



Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Resolution

DATE: May 27, 2023

Resolution MNLA230527-01

SUBJECT: Rules of the House

MOVED BY: Glen McCallum President

SECONDED BY: Michelle LeClair Vice President

DECISION: **CARRIED** (68 voted in favour, 22 voted in opposition, 2 abstained)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) possesses the authority to enact rules governing its own procedures;

WHEREAS it is desirable that the MNLA has rules in place governing the conduct of its own procedures, and there are currently no such rules in place;

WHEREAS the MNLA passed Resolution #MNLA211128-08 directing the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan government to prepare written rules and procedures governing the conduct of MNLAs, to be brought back to the MNLA for approval; and

WHEREAS it is appropriate that the MNLA adopt such rules, with the understanding that the rules are evergreen in nature and will evolve over time;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA hereby approve the rules and procedures, appended hereto as “Appendix A” (the “Rules of the House”), as the rules and procedures will apply henceforth for all MNLAs.

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Richard Quintal
Clerk of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly



Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Resolution

DATE: May 27, 2023 Resolution MNLA230527-02

SUBJECT: Appointing the Speaker and Deputy Speaker

MOVED BY: Michelle LeClair Vice President

SECONDED BY: Glen McCallum President

DECISION: **CARRIED** (82 voted in favour, 5 voted in opposition, 0 abstained)

WHEREAS Article 5 of the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act (the Act) directs the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) to appoint a Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA);

WHEREAS the MN-S PMC, at their duly called meeting on January 17, 2023, resolved that the 2023 Spring MNLA would be held on May 26-28, 2023; and

WHEREAS the PMC, at their duly called meeting on January 17, 2023, recommended the appointments of John Lagimodiere as Speaker and Merelda Fiddler-Potter as Deputy Speaker for the MNLA for a two-year term beginning in the Spring of 2023, with the option of a one-year extension;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA now ratify the appointments of John Lagimodiere as Speaker and Merelda Fiddler-Potter as Deputy Speaker for the MNLA for a two-year term with the option of a one-year extension.

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Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Resolution

DATE: May 27, 2023

Resolution MNLA230527-03

SUBJECT: Appointing the Minute Taker

MOVED BY: Loretta King

Western Region 1

SECONDED BY: Laura Burnouf

Northern Region 1

DECISION: **CARRIED** (86 voted in favour, 0 voted in opposition, 0 abstained)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) hereby appoints Carrie Peacock as the official Minute Taker for the May 27-28, 2023 MNLA.

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Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Resolution

DATE: May 27, 2023 Resolution MNLA230527-04

SUBJECT: Order of the Day (Adoption of the Agenda)

MOVED BY: Marg Friesen Eastern Region 3

SECONDED BY: Leonard Montgrand Northern Region 2

DECISION: **CARRIED** (83 voted in favour, 4 voted in opposition, 2 abstained)

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at their duly held meeting on January 17, 2023, resolved that a Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) would be called for May 26-28, 2023;

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 MN-S MNLA to be held on May 27-28, 2023;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA hereby adopts the following agenda for the May 27-28, 2023 MNLA:

DIALOGUE FORUMS – May 26, 2023

DAY ONE – May 27, 2023

- Grand Entry:
 - o Fiddler – Dean Smith
 - o Opening Prayer – Elder Norman Fleury
 - o Métis Anthem – Loretta King, Western Region 1
 - o O Canada – Loretta King, Western Region 1
- State of the Nation Address – Glen McCallum, President
- Greetings:
 - o Cassidy Caron, President, Métis National Council
 - o Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
 - o Federal Representative
 - o Provincial Representative
 - o Mayor of the City of Saskatoon
- Roll Call of Registered Voting Delegates – Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA
- MNLA Resolutions:
 - o Adoption of the Rules of the House
 - o Appointing the Speaker and Deputy Speaker

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- Appointing the Minute Taker
 - Order of the Day (Adoption of the Agenda)
 - Acceptance of New and Dissolved Locals
 - Review of the November 19-20, 2022 MNLA Minutes:
 - Reading of the Record of Decisions
 - Adoption of the Minutes
 - Business Arising from the Minutes
 - Legal and Legislation Panel – Update and Discussion:
 - Michelle LeClair, Vice President
 - Thomas Isaac, Cassels Brock and Blackwell LLP
 - Budget for C-92 Consultations and Métis Child and Family Services Plan
 - MN-S Operating Budget for 2023-2024
 - Position Paper on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
 - Commission for the Review of Locals - Update
 - Adjournment and Closing Prayer

DAY TWO – May 28, 2023

- Opening Prayer
- Roll Call of Registered Voting Delegates – Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA
- Chief Executive Officer’s Report – Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
- Technical Panel A: Ministries and Departments
 - Health and Addictions
 - Environment
 - Education and Post-Secondary Education
 - Language and Culture
- Technical Panel B: Ministries and Departments
 - Women (MMIWG – Family Information Liaison Office) and Youth
 - Housing
 - Ma Faamii
 - Early Learning and Childcare
- Motion to Accept Reports:
 - Executive Reports
 - Regional Representatives Reports
 - Ministerial Reports
 - Affiliate Reports
- Motions and Resolutions
- Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

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Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Resolution

DATE: May 27, 2023

Resolution MNLA230527-05

SUBJECT: Amending the Agenda

MOVED BY: Lisa McCallum

Secretary

SECONDED BY: Marg Friesen

Eastern Region 3

DECISION: CARRIED

That the order of the agenda for the May 27-28, 2023 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly be amended to consider "Item 4. Legal and Legislation Panel – Update and Discussion" before "Item 3. Review of the November 19-20, 2022 MNLA Minutes".

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DATE: May 27, 2023

Resolution MNLA230527-06

SUBJECT: Adoption of the Minutes

MOVED BY: Marg Friesen

Eastern Region 3

SECONDED BY: Loretta King

Western Region 1

DECISION: **CARRIED** (75 voted in favour, 1 voted in opposition, 1 abstained)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) hereby adopts the Minutes of the November 19-20, 2022, MNLA, as presented on May 27, 2023.

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Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Resolution

DATE: May 27, 2023 Resolution MNLA230527-07

SUBJECT: Bill C-92 Consultations and Métis Child and Family Services Plan

MOVED BY: Michelle LeClair Vice President

SECONDED BY: Glen McCallum President

DECISION: **CARRIED** (82 voted in favour, 5 voted in opposition, 0 abstained)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan has a history that encompasses the exercise of its inherent right to self-determination, including self-government;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan has created, developed, and evolved the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) as a Métis Nation Government comprised of democratic institutions at the local, regional, and provincial levels to represent Métis Citizens within Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS the MN-S was awarded restricted funding through the Government of Canada's distinctions-based Governance Engagement Mechanisms (GEMS) process to explore the potential of affirming the rights and jurisdiction of the MN-S over child and family services for Métis Citizens under *Bill C-92 - An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families (Bill C-92)*;

WHEREAS it is important to engage and consult Métis Citizens to identify their needs, priorities, and values and ensure their lived experiences guide recommendations for the implementation of a Métis-distinct child and family service delivery system within Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS it is important to engage and consult practitioners, stakeholders and other affected parties to ensure their experiences guide recommendations for the implementation of a Métis-distinct child and family service delivery system within Saskatchewan; and

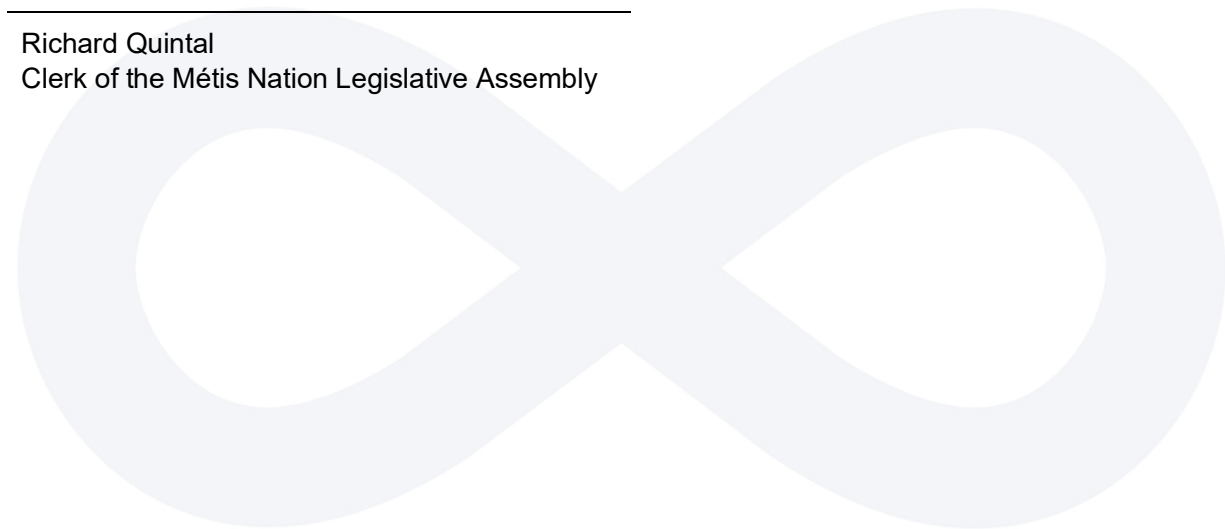
WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council, at their duly held meeting on April 25, 2023, approved a proposed budget to engage within the obligations of the GEMS funding agreement and recommended ratification by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA approve the proposed budget for MN-S Consultations for Bill C-92 in the amount of \$1.7 million, as awarded by the Federal Government and as detailed in “Appendix B - Proposed Budget”.

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Clerk of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly





Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Resolution

DATE: May 27, 2023 Resolution MNLA230527-08

SUBJECT: Approving the MN-S Budget for 2023-2024

MOVED BY: Marg Friesen Minister of Finance

SECONDED BY: Autumn Laing-LaRose PMYC President

DECISION: **CARRIED** (63 voted in favour, 22 voted in opposition, 0 abstained)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) adheres to established financial standards and accounting policies for all funds received on behalf of Métis citizens of Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council approved the draft budget for 2023-2024 as presented on March 15, 2023, and recommended that it be presented to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) for ratification;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNLA approves the draft MN-S Budget for 2023-2024 as presented on May 27, 2023.

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Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Resolution

DATE: May 27, 2023 Resolution MNLA230527-09

SUBJECT: Amending the Agenda

MOVED BY: Mervin "Tex" Bouvier Northern Region 3

SECONDED BY: Wendy Gervais Western Region 3

DECISION: CARRIED

That the order of the agenda for the May 27-28, 2023 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly be amended, to move consideration of "Item 7. Position Paper on the UNDRIP Act" and "Item 8. Commission for the Review of Locals - Update", from May 27 to May 28, 2023.

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Clerk of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly



Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Resolution

DATE: May 28, 2023

Resolution MNLA230528-01

SUBJECT: Position Paper on the *UNDRIP Act*

MOVED BY: Michelle LeClair

Vice President

SECONDED BY: Laura Burnouf

Northern Region 1

DECISION: **CARRIED** (83 voted in favour, 7 voted in opposition, 2 abstained)

WHEREAS on June 21, 2021, the Government of Canada (Canada) enacted the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (UNDRIP Act)*, which codifies Canada's commitment to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP);

WHEREAS "Kwayskahstahsoowin" is the Cree word for "Setting Things Right" ("Kwaayesh Aashtaayaahk" in Michif and "Ĕta nideł Ĕta Ĕghëdëleda há" in Dëñë) which the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) believes is the overarching approach that Canada must adopt in the implementation of the *UNDRIP Act*;

WHEREAS the UNDRIP is an international human rights document that reflects the "minimum standards" of Indigenous rights around the world;

WHEREAS in carrying out the *UNDRIP Act* and its commitments set out therein, Canada must consider the diversity of Indigenous peoples and, in particular, the diversity of the identities, cultures, languages, customs, practices, rights and legal traditions of the Métis and of their institutions and governance structures, their relationships to the land, and Indigenous knowledge;

WHEREAS the MN-S has made it clear that the Métis expect a relationship with Canada which reflects the exercise of inherent Métis rights and jurisdiction of the Métis as a self-governing people;

WHEREAS the MN-S has set out its position and expectations in the position paper titled "Kwaayesh Aashtaayaahk / Kwayskahstahsoowin / Ĕta nideł Ĕta Ĕghëdëleda há", as it relates to self-government and the affirmation of jurisdictional areas;

WHEREAS the MN-S requires financial and technical capacity in order to further build and operate a Métis government that is able to deliver services, programs, and other supports to its Citizens such that its Citizens are able to enjoy the rights contained in UNDRIP and supported by Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*;

WHEREAS the MN-S is best placed to determine its capacity needs given its proximity to, and its relationship with, its Citizens; and Canada’s provision of funding must reflect the MN-S’ input to ensure that current challenges around the chronic lack of capacity are eliminated; and

WHEREAS in the words of Louis Riel, the Métis “will not allow even the Dominion of Canada to trample on our rights”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) calls on Canada to meaningfully implement the UNDRIP and the *UNDRIP Act* in a manner that is grounded in the rights of self-determination and the right to self-government of the MN-S; and that particular attention be paid to the rights and special needs of Métis women, 2SLGBTWQQIA+ people, Elders, youth, and persons with disabilities, in the implementation of this *Act*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MNLA support the MN-S’ Position Paper titled as “Kwaayesh Aashtaayaahk / Kwayskahstahsoowin / Ĕta nideĭ Ĕta Ĕghədəleda há” (attached as “Appendix C”) to be submitted to Canada for inclusion in the National Action Plan on the UNDRIP, as a reflection of what UNDRIP means to the Métis of Saskatchewan on May 28, 2023.

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DATE: May 28, 2023 Resolution MNLA230528-02

SUBJECT: Accept the Reports

MOVED BY: Loretta King Western Region 1

SECONDED BY: Laura Burnouf Northern Region 1

DECISION: **CARRIED** (79 voted in favour, 3 voted in opposition, 7 abstained)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly accepts as presented, the following reports: Executive, Regional Representatives, Ministerial and Affiliates.

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Resolution MNLA230528-03

SUBJECT: Resolution to Support Métis Harvesting

MOVED BY: Michelle LeClair Vice President

SECONDED BY: Laura Burnouf Northern Region 1

DECISION: **CARRIED** (89 voted in favour, 0 voted in opposition, 0 abstained)

WHEREAS the Métis are one of the Indigenous peoples who lived in the historic Northwest prior to Canada's westward expansion, and have developed shared customs, traditions, and collective identities rooted in kinship, their unique relationship to the land, and a distinct culture and way of life;

WHEREAS the Métis of Saskatchewan have established the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) as its government, mandated to advance Métis rights, self-government, and self-determination for the Métis of Saskatchewan, as well as to represent its Citizens through democratic governance structures;

WHEREAS the MN-S recognizes that harvesting of fish and game is integral to our Métis ways of living, being connected to the land, and strengthens and perpetuates Métis identity, culture, values, and traditions;

WHEREAS the MN-S recognizes that Métis subsistence harvesting is critical to the economic and nutritional needs of many Métis households;

WHEREAS in March 2023, the MN-S announced the reformation of the Harvesting Advisory Group, a thoughtfully assembled panel of knowledgeable fish and game harvesters from the north, central and southern regions of Saskatchewan, to provide meaningful insight, and direction to ensure Métis harvesting is grounded in our identity, culture, values, and traditions;

WHEREAS the MN-S has diligently engaged in ongoing negotiations with the Province of Saskatchewan to seek common ground on which to build a framework that provides a province-wide Métis sustenance harvesting agreement; and

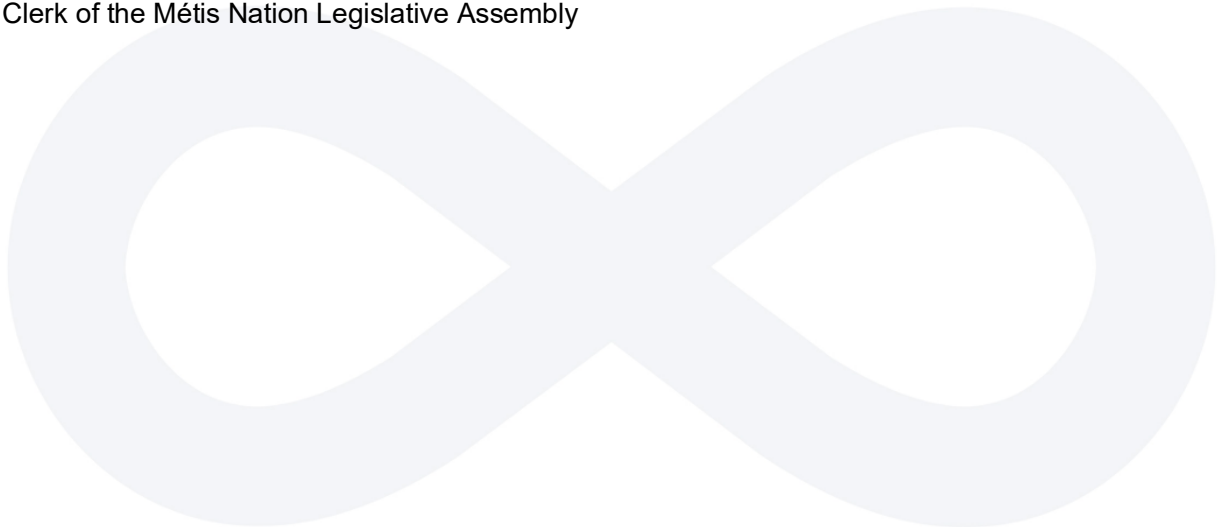
WHEREAS the proposed province-wide Métis harvesting framework has been stalled by the Cabinet and Legislature of Saskatchewan since June 2019;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly calls upon the Province of Saskatchewan to complete the Agreement and Policy on Métis Sustenance Harvesting Rights in Saskatchewan and work towards implementation by the Fall of 2023

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Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Resolution

DATE: May 28, 2023 Resolution MNLA230528-04

SUBJECT: Resolution to Approve Local Governance Capacity

MOVED BY: Marlene Hansen Northern Region 2

SECONDED BY: Kelly Kwan Northern Region 2

DECISION: **CARRIED** (81 voted in favour, 0 voted in opposition, 0 abstained)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) has received governance capacity from the Federal Government;

WHEREAS the MN-S Locals are the basic unit of the MN-S governance structure representing the communities;

WHEREAS the MN-S Locals have limited fiscal capacity to carry out their duties and responsibilities in the preparation of self-government in a meaningful way; and

WHEREAS the MN-S has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure that the MN-S Locals are adequately supported to carry out this important work at the community level in preparation for self-government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNL A) instruct the Clerk of the MNL A to work with staff to present recommendations at the next meeting of the Assembly to address the following:

1. Explore what fiscal resources can be made available to the MN-S Locals to fulfill their governance responsibilities. This may include supporting the delivery of programs and services of community-level programming by Locals;
2. Education and training options for the MN-S Locals to increase capacity to operate and deliver services equal to the expectations of citizens; and
3. Examine potential funding models for the MN-S Locals considering such factors as citizenship numbers as well as the higher cost of operating in the North.

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DATE: May 28, 2023 Resolution MNLA230528-05

SUBJECT: Resolution for a MN-S Registry Dialogue Forum

MOVED BY: Marlene Hansen Northern Region 2

SECONDED BY: Kelly Kwan Northern Region 2

DECISION: **CARRIED** (86 voted in favour, 0 voted in opposition, 0 abstained)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) is responsible for determining eligibility for citizenship and for registering Métis citizens in Saskatchewan; and

WHEREAS Locals have questions regarding Registry processes and would like an update by the MN-S Registrar;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) directs the Clerk of the MNLA to hold a dialogue forum at the next Assembly to support a fulsome discussion on the MN-S Registry.

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Clerk of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly



Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Resolution

DATE: May 28, 2023 Resolution MNLA230528-06

SUBJECT: Resolution to Conclude

MOVED BY: Mervin "Tex" Bouvier Northern Region 3

SECONDED BY: Marg Friesen Eastern Region 3

DECISION: CARRIED

That the May 27-28, 2023, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly now conclude.

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