It was MOVED (Autumn LaRose-Smith) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

That the October 25, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Regular meeting now reconvene.

CARRIED (221025-11)

(Time: 8:10 p.m.)

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Resource Tools for Métis People Experiencing Cancer

Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, referenced two booklets introduced at a recent Health Forum in Ottawa, which were co-created by the Ministry of Health and the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer, as resource tools for Métis people in Saskatchewan who were experiencing cancer:

- "Your Guide to Help You Understand Cancer and Heal – *Toon Liivr chi Nishitohtamun li Kaansayer*"; and
- The "Journal and Planner for Métis Cancer Patients – *Aen Ooshipayhaamihk aen Pchi Liivr pi aen Kalaandriyii poor aniki kaa Aahkooshichik avik li Kaansayr*".

The first copies were presented to Anita Smith, Saskatchewan Métis cancer survivor.

Minister Friesen extended gratitude to the Ministry of Health team who helped to create the booklets, and noted they would be distributed throughout Saskatchewan to cancer agencies, clinics and Saskatchewan Health Authority centres.

12. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

It was MOVED (Autumn LaRose-Smith)

That the October 25, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now conclude.

CARRIED (221025-12)

(Time: 8:15 p.m.)

The October 25, 2022, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting concluded with a Closing Prayer offered by Elder Josie Searson.

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were considered at the October 25, 2022, PMC Regular meeting:

1. Draft Agenda for the October 25, 2022, MN-S PMC Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the September 20, 2022, MN-S PMC Meeting
3. Draft resolution titled, "Appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly", dated October 25, 2022
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8. Draft Resolution titled, "Emergency Repair Program", dated October 25, 2022

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

ERP	Emergency Repair Program
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
RFA	Request for Action