



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

held January 19, 2021

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting held January 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., via videoconference.

PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President	Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3
Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Chair	Penny Hurton, Western Region 2A
Earl Cook, Treasurer	Derek Langan, Eastern Region 2A
Lisa McCallum, Secretary	Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A
Jaycee Bell, Youth Council	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3	Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1	Tammy Mah, Les Filles des Madeleine
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2	Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3	

ALSO PRESENT:

Norman Fleury, Elder

MN-S OFFICE:

Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research	Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer
Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer	Lori Skjeie, Director, Language and Culture
Riva Farrell Racette, Legal Counsel	

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Jessi Connaughton, Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd. *(from recording)*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Gerald Morin, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:10 a.m. and conducted a roll call to confirm a quorum was present.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered an Opening Prayer.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Billy Kennedy)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Raincoast Ventures Ltd., as Recording Secretary for its January 19, 2021 meeting.

CARRIED (210119-01)

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

That the Agenda for the January 19, 2021 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting be adopted as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Review of the Minutes:
 - 4.1 Approval of the December 11, 2020 Minutes
 - 4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) Resolutions:
 - 5.1 Adoption of the MNLA Agenda – February 20-21, 2021
 - 5.2 Appointment of Dumont Scouts
 - 5.3 Adoption of the Speaker/Deputy Speaker
 - 5.4 Direction on Regional Boundary Map Discrepancies
 - 5.5 Direction on Honorariums for MNLA - 2021
6. Resolution for Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP)
7. Ministry Update:
 - 7.1 Batoche
8. Other Business
9. Closing Prayer.

CARRIED (210119-02)

4. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Approval of the December 11, 2020 PMC Minutes

Related information: Draft Minutes of the December 11, 2020 Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting

Secretary Lisa McCallum read aloud the resolutions indicated in the draft minutes.

4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

Related information:

- *The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretary Portfolio Workplan – 2019-2020*
- *The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Secretary Workplan Budget, January 2021*

After reviewing the information provided, it was noted that the Provincial Secretary Workplan Budget, would be reviewed by the Finance Committee, prior to further discussion by the PMC.

The meeting was advised that the MN-S' preliminary response to the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP) legislation was submitted to federal government and posted on the MN-S website. The MN-S' final response will be prepared after presentations to Parliamentary Committees, and after reviewing feedback received from MN-S citizens.

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Penny Hurton)

That the Minutes of the December 11, 2020 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED (210119-03)

5. MÉTIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (MNLA) RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Adoption of the MNLA Agenda - February 20-21, 2021

Related information: Draft Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Adopting the Agenda/Order of the Day for the February 20-21, 2021 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly

During a review of the proposed agenda, it was noted that if a resolution requiring amendments to the "*Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (1993)*" is approved by 75% majority of the MNLA, a General Assembly would be required to ratify the approved amendments.

It was MOVED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier) and SECONDED (Penny Hurton)

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at their duly held meeting on December 3, 2020, resolved that a Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) would be called for February 20 and 21, 2021;

WHEREAS the PMC further resolved that the February 20 and 21, 2021 MNLA would be held virtually, as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic restrictions in effect;

WHEREAS Articles 6.2 and 6.3 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act* (Act), as amended, directs the Clerk of the MNLA, as defined at 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";

AND WHEREAS an agenda is hereby proposed for the virtual MNLA to be held on February 20 and 21, 2021;

BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC at this meeting of January 19, 2021, hereby approves of the following Agenda to be referred to the MNLA on February 20 and 21, 2021:

DAY ONE – February 20, 2021:

1. Grand Entry:
 - a. Opening Prayer – Elder Norman Fleury
 - b. Métis Anthem
 - c. O Canada
2. Greetings
3. State of the Nation – President McCallum:
 - a. Report on the MN-S' Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic – Minister Friesen

4. Roll Call:
 - a. Registered Delegates
5. MNLA Motions:
 - a. Adoption of the Minute Taker
 - b. Adoption of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker
 - c. Order of the Day – Adoption of the Agenda
 - d. Appointment of Dumont’s Scouts
 - e. Adoption of New/Dissolved Locals
6. Reading of the November 2019 MNLA Minutes:
 - a. Adoption of the November 2019 MNLA Minutes
7. Chief Executive Officer Report – Richard Quintal
8. United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) Presentation
9. Motions and Resolutions
10. Adjournment

DAY TWO – February 21, 2021:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Roll Call:
 - a. Registered Delegates
3. Motions to Accept Reports:
 - a. Executive
 - b. Regional
 - c. Ministerial
 - d. Affiliates
4. Notice of the 2021 May Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Election
5. Budget:
 - a. Motion to Accept the 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements
 - b. Appointment of the Auditor for 2020-2021
6. Adjournment

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the MNLA, the Chief Executive Officer of the MN-S, prepare the Order of the Day, as defined at Article 2.11 of the *Act* to reflect the agenda as approved by this resolution of January 19, 2021.

CARRIED (210119-04)

One member abstained from the vote

5.2 Appointment of Dumont’s Scouts

Related information: Draft Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Respecting the Appointment of Dumont’s Scouts for the February 20 and 21, 2021 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly

It was MOVED (Sherry McLennan) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

WHEREAS Article 8.1 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act (Act)*, as amended, directs the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) to appoint Dumont’s Scouts, as defined at Article 2.7 of the *Act*, to maintain order and procedure during the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA);

WHEREAS the PMC at their duly called meeting held on December 3, 2020, resolved that a MNLA would be called for February 20 and 21, 2021;

WHEREAS the PMC further resolved that the February 20 and 21, 2021 MNLA would be held virtually, as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic restrictions in effect;

BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC has determined at this meeting of January 19, 2021, that the following individuals be appointed as Dumont’s Scouts within the meaning of Article 2.7 of *the Act*, to maintain order and procedure during the February 20 and 21, 2021, virtual MNLA:

- a. Wade Daigneault;
- b. Felix Merasty; and
- c. Josie Searson.

CARRIED (210119-05)

One member abstained from the vote

5.3 Adoption of Speaker/Deputy Speaker

Related information: Draft Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Regarding the Appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Virtual Métis Nation Legislative Assembly

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier)

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) at their duly called meeting held on December 3, 2020, resolved that the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) would be called for February 20 and 21, 2021;

WHEREAS the PMC further resolved that the February 20 and 21, 2021, MNLA would be held virtually, as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic restrictions in effect;

WHEREAS Article 5.1 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act (Act)*, as amended, directs the PMC to appoint a Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the MNLA;

WHEREAS Mike Nolan and Joe Blyan were appointed to act as Speaker and Deputy Speaker, respectively, at the November 8-9, 2019 meeting of the PMC;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Article 5.1.1 of the *Act*, the duration of the appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker is for a two-year term, subject to reappointment;

BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC at this meeting on January 19, 2021, confirms the appointment of:

- a. Mike Nolan to act as Speaker for the February 20 and 21, 2021 MNLA; and
 - b. Joe Blyan to act as Deputy Speaker for the February 20 and 21, 2021 MNLA;
- to exercise those powers as outlined at Articles 5.2-5.9 of the *Act*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PMC confirms that the aforesaid appointments are in their second year of the two-year term, subject to reappointment.

CARRIED (210119-06)

One member abstained from the vote

5.4 Direction on Regional Boundary Map Discrepancies

Related information:

- *Briefing Note on “Permission for Chief Electoral Officer to Resolve Boundary Disputes in Election 2021”, dated January 19, 2021*
- *Map titled, “Saskatchewan Métis Regions”, created January 24, 2011*
- *Draft Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Respecting Regional Boundaries*

While reviewing the map provided, discussion ensued on whether it reflected all resolutions passed at MNLAs and ratified by General Assemblies, amending the Regional Boundaries Map (Schedule A) of the “*Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (1993)*”. It was suggested that the correct map reflected Stony Rapids and Uranium City in Northern Region 1.

Request for Action

The Chief Executive Officer agreed to review the MNLA and General Assembly resolutions to determine amendments made to the MN-S regional boundaries, and to contact Area Directors (of the Regions affected by the boundary amendments), to discuss the changes made.

5.1 Direction on Honorariums for MNLA - 2021

Related information:

- *Draft Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Respecting Honoraria for Members of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly*
- *Briefing note on “Honoraria for Delegates for Virtual Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”, dated January 15, 2021*

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at their duly held meeting on December 3, 2020, resolved that a Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) would be called for February 20 and 21, 2021;

WHEREAS the PMC further resolved that the February 20 and 21, 2021, MNLA would be held virtually, as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic restrictions in effect;

BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC at this meeting of January 19, 2021, hereby directs that each member of the MNLA, as defined in Articles 2.2 and 2.9 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* and Article 3.1 of the *Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Act*, and who is in attendance at the February 20 and 21, 2021, MNLA, shall be paid a daily honorarium of \$150.00.

CARRIED (210119-07)

6. RESOLUTION FOR URBAN PROGRAMMING FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (UIP)

Related information:

- *Draft Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Respecting Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples Operating Procedures*
- *Briefing note on “Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UIP) – Program & Services”, dated January 15, 2021*

Lori Skjeie, Director, Language and Culture and UIP Coordinator, reviewed the draft recommendation on implementing a strategy, to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of the MN-S UIP programs and services. During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The need for Locals and Regions to demonstrate transparency, accountability, eligibility and capacity in delivering UIP programs and services
- The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on UIP programming, and the potential to carry funds over to the next fiscal year
- Supporting Locals who are struggling with a lack of capacity to deliver programs.

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

WHEREAS Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples: Program and Services (UIP) funds are administered by the MN-S and funds are distributed after receipt of a proposal, budget and duly executed Regional Council motion;

WHEREAS the Regions are facing unique challenges, including, but not limited to, funding surpluses, delayed delivery and impasses in decision-making processes;

WHEREAS notwithstanding the above challenges, the MN-S UIP annual reporting for fiscal years ending 2018/19 and 2019/20 has been accepted by the Federal government;

WHEREAS the Director for Culture, Language and Heritage, as UIP Coordinator, has recommended a strategy to ensure the continued delivery of the UIP program and services to address surplus funding, delayed delivery and decision-making impasses, as presented at this meeting of January 19, 2021;

BE IT RESOLVED that at this meeting of the PMC held on January 19, 2021, that Regions with a surplus of UIP program funding in excess of one year shall have their surplus UIP funds administered as follows:

1. On or before March 31, 2021, the MN-S Head Office will accept amended UIP proposals subject to a “duly executed Regional Council Motion”;
2. Surplus UIP funds will be re-allocated through a “Call for Proposals” to Locals to access UIP funding directly;
3. Should a UIP surplus remain after the “Call for Proposals” to Locals is completed, the surplus will revert back to the MN-S Head Office for other UIP projects to be administered centrally;
4. Where there is an impasse in decision making for Regional UIP program funding for fiscal years 2018/19 and 2019/20, the appropriate MN-S Head Office technical staff will assume co-management of remaining surplus UIP funds and program services, to be administered centrally at MN-S Head Office; and
5. All UIP programming and services will meet and adhere to COVID-19 pandemic measures and related Saskatchewan Health guidelines.

CARRIED (210119-08)

7. MINISTRY UPDATE

7.1 Batoche

Related information: Briefing note on “Planning for 50th Anniversary of Back to Batoche Days”, dated January 15, 2021

Sherry McLennan, Minister of Language, Culture and Heritage, confirmed that the 50th Anniversary of Back to Batoche Days would be held virtually on July 22-25, 2021. Ideas for the online events included: the creation of a 50th Anniversary Métis sash; and a series of photographic panels commemorating past Back to Batoche celebrations.

It was confirmed that preparations to hold the Back to Batoche events virtually were being prioritized. Plans would also be made to hold Back to Batoche events in-person (potentially in August 2021) in the event that the current COVID-19 pandemic restrictions were lifted in advance. The decision on whether the event would proceed virtually or in-person, would be made in consultation with the Minister of Health, subject to any applicable public health orders in effect.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Indigenous Monitoring Advisory Committee (IMAC) – Line 3 Appointments

The meeting was informed that President McCallum recommended the appointment of Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A, and Penny Hurton, Western Region 2A, to IMAC. Appreciation was extended to Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3, for her prior participation and involvement with the committee.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Ensuring ongoing conversations with the five regions (and Locals) impacted by Line 3
- Recognizing requirements related to “duty to consult and accommodate”
- Benefits of pursuing future appointments from each of the five impacted Regions.

It was MOVED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council approves the following changes to the MN-S’ representation on the Indigenous Monitoring Advisory Committee – Line 3, effective January 19, 2021:

1. Appoint Penny Hurton, Western Region 2A;
2. Appoint Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A; and
3. Remove Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3.

CARRIED (210119-09)

Five members voted in opposition

8.2 Environment

During discussion it was suggested that questions related to the provision of gift certificates to MN-S Environment Survey respondents, be directed to the MN-S Director of Environment.

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier)

That the January 19, 2021 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting now adjourn to a Closed In-Camera Session.

CARRIED (210119-10)

Time: 11:30 a.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

The January 19, 2021 Provincial Métis Council Meeting reconvened at approximately 11:55 a.m.

8.3 In-Camera

Related information: Draft Minutes of the December 11, 2020 Provincial Métis Council In-Camera Meeting

Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research, read aloud the resolutions indicated in the draft minutes.

It was MOVED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)

That the Minutes of the December 11, 2020 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council In-Camera Meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED (210119-11)

Three members voted in opposition

9. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting concluded at approximately 12:10 p.m. with a Closing Prayer provided by Elder Fleury.

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided for information at the January 19, 2021 meeting:

1. Agenda for the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting scheduled January 21, 2021
2. Draft Minutes of the MN-S PMC Regular Meeting held December 11, 2020
3. Draft Minutes of the MN-S PMC In-Camera Meeting held December 11, 2020
4. Document titled, “The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretary Portfolio Workplan – 2019-2020”
5. Document titled, “The Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Secretary Workplan Budget, January 2021”
6. Draft Resolution to Adopt the Agenda/Order of the Day for the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly
7. Draft Resolution Respecting the Appointment of Dumont Scouts to the February 20 and 21, 2021 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
8. Draft Resolution Respecting the Appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the Virtual Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly
9. Briefing Note on “Permission for Chief Electoral Officer to Resolve Boundary Disputes in Election 2021”, dated January 19, 2021
10. Map titled, “Saskatchewan Métis Regions”, created January 24, 2011
11. Draft Resolution Respecting Regional Boundaries
12. Draft Resolution Respecting Honoraria for Members of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
13. Briefing note on “Honoraria for Delegates for Virtual Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”, dated January 15, 2021
14. Draft Resolution Respecting Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples Operating Procedures
15. Briefing note on “Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) – Program & Services”, dated January 15, 2021
16. Briefing note on “Planning for 50th Anniversary of Back to Batoche Days”, dated January 15, 2021

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

CEO	Chief Executive Officer
IMAC	Indigenous Monitoring Advisory Committee
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation - Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
UPIP	Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
held February 16, 2021

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting held February 16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. via videoconference.

PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President
Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Chair
Earl Cook, Treasurer
Lisa McCallum, Secretary
Jaycee Bell, Youth Council
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2

Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3
Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3
Penny Hurton, Western Region 2A
Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A
Loretta King, Western Region 1
Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Tammy Mah, Les Filles des Madeleine
Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2

ABSENT:

Derek Langan, Eastern Region 2A

ALSO PRESENT:

Elder Norman Fleury

MN-S OFFICE:

Janice Braden, Senior Policy Analyst
Julia Burns, Director of Communications
Mark Calette, Senior Director of Administration,
Duty to Consult and Land Claims
Christena Konrad, Director of Housing
Brandy Laronde, Office Manager
Cecile McKay, Executive Assistant

Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research
Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
Riva Racette, Legal Counsel
Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer
Lori Skjeie, Director, Language and Culture

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Gerald Morin, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 a.m. and confirmed that a quorum was present.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered an Opening Prayer.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Sherry McLennan) and SECONDED (Loretta King)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Raincoast Ventures Ltd. as Recording Secretary for its February 16, 2021 meeting.

CARRIED (210216-01)

It was MOVED (Sherry McLennan) and SECONDED (Penny Hurton)

That the Agenda for the February 16, 2021 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council meeting be adopted as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer – Elder Norman Fleury
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Review of the Minutes:
 - 4.1 Approval of the January 19, 2021 Minutes
 - 4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Resolutions:
 - 5.1 Resolution for a Virtual Elders Symposium
 - 5.2 Resolution to Accept the Revised Agenda for the February 2021 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA)
 - 5.3 Resolution for MN-S Resolutions Procedures for the MNLA
 - 5.4 Resolution for MN-S First Time Home Buyers Program – Budget Renewal
6. Update on the Virtual MNLA
7. Other Business
8. Closing Prayer.

CARRIED (210216-02)

4. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Approval of the January 19, 2021 PMC Minutes

Related information: Draft Minutes of the January 19, 2021 Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting

Secretary Lisa McCallum read aloud the resolutions indicated in the draft minutes.

Request for Action

It was requested that future Provincial Métis Council meeting minutes indicate the names of Council members who are opposed or who abstain from voting on resolutions.

During discussion regarding the minutes, comments were offered on:

- The process for allocating Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) funding, as outlined in Resolution #210119-08
- The feasibility of carrying-over any unspent funding allocated for regional activities, if expenditures were delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

It was MOVED (Penny Hurton) and SECONDED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier)

That the Minutes of the January 19, 2021 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED (210216-03)

4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

No additional items were discussed.

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Resolution for Virtual Elders Symposium

Related information:

- *Briefing Note on “MN-S Virtual Métis Elders Symposium”, dated February 14, 2021*
- *Draft “Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Respecting MN-S Virtual Métis Elders Symposium”, dated February 16, 2021*

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), reviewed the information provided and noted that:

- The proposal was to begin planning for an April 2021 MN-S Virtual Métis Elders Symposium
- The intent of the symposium was to enable Elders to meet virtually to share experiences and provide feedback or recommendations on supports they require; their feedback will be compiled and summarized for further consideration.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Identifying symposium participants, including Elders recognized by Regional Directors and Elders who participated in Elders’ UPIP Programs
- Some of the different roles Elders have, as knowledgeable advisors on traditional, spiritual, teaching and negotiations matters
- The importance of authentically engaging with the growing demographic of older MN-S citizens and encouraging their participation in the Métis Nation.

It was MOVED (Sherry McLennan) and SECONDED (Ryan Carriere)

WHEREAS the guidance, narratives and teachings of Métis Elders strengthens the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) as a Nation;

WHEREAS the MN-S intends to increase an understanding of how to engage and collaborate with the Nation’s Elders;

WHEREAS in collaboration with the Resident Elder, MN-S technicians have recommended at this meeting of February 16, 2021, that the MN-S coordinate and deliver an MN-S Virtual Métis Elders Symposium; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Métis Council hereby authorizes and approves of MN-S technicians coordinating and hosting an MN-S Virtual Elders Symposium as presented and proposed at this meeting of February 16, 2021.

CARRIED (210216-04)

5.2 Resolution to Accept the Revised Agenda for the February 2021 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA)

Related information: Draft “Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Adopting Revised Agenda / Order of the Day for the February 20-21, 2021 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”

Richard Quintal confirmed that the MNLA agenda included a focus on resolutions required to support the 2021 MN-S Election. During a review of the revised MNLA agenda, it was noted that:

- A total of 28 resolutions were received for consideration, of which eight were deemed to be out of order
- The revised MNLA agenda included the resolutions to be considered; the remaining resolutions received will be considered for the next MNLA, likely in the fall of 2021.

During discussion on a resolution submitted requesting Youth and Women Representatives be included on the MN-S election ballot every four years, comments were offered on:

- A constitutional amendment required to make the requested changes to the election process
- Postponing consideration of this resolution to later in 2021 to provide time for consultation; if approved, the changes could be effective for the subsequent MN-S election process.

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at their duly held meeting on December 3, 2020, resolved that a Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) would be called for February 20 and 21, 2021;

WHEREAS the PMC further resolved that the February 20 and 21, 2021 MNLA would be held virtually, as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic restrictions in effect;

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 for the February 20 and 21, 2021, MNLA was approved at the January 19, 2021, PMC meeting;

AND WHEREAS a revised agenda is hereby proposed by the Clerk to the PMC for its approval for the February 20 and 21, 2021, MNLA;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC at this meeting of February 16, 2021, approves of the following revised Agenda to be referred to the MNLA on February 20 and 21, 2021:

DAY ONE – February 20, 2021:

1. Grand Entry:
 - a) Opening Prayer – Elder Norman Fleury
 - b) Métis National Anthem – Loretta King (pre-recorded)
 - c) O Canada – Loretta King (pre-recorded)
2. Greetings (pre-recorded):
 - a) Carolyn Bennett, Minister, Crown Indigenous Relations, Government of Canada
 - b) Chief Wayne Semaganis, Little Pine First Nation
 - c) Don McMorris, Government Relations, Government of Saskatchewan

3. State of the Nation – Glen McCallum, President, MN-S
4. Report on MN-S’ Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic – Marg Friesen, Minister of Health
5. Roll Call – Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA:
 - a) Registered Delegates
6. Health Break
7. MNLA Motions:
 - a) Adoption of the Minute Taker
 - b) Adoption of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker
 - c) Order of the Day – Adoption of the Agenda
 - d) Appointment of Dumont’s Scouts
 - e) Adoption of New/Dissolved Locals
8. Reading of the November 2019 MNLA Minutes:
 - a) Adoption of the November 2019 MNLA Minutes
9. Ratification of the MN-S Election – May 29, 2021
10. Appointment of Chief Electoral Officer – Gwen Lafond
11. Chief Executive Officer’s Report – Richard Quintal, CEO
12. Lunch Break
13. Motions and Resolutions:
 - a) Resolutions Brought Forward by the PMC:
 - Proposed Amendments to the “Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act 2007”
 - Proposed Amendments to the “Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Citizenship Act, 1999”
 - b) Other Resolutions Brought Forward by the PMC:
 - Ratification of Ministerial Appointments
 - Approval of MN-S’ Response to United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) Federal Legislation
14. Health Break
15. Adjournment – Day One
16. Entertainment / Virtual Kitchen Table Party

DAY TWO – February 21, 2021:

1. Opening Prayer – Elder Max Morin
2. Roll Call – Richard Quintal, Clerk of the MNLA
3. Legal Update – Tom Isaac, Partner, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP
4. UNDRIP Panel Presentation – Riva Farrell Racette, Legal Counsel / Moderator
 - a) Gerald Morin, Vice President and Minister of Justice, MN-S
 - b) Marilyn Poitras, Indigenous Law Centre, University of Saskatchewan
 - c) Emilie Lahaie, Legal Counsel, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP
5. Video Presentation “Importance of Métis Citizenship, Identity and Familial Connections” – Dr. Kurtis Boyer, Faculty, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan
6. Motions to Accept Reports:
 - a) Executive
 - b) Regional
 - c) Ministerial
 - d) Affiliates

7. Budget:
 - a) Motion to Accept the 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements
 - b) Appointment of the Auditor for 2020-2021
8. Adjournment – Day Two

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the MNLA prepare the Order of the Day, as defined in Article 2.11 of the *Act*, to reflect the revised Agenda as approved by this resolution of the PMC on February 16, 2021.

CARRIED (210216-05)

*Jaycee Bell and Wendy Gervais voted in opposition
Brent Digness abstained from the vote*

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

5.3 Resolution for MN-S Resolutions Procedures for MNLA

Related information:

- *Briefing Note on “MN-S Resolutions Procedures for the MNLA”, dated February 16, 2021*
- *Draft “Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Respecting MN-S Resolutions Procedures”, dated February 16, 2021*

The meeting reviewed the information provided regarding resolution procedures.

It was MOVED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

WHEREAS there is currently no established process or guidelines to manage the submission of Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) resolutions;

WHEREAS resolutions procedures will provide greater clarity and set the directional tone for members of the MNLA to submit effective and appropriate resolutions;

WHEREAS resolutions procedures have been proposed and recommended to the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at this meeting of February 16, 2021, to establish standards and guidance to members of the MNLA for tabling resolutions before the Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC hereby endorses and approves of the MN-S Resolutions Procedures as proposed and presented at this meeting of February 16, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PMC shall recommend the MN-S Resolutions Procedures for implementation, subject to legal and annual review by MN-S technicians, to the MNLA, at its next sitting.

CARRIED (210216-06)

5.4 MN-S First-Time Home Buyers Program – Budget Renewal

Related information:

- *Briefing Note on “MN-S First-Time Home Buyers Program”, dated February 15, 2021*
- *Draft “Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Respecting First-Time Home Buyers Program”, dated February 16, 2021*

Richard Quintal reviewed the proposal to transition the First-Time Home Buyers Program (FTHBP), into the MN-S Housing Department (effective April 1, 2021).

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The feasibility of increasing the program funding allocated from \$1,000,000 to “up to \$2,000,000”, for each of the four fiscal years included in the four-year budget plan
- Providing FTHBP recipients with access to an introductory financial literacy program, where they can learn about basic financial commitments related to owning a home, including saving for repairs and maintenance, understanding mortgage rates and home insurance, etc.
- Staff’s ongoing consideration of aspects of various loan and mortgage models that could assist citizens (e.g. Ministerial Loan Guarantees offered by the federal government)
- Benefits of focusing on homeownership opportunities for MN-S citizens
- Involving multiple MN-S departments in seeking supports for FTHBP initiatives.

In response to questions raised, it was noted that:

- The FTHBP did not exclude the involvement of mortgage guarantors or co-signors
- To-date, 155 FTHBP applications had been received (94 had been approved)
- Approximately 58 home purchases could be supported with \$1,000,000 (estimated at \$15,000 per application plus closing costs).

It was MOVED (Sherry McLennan) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)

WHEREAS the current Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) First-Time Home Buyers Program (FTHBP) is administered by Saskatchewan Métis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO);

WHEREAS SMEDCO is projecting to fully expense the FTHBP budget by March 31, 2021;

WHEREAS the MN-S government is working on building a comprehensive suite of housing programs directly under the MN-S Housing Department;

WHEREAS it has been proposed and recommended to the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at this meeting of February 16, 2021, that the MN-S, through its Housing Department, assume authority over the administration and delivery of the FTHBP;

WHEREAS a proposed four-year budget of \$1,129,595, \$1,150,000, \$1,150,000 and \$1,150,000, for fiscal years 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25, respectively, (the “Four Year Budget”) was presented at this meeting on February 16, 2021 and was recommended for the PMC’s approval;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, at this meeting of February 16, 2021, that the PMC hereby authorizes the MN-S Housing Department to assume authority over the administration and delivery of the FTHBP as presented and proposed at this meeting of February 16, 2021, effective April 1, 2021;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after considering the Four-Year Budget presented on February 16, 2021, the PMC hereby approves an amended Four-Year Budget of up to \$9,200,000 in the following allocations:

- a) up to \$2,300,000 for fiscal year 2021/22, representing up to \$2,000,000 for program funding and \$300,000 for administration;
- b) up to \$2,300,000 for fiscal year 2022/23, representing up to \$2,000,000 for program funding and \$300,000 for administration;
- c) up to \$2,300,000 for fiscal year 2023/24, representing up to \$2,000,000 for program funding and \$300,000 for administration; and
- d) up to \$2,300,000 for fiscal year 2024/25, representing up to \$2,000,000 for program funding and \$300,000 for administration;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MN-S Housing Department offer all recipients of the FTHBP funding, access to a financial literacy program where they can learn about the basic financial commitments related to homeownership (including understanding mortgages and insurance, saving for home repairs, etc.); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of the MN-S be hereby authorized and directed to take all actions required to execute all such documents as they deem necessary or appropriate to effectuate this resolution.

CARRIED (210216-07)

6. UPDATE ON VIRTUAL MNLAS

During discussion on preparations for the February 20-21, 2021 MN-S MNLA, it was noted that:

- Eligible voters at the MNLA will be registered MN-S citizens or those confirmed to be in the process of becoming registered MN-S citizens
- Area Directors were requested to provide the MN-S office with a list of delegates in their area; delegates were subsequently invited to register electronically, to participate in the MNLA
- iPads were provided to enable registered delegates to participate at the MNLA; their citizenship numbers will be required to log in; Local Presidents can retain the iPads for accessing future virtual assemblies or meetings.

Request for Action

Dorothy Myo agreed to send Area Directors a list of delegates in their areas that had not yet registered to participate in the February 20-21, 2021 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting was reminded that the next PMC Meeting was scheduled March 16, 2021.

8. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

Elder Fleury offered a Closing Prayer.

It was MOVED (Penny Hurton) and SECONDED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier”)

That the February 16, 2021 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting now conclude.

CARRIED (210216-08)

(Time: 11:20 a.m.)

LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided for information at the February 16, 2021 meeting:

1. Agenda for the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting scheduled February 16, 2021
2. Draft Minutes of the MN-S PMC Regular Meeting held January 19, 2021
3. Briefing Note on “MN-S Virtual Métis Elders Symposium”, dated February 14, 2021
4. Draft “Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Respecting MN-S Virtual Métis Elders Symposium”, dated February 16, 2021
5. Draft “Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Adopting Revised Agenda / Order of the Day for the February 20-21, 2021 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”
6. Briefing Note on “MN-S Resolutions Procedures for the MNLA”, dated February 16, 2021
7. Draft “Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Respecting MN-S Resolutions Procedures”, dated February 16, 2021
8. Briefing Note on “MN-S First Time Home Buyers Program”, dated February 15, 2021
9. Draft “Resolution of the Provincial Métis Council Respecting First Time Home Buyers Program”, dated February 16, 2021
10. Biography of Gwen Lafond (requested at a prior PMC Meeting)

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

CEO	Chief Executive Officer
FTHBP	First-Time Home Buyers Program
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation - Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
SMEDCO	Saskatchewan Métis Economic Development Corporation
UNDRIP	United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
UPIP	Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples



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

held March 16, 2021

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting held March 16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. via videoconference.

PRESENT:

Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Chair	Penny Hurton, Western Region 2A
Earl Cook, Treasurer	Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A
Lisa McCallum, Secretary	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Jaycee Bell, Youth Council	Derek Langan, Eastern Region 2A
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3	Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2	Tammy Mah, Les Filles des Madelaine
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3	Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2
Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3	

ABSENT:

Glen McCallum, President	Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1
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ALSO PRESENT:

Elder Norman Fleury	Tristan Zachow, SaskMétis Development Corporation
Claire Letendre, Bang Up Productions	

MN-S OFFICE:

Julia Burns, Director of Communications	Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research
Mark Calette, Senior Director of Administration, Duty to Consult and Land Claims	Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
Lisa Fleming, Director, Early Learning and Child Care / Child and Family Services	Riva Racette, Legal Counsel
Brandy Laronde, Office Manager	Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer
Lillian Lizee, Interim Senior Advisor	Lori Skjeie, Director, Language and Culture
	Duane Tinker, Policy Advisor
	Tammy Vallee, Registrar

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Gerald Morin, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. and confirmed that a quorum was present.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered an Opening Prayer.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Sherry McLennan) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Raincoast Ventures Ltd. as Recording Secretary for its March 16, 2021 meeting.

CARRIED (210316-01)

It was agreed that the Agenda be amended to include a discussion on “Métis Women of Saskatchewan / Les Filles de Madelaine”.

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

That the Agenda for the March 16, 2021 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting be adopted as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer – Elder Norman Fleury
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Review of the Minutes:
 - 4.1 Approval of the February 16, 2021 Minutes
 - 4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Resolution:
 - 5.1 Proposed Expansion of the Michif and Dene Early Learning Pilot Project
6. Election 2021 Update
7. Citizen Registry Update
8. Economic Development – SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation
9. Métis Women of Saskatchewan / Les Filles de Madelaine
10. Other Business
11. Closing Prayer.

CARRIED (210316-02)

4. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Approval of the February 16, 2021 PMC Minutes

Related information: Draft Minutes of the February 16, 2021 PMC Regular Meeting

Secretary Lisa McCallum read aloud the resolutions indicated in the draft minutes.

It was MOVED (Penny Hurton) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

That the Minutes of the February 16, 2021 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED (210316-03)

4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

No items were discussed.

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Proposed Expansion of the Michif and Dene Early Learning Pilot Project

Related information:

- *Briefing Note on “Proposed Expansion of the Michif and Dene Early Learning Project”, dated March 14, 2021*
- *Draft “Resolution to Expand the Michif and Dene Early Learning Pilot Project”, labelled “For Internal Purposes and Not For Distribution” and dated March 16, 2021*

Lisa Fleming, Director, Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) / Child and Family Services, reviewed the information provided and offered additional comments on:

- The proposal to expand the Michif and Dene Early Learning Program Pilot Project from six school divisions in Phase One to ten school divisions in Phase Two
- The additional proposed school divisions:
 - o Prairie Valley School Division (the area surrounding Regina)
 - o Prairie Spirit School Division (the area surrounding Saskatoon)
 - o Saskatchewan Rivers School Division (Prince Albert and area)
 - o Prince Albert Catholic School Divisions.

9:20 a.m.

Tammy Mah arrived at the meeting.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Cost implications of adding another school division in Phase Two, estimated at \$200,000 (to accommodate costs related to the teacher, language keeper, additional resources etc.)
- Potentially expanding the program further to include school divisions within each region
- Funding negotiated with the federal government for ELCC programming (\$9.7 million per year)

9:30 a.m.

Derek Langan arrived at the meeting.

- Benefits of offering the pilot program first, to gain a better understanding of the successes and challenges that may arise
- The initial two phases of the pilot program, focussed on:
 - o Offering the program in a limited number of school divisions
 - o Providing classes for kindergarten and pre-kindergarten students only
- The subsequent phases of the pilot program (with additional funding), focussed on:
 - o Further expanding the program to include additional school divisions
 - o Providing immersion classes for grades beyond kindergarten.

Request for Action

It was requested that the Director of Early Learning and Child Care / Child and Family Services provide for the March 16, 2021, Provincial Métis Council meeting, the number of pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students in the Michif and Dene Early Learning Pilot Project, from the Regina public and Catholic schools divisions, along with an indication of how many students are Métis.

9:50 a.m.

Earl Cook arrived at the meeting.

During continued discussion, comments were offered on:

- Utilizing resources and materials from the Gabriel Dumont Institute in the program
- Enabling each participating school division to determine which Michif dialect to teach, based on the community's needs.

Change in Chair

Vice President Morin left the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Secretary McCallum assumed the Chair pending his return.

Discussion ensued on the proposed resolution. The Mover and Seconder agreed to a friendly amendment to add the NW School Division and to adjust the budget accordingly to reflect the resulting cost implications.

Change in Chair

Vice President Morin rejoined the meeting at 10:10 a.m. and assumed the Chair.

It was MOVED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

WHEREAS the future of Michif and Dene language 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 six school divisions for more than 130 Métis children and their families;

WHEREAS expanding this project to four additional school divisions will provide more Métis children the opportunity to learn their language and Métis identity;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) has recommended to the MN-S Provincial Métis Council (PMC) at this meeting of March 16, 2021, that the Michif and Dene Early Learning Pilot Project be extended for the school years 2021-22; 2022-23 and 2023-24; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of ELCC has further recommended that the Michif and Dene Early Learning Pilot Project be expanded to include five additional school divisions at this meeting of March 16, 2021;

BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC approves of the extension of the Michif and Dene Early Learning Pilot Project for the school years 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24, in accordance with the following funding allocations, as proposed at this meeting of March 16, 2021:

- a) \$2,200,000 for the 2021-22 school year;
- b) \$1,540,000 for the 2022-23 school year; and
- c) \$1,100,000 for the 2023-24 school year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PMC approves of the expansion of the Michif and Dene Early Learning Pilot Project to encompass the Prairie Valley School Division, Prairie Spirit School Division, Saskatchewan Rivers School Division, Prince Albert Catholic School Division, and NW School Division; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PMC authorizes the Ministry of ELCC to establish partnership agreements with the aforesaid school divisions to be part of the project.

CARRIED (210316-04)

Brent Digness, Wendy Gervais, Derek Langan, Lisa McCallum, Tammy Mah and Leonard Montgrand voted in opposition

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Derek Langan)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) directs that the MN-S' Early Learning and Child Care Department develop a plan for transitioning the Michif and Dene Early Learning Pilot Project into a full MN-S program, that can be implemented equitably across the province.

CARRIED (210316-05)

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

6. ELECTION 2021 UPDATE

Related information: "Update for the PMC" from Gwen LaFond, Chief Electoral Officer, dated March 11, 2021

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer, confirmed that the MN-S Election Website¹ was now active. Any questions specific to the election process should be directed to the Chief Electoral Officer at info@mnselections.ca.

It was further noted that:

- Prior to the writ being dropped on April 29, 2021, PMC members were required to prepare a binder, documenting their region's activities and financial information
- After the writ is dropped on April 29, 2021:
 - o PMC members cannot access the MN-S office
 - o PMC members cannot utilize MN-S funds or activities for campaigning activities
 - o Staff supporting the regions or Registry will report to the Registry
 - o Political staff hired in the regions will need to be laid off
- Any staff supporting election candidates cannot also be working in a regional office
- The Chief Electoral Officer will provide candidates with a list of eligible voters who will be at least 16 years of age on election day.

¹ MN-S Election Website <https://mnselection.ca>

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Wendy Gervais)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council confirms the following appointments for the 2021 MN-S Elections process: Allan Brabant as Adjudicator; and Marilyn Poitras as Complaints Officer.

CARRIED (210316-06)

Marg Friesen and Sherry McLennan voted in opposition

7. CITIZEN REGISTRY UPDATE

Tammy Vallee, Registrar, provided an update on activities of the Registry office and offered comments on:

- The number of eligible voters aged 16 and older on May 28, 2021 (currently 12,015); an additional 3,297 people have applications in the review process
- Providing a list of eligible registered voters (printed on security paper) to the Chief Electoral Officer to assist in verifying candidates' eligibility
- Sending letters (printed on security paper) to the over 3,000 individuals in the application process, confirming their eligibility to vote; copies will not be accepted at polling stations
- Applications processed since January 2021 (currently 1,631) and additional applications waiting to be entered into the system (approximately 400)
- The partial re-opening of the Registry office for in-person appointments to assist with citizenship applications at select locations only
- A new phone system launched to improve access to the Registry office
- Directing questions related to eligibility to vote in the election to the Registry office
- Citizenship registry photo regulations, posted on the MN-S Citizenship website².

Change in Chair

Vice President Morin left the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Secretary McCallum assumed the Chair.

8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Richard Quintal acknowledged the Finance Committee's consideration of a proposal to provide base funding to SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO) to act as the MN-S' dedicated economic development office.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Achievements negotiated with the government, including funding to establish internal structures
- SMEDCO's current core function, focussed on developmental lending for Métis businesses
- Benefits of initiating economic development activities, which could include:
 - o Establishing a directory that Métis businesses can use to promote themselves
 - o Initiating a Métis business certification process
 - o Building relationships to strengthen economic development opportunities
- An update being prepared on how the Economic Development Capacity Funds were utilized.

² MN-S Citizenship Registry Information. <http://metisnationsk.com/citizenship/>

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Leonard Montgrand)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council allocate \$750,000 to SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO) as base funding to establish an internal structure to enable SMEDCO to function as the MN-S' Economic Development Office.

CARRIED (210316-07)

Wendy Gervais voted in opposition

Derek Langan abstained from the vote

9. MÉTIS WOMEN OF SASKATCHEWAN / LES FILLES DE MADELEINE (LFDM)

Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, acknowledged provincial restrictions and a moratorium imposed by the MN-S on in-person meetings and unnecessary travel due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Clarification was requested on the intent of a LFDM in-person meeting, which was scheduled on March 28-29, 2021.

Tammy Mah, President, LFDM, offered comments regarding:

- Changes to the provincial restrictions, which now enabled up to ten people to meet in-person
- The meeting's intent to discuss a process for electing LFDM leadership, with equal representation from each region (referenced at the June 25-26, 2017 PMC Meeting); regional reports were also expected at the meeting on how COVID-19 funding was utilized.

During discussion, additional comments were offered on the need to ensure a transparent and equitable process for Métis women to be involved in electing LFDM leadership. The LFDM was encouraged to meet via videoconference and to ensure that women have fair access to register.

Request for Action

It was requested that Les Filles de Madelaine (LFDM) change its March 28-29, 2021 in-person meeting to a videoconference, where a transparent and equitable process for Métis women to be involved in electing LFDM leadership can be determined, and subsequently presented at the March 16, 2021, Provincial Métis Council meeting.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 MN-S Secretary's Communications

A Regional Director advised the MN-S Secretary to immediately refrain from contacting executive members of a Local in Eastern Region 2.

9.2 Next PMC Meeting

The meeting was reminded that the next PMC Meeting was scheduled March 16, 2021.

Secretary McCallum suggested the March 16, 2021 agenda include updates on the following:

- The 2021 MN-S Election Process, including:
 - o Details that can be shared and posted online (including campaign rules, what happens when the writ drops, and where to seek information on ballot box locations)
 - o Confirmation of the Adjudicator and the Complaints Officer
- Leadership Election Process for the Provincial Métis Youth Council
- Leadership Election Process for the Métis Women of Saskatchewan / Les Filles de Madelaine

- The Michif and Dene Early Learning Pilot Project:
 - o Enrollment of Métis students in the Regina Public and Catholic Schools Systems in kindergarten and pre-kindergarten
 - o Plans for transitioning the Michif and Dene Early Learning Pilot Project to a full MN-S program.

10. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting concluded at approximately 12:15 p.m. with a Closing Prayer offered by Elder Fleury.

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided for information at the March 16, 2021 meeting:

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2. Draft Minutes of the MN-S PMC Regular Meeting held February 16, 2021
3. Briefing Note on the “Proposed Expansion of the Michif and Dene Early Learning Project”, dated March 14, 2021
4. Draft “Resolution to Expand the Michif and Dene Early Learning Pilot Project”, labelled “For Internal Purposes and Not For Distribution” and dated March 16, 2021
5. “Update for the PMC” from Gwen LaFond, Chief Electoral Officer, dated March 11, 2021.

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

CEO	Chief Executive Officer
ELCC	Early Learning and Child Care
LFDM	Les Filles de Madelaine
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation - Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
SMEDCO	SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
held April 20, 2021

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting scheduled April 20, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. via videoconference.

PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President	Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3
Gerald Morin, Vice-President, Chair	Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1	Penny Hurton, Western Region 2A
Earl Cook, Treasurer	Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A
Lisa McCallum, Secretary	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Jaycee Bell, Youth Council	Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3	Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2	

ABSENT:

Derek Langan, Eastern Region 2A	Tammy Mah, Les Filles des Madeleine
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ALSO PRESENT:

Elder Norman Fleury	Claire Letendre, Bang Up Productions
Gwen LaFond, Chief Electoral Officer	

MN-S OFFICE:

Julia Burns, Director of Communications	Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research
Mark Calette, Senior Director of Administration, Duty to Consult and Land Claims	Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
Brandy Laronde, Office Manager	Riva Racette, Legal Counsel
Lillian Lizee, Interim Senior Advisor	Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer
	Lori Skjeie, Director, Culture, Language and Heritage

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd. *(from recording)*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Gerald Morin, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 a.m. after confirming that a quorum was present.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered an Opening Prayer.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Raincoast Ventures Ltd. as Recording Secretary for its April 20, 2021 meeting.

CARRIED (210420-01)

During discussion, it was requested that the agenda be amended to include the following Other Business items: “COVID-19 Update”, “Elders Gathering”, “Transition Binders” and “Métis Women and Métis Youth”.

It was MOVED (Sherry McLennan) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

That the Agenda for the April 20, 2021 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting be adopted as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer – Elder Norman Fleury
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Review of the Minutes:
 - 4.1 Approval of the March 16, 2021 Minutes
 - 4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Proposed Resolutions:
 - 5.1 Appointing an Adjudicator and a Complaints Officer for the 2021 Election
6. Election 2021 Expectations
7. Other Business:
 - 7.1 COVID-19 Update
 - 7.2 Elders Gathering
 - 7.3 Ministerial Transition Binders
 - 7.4 Métis Women and Métis Youth
8. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

CARRIED (210420-02)

4. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Approval of the March 16, 2021 PMC Minutes

Related information: Draft Minutes of the March 16, 2021, PMC Regular Meeting

Secretary Lisa McCallum read aloud the resolutions indicated in the draft minutes.

It was MOVED (Earl Cook) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

That the Minutes of the March 16, 2021 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting be approved, with an amendment to replace references to “trailing” with alternate text.

CARRIED (210420-03)

Wendy Gervais voted in opposition

4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

The meeting recalled the March 16, 2021 discussion on the resolution to expand the Michif and Dene Early Learning Pilot Project into a full MN-S program, that could be implemented equitably across the province.

5. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Appointing an Adjudicator and a Complaints Officer for the 2021 Election

Related information:

- *Draft Resolution for “Approving of Appointment of Adjudicator” labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution” and dated April 20, 2021*
- *Draft Resolution for “Approving of Appointment of Complaints Officer” labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution” and dated April 20, 2021*

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer, referenced the resolution passed at the March 16, 2021 PMC meeting to appoint Allan Brabant as Adjudicator and Marilyn Poitras as Complaints Officer for the 2021 Election of the MN-S and reported that both appointees declined the positions.

It was MOVED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier) and SECONDED (Earl Cook)

WHEREAS it was recommended at this meeting of April 20, 2021, that the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approve the appointment of John Hill to the Office of Adjudicator within the meaning of the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, 2007*;

BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC hereby approves the appointment of John Hill to the position of Adjudicator, to adjudicate any complaints as may be referred by the Complaints Officer for the 2021 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Election.

CARRIED (210420-04)

It was MOVED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

WHEREAS Gordon Kirkby was appointed by the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) to serve in the Office of Complaints Officer, within the meaning of the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, 2007*, for the 2017 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Election;

WHEREAS it was recommended at this meeting of April 20, 2021, that the PMC approve the appointment of Gordon Kirkby to the Office of Complaints Officer for the 2021 MN-S Election;

BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC hereby approves the appointment of Gordon Kirkby to the position of Complaints Officer, within the meaning of the *Saskatchewan Métis Elections Act, 2007*, for the 2021 MN-S Election.

CARRIED (210420-05)

Wendy Gervais and Lisa McCallum voted in opposition

6. ELECTIONS 2021 EXPECTATIONS

Gwen LaFond, Chief Electoral Officer, provided an update on the status of preparations for the May 29, 2021 MN-S Election, and offered comments on:

- Training provided to Regional Returning Officers and Assistant Regional Returning Officers on April 9-11, 2021
- Establishing indoor polling stations at locations Métis citizens are familiar with, that are large enough to accommodate social distancing requirements
- The MN-S Election website (www.mnselection.ca), which will post information, including;
 - o Confirmed polling station locations (once the election is called)
 - o A list of all communities and their designated polling station locations
 - o Confirmed nominees (on April 24, 2021)
- Adhering to the provincial COVID-19 pandemic safety standards and restrictions:
 - o Barriers will be installed for the protection of citizens and polling station employees
 - o Hand sanitizer, face masks and other protections have been arranged.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Rules for filing nomination papers with the Chief Electoral Officer, from April 24-29, 2021
- Securing polling stations indoors to keep materials safe from unexpected weather changes
- Complying with COVID-19 safety restrictions to protect MN-S employees and citizens
- Informing the Chief Electoral Officer of any emerging issues that may impact confirmed polling station locations (e.g. closures due to COVID-19 cases, etc.)
- Ensuring disinfection of all high-touch surfaces on a regular basis at the polling stations
- Social distancing signage provided by Elections Saskatchewan; rolls of tape were also provided to mark the floors to show people where to safely walk and stand
- The intent to hold four advance polls and a mobile poll in each region, with additional polls in more populated areas:
 - o Voting will be open from May 14-21, 2021
 - o The location of citizens, accessibility, and other criteria will be considered when determining polling station locations.

PMC members were invited to contact the MN-S Election website or the Chief Electoral Officer, for further information.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 COVID-19 Update

Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, acknowledged the new COVID-19 restrictions announced by Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) and offered comments on:

- Collaborating with the SHA to identify locations where MN-S citizens could access vaccines
- Continuing COVID-19 supports through the MN-S election period (e.g. providing isolating citizens with emergency food hampers, personal protective equipment, and other supplies)
- Vaccine clinic locations, posted on the SHA's website.

Additional updates were provided on:

- Mental health supports, including:
 - o An ongoing strategy needed to support mental wellness and addiction recovery services
 - o MN-S citizens' access to a 24-hour Mental Health and Addictions Crisis Line, offered through the Métis Nation of Ontario

- Assistance for MN-S citizens and their families, through a Saskatchewan-based Crisis Intervention Coordinator
- Opening the Recovery Lake land-based healing program by June 2021
- Services required by vulnerable citizens, including those who are homeless or transient
- Requesting frontline service providers to ask the Indigenous people they support, whether they identify as being First Nations or Métis, to improve the delivery of future services
- Benefits of potentially expanding the services offered by the Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan Inc. to include mental health services and 24-hour counselling
- The MN-S' medical transportation program, which was accessed with minimal complications.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Concerns related to Métis citizens not being prioritized for vaccinations in Saskatchewan
- The vaccine clinic scheduled at the MN-S Office in Saskatoon, on April 23 and 24, 2021
- Appreciation to the Meadow Lake Tribal Council, Saskatoon Tribal Council and other Indigenous communities for including Métis citizens in their vaccine rollout
- An upcoming MN-S press release to announce Indigenous vaccination sites.

7.2 Elders Gathering

Sherry McLennan, Minister of Culture, Language and Heritage, acknowledged the April 17, 2021 virtual Elders Gathering, and noted that:

- Approximately 40 Knowledge Keepers and Elders attended the Gathering
- Information was shared and gathered in separate breakout sessions, focussed on language, harvesting, protocols and honouring Elders
- An Elders Symposium will be held in 2022; Regional Chairs could send the MN-S Office a list of Knowledge Keepers and Elders in their regions, to be invited to future Elders events
- Some Knowledge Keepers and Elders did not receive an emailed invitation to the Gathering, and requested they be invited to future events.

7.3 Ministerial Transition Binders

Related information: Briefing note titled, "Ministerial Transition Binders", dated April 16, 2021

Richard Quintal confirmed that Ministerial transition binders would be finalized during the writ period, to present to new and re-elected Regional Chairs, post-election.

Regional Chairs were encouraged to include important information in their transition binders, such as financial information, and contact details for the person overseeing COVID-19 supports in their region. They were further reminded that before April 29, 2021, any car rentals must be returned, and any MN-S assets must be locked in their Regional Office. After April 29, 2021, they could no longer access their Regional Offices.

Regional Chairs were informed of their fiduciary obligations and the importance of acting in the best interest of the MN-S.

In response to questions raised, the following comments were offered:

- Salaries will continue to be paid to current elected officials until May 29, 2021
- Indigenous funding announced in the federal budget was for infrastructure, health, economic development, early learning and childcare, and mental health and addiction supports

- Further details on the federal budget announcement are expected at upcoming meetings with Indigenous Services Canada and Canada-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada.

During discussion, commendations were extended to:

- MN-S elected representatives and senior officials for supporting the Health Accord
- Those involved in the Permanent Bilateral Mechanism discussions with government
- The accomplishments, accountability and transparency of the MN-S and the current PMC.

Request for Action

It was requested that Riva Racette send an email to the Provincial Métis Council confirming whether they will be eligible to collect Employment Insurance benefits, if they are not re-elected.

7.4 Métis Women and Métis Youth

Clarification was requested on why an officially elected women’s representative was not recognized by the Métis Women.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Funding allocated by the MN-S for the Métis Women and the Métis Youth
- The importance of the Métis Women and Métis Youth representatives participating at PMC meetings and providing updates on priority issues
- Reviewing the roles and responsibilities of the Métis Women and Métis Youth at a future PMC meeting.

Jaycee Bell, Métis Youth Council, confirmed that the Métis Youth Council would meet on April 21, 2021. An online election, open to participants from across the province, will be held before July 31, 2021.

8. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting concluded at approximately 11:30 a.m. with a Closing Prayer offered by Elder Fleury.

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided for information at the April 20, 2021 meeting:

1. Agenda for the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting scheduled April 20, 2021
2. Draft Minutes of the MN-S PMC Regular Meeting held March 16, 2021
3. Draft Resolution for “Approving of Appointment of Adjudicator”, labelled “For Internal Purposes and Not for Distribution” and dated April 20, 2021
4. Draft resolution for “Approving of Appointment of Complaints Officer”, labelled “For Internal Purposes and Not for Distribution” and dated April 20, 2021
5. Briefing note titled, “Ministerial Transition Binder 2021”, dated April 16, 2021

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

MN-S	Métis Nation - Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
SHA	Saskatchewan Health Authority



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
held June 18, 2021

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting scheduled June 18, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at the Dakota Dunes Resort, 203 Dakota Dunes Way, Whitecap, Saskatchewan.

PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President	Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3
Michelle LeClair, Vice President	Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3
Robert LaFontaine, Treasurer	Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A
Lisa McCallum, Secretary	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Jaycee Bell, Youth Council	Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1	Tammy Mah, Les Filles des Madeleine
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3	Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1	Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2	Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A

ALSO PRESENT:

Elder Norman Fleury	Elder Max Morin
Tom Isaac, Cassels Brock and Blackwell LLP	Josh Morrison, MLT Aikens LLC
Felix Merasty, Dumont’s Scout	

MN-S OFFICE:

Janice Braden, Senior Policy Analyst	Riva Farrell Racette, Legal Counsel
Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research	Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Jessi Connaughton, Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd. *(from recording)*

AGENDA VARIED

The order of the agenda was varied during the meeting. Items are presented in these minutes 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 approximately 10:10 a.m. after confirming that a quorum was present.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered an Opening Prayer.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was noted that Section 9 of the *Handbook for Executives, Ministers and Members of the Provincial Métis Council* (the “Handbook”) indicates the PMC meeting agendas are to be drafted by the Provincial Secretary in consultation with the Executive, and that meeting materials are to be distributed to PMC members at least five days before the meeting.

Request for Action (RFA-210618-01)

It was requested that the minutes of the June 1, 2021 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Executive meeting attended by Vice President LeClair, Treasurer LaFontaine and Secretary McCallum be provided to all members of the Provincial Métis Council.

Point of Order

In response to a point of order, it was noted that past practice at PMC meetings was to appoint the Recording Secretary prior to approving the meeting agenda.

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Raincoast Ventures Ltd. as Recording Secretary for its June 18, 2021 meeting.

CARRIED (210618-01)

5. OPENING REMARKS – PRESIDENT MCCALLUM

A round of self-introductions ensued, to welcome the newly elected officials to the PMC. The importance of working together as a unified government, with accountability to MN-S citizens was emphasized.

President McCallum congratulated PMC members on their recent election by MN-S citizens and offered comments on:

- The MN-S’ progress from a non-profit organization to a self-government
- The importance of working at the PMC table in solidarity and building trust through transparency and accountability to MN-S citizens
- The approval of the Handbook by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) with the intent to set accountability standards for the Executive, Ministers and PMC members
- Acknowledgement of past Métis leaders, who created the pathway for the MN-S to become a strong Indigenous government.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Continued)

During discussion on the agenda, it was requested that the agenda be amended to include the following, after Item 5 – “Opening Remarks – President Glen McCallum”:

- “Report from the June 1, 2021, Executive Meeting”
- “The Handbook for Executives, Ministers and Members of the PMC”.

It was MOVED (Sherry McClennan) and SECONDED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier)

That the Agenda for the June 18, 2021, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting be adopted as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer – Elder Norman Fleury
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Review of the Minutes:
 - 4.1 Approval of the April 20, 2021 Minutes
 - 4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Opening Remarks – President Glen McCallum
6. Report from the MN-S Executive:
 - 6.1 Report from the June 1, 2021 Executive Meeting
 - 6.2 The Handbook for Executives, Ministers and Members of the PMC
7. Resolutions:
 - 7.1 Appointment of the Minister of Finance
 - 7.2 Appointment of Designated Signing Authorities
 - 7.3 Affirming the Collective Responsibility of the Provincial Métis Council
 - 7.4 Affirming the Calendar Schedule of the Provincial Métis Council
 - 7.5 Affirming Regional Council Protocols
8. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Guidelines and Disclosure Form
9. Transition Binder 2021 – Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
10. Self-Government Overview – Tom Isaac, Cassels Brock and Blackwell LLP
11. Other Business
12. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

CARRIED (210618-02)

4. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Approval of the April 20, 2021 PMC Minutes

Related information: Draft Minutes of the April 20, 2021 PMC Regular Meeting

Secretary Lisa McCallum read aloud the resolutions indicated in the draft minutes.

Point of Order

In response to a point of order, it was confirmed that motions should be duly moved and seconded, before discussion on the motion ensues.

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Wendy Gervais)

That the Minutes of the April 20, 2021 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting be approved, with the following amendments:

- Resolution 210420-04: Marg Friesen and Sherry McLennan voted in favour of the resolution and will be removed as voting in opposition; and
- Resolution 210420-05: Brent Digness voted in favour of the resolution and will be removed as voting in opposition.

CARRIED (210618-03)

4.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

This item was not considered.

6. REPORT FROM THE MN-S EXECUTIVE

6.1 Report from the June 1, 2021 Executive Meeting

Secretary McCallum reported that members of the Executive (Vice President LeClair, Treasurer LaFontaine and Secretary McCallum) met on June 1, 2021 to discuss the role of the Executive, as per the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (the “Constitution”). President McCallum was unable to attend the meeting.

Secretary McCallum reviewed the following recommendations arising from the June 1, 2021 Executive meeting:

- That the Handbook be reviewed
- That the Executive meet on a more regular basis throughout the year
- That a Transition Team be assigned to assist with the integration of newly elected officials
- That a retreat be scheduled for the PMC to build unity and discuss pathways forward.

President McCallum recognized the importance of the PMC having governance training, and the regions working together effectively. It was confirmed that PMC members were requested to provide their resumes to assist in the Ministerial appointment process.

Change in Chair

President McCallum asked Vice President LeClair to assume the role as Chair at approximately 11:45 a.m.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Potential items for the PMC retreat agenda:
 - o Governance training, with procedures and protocols for conducting meetings
 - o Communications training
 - o A Healing Circle, supported by Elders
- Changes to the Constitution anticipated, as the MN-S transitions towards self-government
- The role of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and MN-S staff
- Human Resource policies established with protections for MN-S staff
- Including senior staff at the PMC retreat, given their integral role in transitioning the MN-S to self-government.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 1:00 p.m. President McCallum assumed the role as Chair.

6.2 The Handbook for Executives, Ministers and Members of the PMC

Vice President LeClair offered comments on the Handbook and suggested that consideration be given to the following:

- An independent legal review, to provide clarity on the expectations of conduct, responsibilities, breaches and disclosure requirements
- Including clear definitions of terms throughout the Handbook
- Seeking legal consultation prior to signing disclosure forms.

During discussion on a draft resolution presented to establish a technical committee to review the Handbook, comments were offered on:

- Consent to add a friendly amendment to state that the Handbook was a living document intended to provide foundational guidance on matters of good governance and protocol
- Requiring approval of any amendments to the Handbook at a MNLA
- Incorporating progressive and incremental disciplinary actions in the Handbook
- Including representation from the North, Central and Southern regions on the technical committee
- Financial implications of legal or disciplinary actions against a Minister, Executive or PMC member
- The Declaration of Assets, which only pertains to assets that could present a conflict for a Minister, Executive or PMC member while carrying out their fiduciary duties
- Options for enforcing the guidelines outlined in the Handbook
- Potentially including a review of the Handbook at the PMC retreat
- Obligations that the PMC were subject to, which are informed by Common Law (e.g. fiduciary duty, duty of care, duty of confidentiality, etc.).

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

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) is dedicated to collective governance based on procedures, protocols and practices grounded in good governance, accountability and transparency;

WHEREAS the *Handbook for Executives, Ministers and Members of the Provincial Métis Council* (“the Handbook”) is a living document intended to provide foundational guidance on matters of good governance and protocol;

WHEREAS the continued development of the MN-S government requires ongoing and continuous improvement and refinement to more perfectly achieve its vision of an open, transparent government for the benefit of the Métis people of Saskatchewan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED at this meeting of June 18, 2021, that the PMC direct the MN-S Chief Executive Officer to establish a technical review committee to review the Handbook and develop recommendations for its continued refinement, improvement and enhancements to support good governance and sound process to support the work of the MN-S government;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the technical review committee be mandated to engage with members of the PMC, governance experts, and Elders to identify areas of concern and develop recommendations for the future consideration, deliberation and approval of the PMC.

CARRIED (210618-04)

Change in Chair

President McCallum asked Vice President LeClair to assume the role as Chair at approximately 2:30 p.m.

7. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Appointment of the Minister of Finance

Related information: Draft “Resolution to Approve Appointment of Minister of Finance”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution” and dated June 18, 2021

The draft resolution was read aloud. During discussion, comments were offered on:

- An understanding that the elected Treasurer was also the MN-S’ Minister of Finance
- The *Constitution’s* reference to designating “persons who may have signing authority for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the organization, which shall include the Treasurer”
- Marg Friesen’s experience on the Finance Committee, including:
 - o Administering Emergency COVID-19 funding as the Minister of Health
 - o Overseeing financial obligations in a transparent manner
- The prior appointment of Marg Friesen to the Finance Committee (without a motion)
- The Treasurer’s experience with the Provincial Métis Housing Corporation (PMHC), and his assertion that a Statement of Claim filed by the PMHC against him, included false information:
 - o As the Statement of Claim was “noted for default”, it was deemed an admission by the defendant, that all matters presented in the Statement of Claim were true
 - o The Statement of Claim was ruled to be “complete”
- Providing resolutions to the PMC in advance of future meetings, to support informed decision making.

It was MOVED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

WHEREAS Articles 2.4 and 4.4(b) of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (“the *Constitution*”) confers upon the President the discretion to assign Ministerial portfolios, subject to the approval of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) and ratification by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA);

WHEREAS Article 2.4 of the *Constitution* further mandates that the assignment of Ministerial portfolios is restricted to members of the MNLA;

WHEREAS financial capacity is critical to ensuring that services and programming remain accessible to Métis citizens through the transition of the newly elected members of the PMC;

WHEREAS the President has determined to assign on a priority basis, the Finance Portfolio to Marg Friesen, Regional Representative for Eastern Region 3;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC at this meeting of June 18, 2021, hereby approves the assignment of Marg Friesen, Regional Director for Eastern Region 3, to the Finance Portfolio, to serve as the Minister of Finance for the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan.

CARRIED (210618-05)

*Wendy Gervais, Robert LaFontaine, Michelle LeClair and Lisa McCallum voted in opposition
Jaycee Bell, Laura Burnouf, Ryan Carriere, Loretta King, Tammy Mah,
Kathie Pruden Nansel and Tim Roussin abstained from the vote*

7.2 Appointment of Designated Signing Authorities

Related information: Draft “Resolution to Appoint Designated Signing Authorities”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution” and dated June 18, 2021

The draft resolution was read aloud. It was clarified that MN-S’ governance documents did not require assigning a “primary signer”, as a one of its designated signing authorities.

It was MOVED (Billy Kennedy) and SECONDED (Brent Digness)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council directs that the MN-S’ banking-related documentation be signed by any two of the following designated signing authorities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following authorities can act as designated signing authorities:

- Glen McCallum, President
- Robert LaFontaine, Treasurer
- Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance
- Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
- Hamid Shahzad, Chief Financial Officer.

CARRIED (210618-06)

Wendy Gervais voted in opposition

Lisa McCallum and Leonard Montgrand abstained from the vote

7.3 Affirming the Collective Responsibility of the Provincial Métis Council

Related information: Draft “Resolution to Affirm the Collective Responsibility of the Provincial Métis Council”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution” and dated June 18, 2021

The draft resolution was read aloud. During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Whether the resolution required constitutional amendments and MNLA approval
- The role of the PMC, which includes:
 - The PMC executes and administers policy developed by the MNLA
 - The Executive does not have decision making authority on its own; this authority lies with the PMC as a whole
 - The PMC can discharge responsibility and delegate authority to different Ministers
- The role of the Executive as defined in the *Constitution*, to fit a non-profit model
- The intent of the resolution to provide clarity for the governance structure of the MN-S.

A friendly amendment to the draft resolution was proposed to indicate that “as the Executive Branch of the MN-S, the PMC confirms its collective responsibility and commits that all decisions must be approved by a 75% majority of members”. The Mover and Seconder of the resolution did not consent to the proposed friendly amendment.

Point of Order

In response to a point of order requesting that the resolution be tabled to the next PMC meeting, the Mover and Seconder did not consent to postponing its consideration.

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (“MN-S” and/or the “Nation”) utilizes a consensus based model for governance that is grounded on the principles of solidarity and collective responsibility;

WHEREAS the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* (“the *Constitution*”) is the voice and deepest expression of the Nation’s values, identity and rights as a self-governing Métis Nation;

WHEREAS the *Constitution* establishes the foundation for good governance and sets the expectations, requirements and conduct of government in a manner that benefits the entire Nation;

WHEREAS the *Constitution* establishes two branches of government, the Legislative Branch and the Executive Branch, which are the contemporary expressions of our governing structures;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly is expressly identified in the *Constitution* as the governing authority and is given powers as the Legislative Branch to enact legislation and ratify decisions;

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) is expressly identified in the *Constitution* as the Cabinet and is given powers as the Executive Branch to administer and implement the policy of MN-S.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED at this meeting of June 18, 2021, that the PMC confirms its collective responsibility as the Executive Branch of the MN-S government and commits to fulfilling its decision-making role in a manner consistent with the intent of the *Constitution*.

CARRIED (210618-07)

*Wendy Gervais, Robert LaFontaine, Michelle LeClair
and Lisa McCallum voted in opposition
Tammy Mah abstained from the vote*

7.4 Affirming the Calendar Schedule of the Provincial Métis Council

Related information: Draft “Resolution Affirming Calendar Schedule of the Provincial Métis Council Meetings”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution” and dated June 18, 2021

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) at its duly convened meeting on December 11, 2020, resolved to establish a calendar schedule to promote efficient planning and preparation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PMC at this meeting of June 18, 2021, shall adhere to the following schedule for 2021 meetings of the PMC, as established:

January 19 (completed)	July 20
February 16 (completed)	August 17
March 16 (completed)	September 21
April 20 (completed)	October 19
May 18 (suspended for election)	November 16
June 18	December 14

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any and all PMC meeting materials and decision items distributed to members of PMC and MN-S administration shall be protected by the rule of confidentiality in order to uphold the principle of Métis government solidarity and collective responsibility.

CARRIED (210618-08)

7.5 Affirming Regional Council Protocols

Due to time constraints, this item was not addressed.

8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF GUIDELINES AND DISCLOSURE FORM

Due to time constraints, this item was not addressed.

9. TRANSITION BINDER 2021

Due to time constraints, this item was not addressed.

10. SELF GOVERNMENT OVERVIEW

Due to time constraints, this item was not addressed.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

12. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting concluded at approximately 4:50 p.m. with a Closing Prayer offered by Elder Fleury.

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were included in the June 18, 2021 meeting package:

1. Agenda for the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting scheduled June 18, 2021
2. Draft Minutes of the MN-S PMC Regular Meeting held April 20, 2021
3. Draft “Resolution to Approve Appointment of Minister of Finance”, labelled “For Internal Purposes and Not for Distribution” and dated June 18, 2021
4. Draft “Resolution to Appoint Designated Signing Authorities”, labelled “For Internal Purposes and Not for Distribution” and dated June 18, 2021
5. Draft “Resolution to Affirm the Collective Responsibility Of The Provincial Métis Council”, labelled “For Internal Purposes and Not for Distribution” and dated June 18, 2021
6. Draft “Resolution Affirming Calendar Schedule of Provincial Métis Council Meetings”, labelled “For Internal Purposes and Not for Distribution” and dated June 18, 2021
7. Draft “Resolution to Affirm Regional Council Protocols”, labelled “For Internal Purposes and Not for Distribution” and dated June 18, 2021

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

CEO	Chief Executive Officer
MN-S	Métis Nation - Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
PMHC	Provincial Métis Housing Corporation
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
held July 20, 2021

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting scheduled July 20, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at the Dakota Dunes Resort, 203 Dakota Dunes Way, Whitecap, Saskatchewan.

PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President	Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2
Michelle LeClair, Vice President, Chair	Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3
Robert LaFontaine, Treasurer	Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3
Lisa McCallum, Secretary	Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A
Jaycee Bell, Youth Council	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1	Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3	Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1	Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A

ABSENT:

Tammy Mah, Les Filles de Madeleine	Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2
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ALSO PRESENT:

Elder Norman Fleury	Felix Merasty, Veteran and Dumont’s Scout
Tom Isaac, Cassels Brock and Blackwell LLP	Elder Max Morin

MN-S OFFICE:

Janice Braden, Senior Policy Analyst	Riva Farrell Racette, Legal Counsel
Lillian Lizette, Legal Coordinator	Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer
Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research	Cassi Smith, Advisor to Chief Strategy Officer
Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer	

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Jessi Connaughton, Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

AGENDA VARIED

The order of the agenda was varied during the meeting. Items are presented in these minutes 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 approximately 10:03 a.m. after confirming that a quorum was present. It was noted that the meeting was being recorded and live-streamed.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered an Opening Prayer.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Related information: Agenda for the July 20, 2021, PMC meeting.

During discussion of the agenda, the following additions were requested and agreed to by the mover and seconder:

- Item 4: Roll Call
- Item 10.1: Batoche
- Item 10.2: Les Filles de Madeleine.

Main Motion:

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

That the Agenda for the July 20, 2021, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council meeting be adopted as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer – Elder Norman Fleury
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Roll Call
5. Review of the Minutes:
 - 5.1 Approval of the June 18, 2021, Minutes
 - 5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
6. Legal Updates – Tom Isaac, Cassels Brock and Blackwell LLP
 - 6.1 Self-Government
 - 6.2 Northwest Land Claims
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10. Other Business
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 - 10.2 Les Filles de Madeleine
11. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

Amendment to the Main Motion:

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

That the agenda be amended to consider Item 6 “Legal Updates” during an in-camera session.

CARRIED

Question on the Main Motion as amended:

The question was called on the main motion as amended, and it was

CARRIED (210720-01)

4. ROLL CALL

A Roll Call was conducted to confirm the presence of PMC members.

5. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

5.1 Approval of the June 18, 2021, PMC Minutes

Related information: Draft Minutes of the June 18, 2021, PMC Regular Meeting

It was MOVED (Lisa McCallum) and SECONDED (Loretta King)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Raincoast Ventures Ltd. as Recording Secretary for its July 20, 2021, meeting.

CARRIED (210720-02)

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier)

That the Minutes of the June 18, 2021, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting be approved, with the following amendments:

- Correct the spelling of “Kathie Pruden Nansel” throughout the minutes;
- Resolution 210618-02: Correct the numbering of agenda items;
- Resolution 210618-05: Brent Digness voted in favour of the resolution and will be removed as voting in opposition; and
- Resolution 210618-07: Tim Roussin voted in favour of the resolution and will be removed as voting in opposition.

CARRIED (210720-03)

5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

This item was not considered.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned to an in-camera session at approximately 10:45 a.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

The regular meeting reconvened at approximately 1:20 p.m.

Introduction of Grand Chief Brian Hardlotte

President McCallum introduced Grand Chief Brian Hardlotte, Prince Albert Grand Council. The Grand Chief thanked President McCallum for the introduction, and offered congratulations to elected officials of the PMC. Additional comments were provided on the negotiation of fishing rights, lands, resource and revenue sharing, and the importance of working in solidarity as Indigenous people.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned to an in-camera session at approximately 1:30 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

The regular meeting reconvened at approximately 2:00 p.m.

6. LEGAL UPDATE

6.1 Self-Government

This item was considered earlier during the in-camera session.

6.2 North West Land Claim

This item was considered earlier during the in-camera session.

6.3 Île-à-la-Crosse Boarding School

Further to discussion in the earlier in-camera session, the following motion was presented for consideration:

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

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) is the exclusive representative government of all Metis of Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS MN-S government has established a Ministerial office and portfolio dedicated to advancing the rights and interests of Métis survivors of residential school who have been unjustly excluded from recognition by both the provincial and federal governments; and

WHEREAS MN-S desires to pursue federal funding to establish a Commission to promote education and recognition of the harms sustained by Métis survivors of residential school, to make meaningful recommendations to advance reconciliation and to address the inter-generational trauma sustained by their families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Métis Council approves of the establishment of a Commission whose mandate will be to, *inter alia*:

- document the history of Métis students in Saskatchewan in day schools, industrial schools and residential schools to better understand the experience of Métis students, including historic injustices;
- build on the work of the residential school survivors of Île-à-la-Crosse and elsewhere by including all former residential students and schools in Saskatchewan;
- examine the roles of the Government of Saskatchewan, the Government of Canada, and the churches in the administration of the schools;
- provide an opportunity for residential school survivors and families to preserve their stories and to ensure that their voices will be heard;
- provide meaningful and accessible support to survivors and their families in their healing journeys;
- research and document the stories of our lost Métis children who attended schools, including the identification of gravesites for those children who did not return home; and
- develop a Terms of Reference for the Commission, which addresses areas left unexplored by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission mandate with regards to Métis people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission will consult with an Advisory Committee that consists of survivors and their families, who will inform and guide the work of the Commission – to ensure forward progress of the work done to date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MN-S shall pursue funding to establish the Commission and implement its mandate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (210720-04)

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Affirm the Collective Responsibility of the Provincial Métis Council

Vice President LeClair confirmed that this item was considered at the June 18, 2021, PMC meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

It was MOVED (Kathie Pruden Nansell) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting adjourn to an in-camera session.

CARRIED (210720-05)

(Time: 2:25 p.m.)

MEETING RECONVENED

The regular PMC meeting reconvened at approximately 3:30 p.m.

7.2 Affirm Regional Council Protocols

Related information: Draft “Resolution to Affirm Regional Council Protocols”, labelled “For Internal Purposes and Not for Distribution” and dated July 20, 2021

Further to discussion in the earlier in-camera session, the following motion was presented for consideration:

It was MOVED (Sherry McLennan) and SECONDED (Billy Kennedy)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) utilizes a consensus-based model for governance;

WHEREAS the Regional Representatives of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) serve as Chairpersons of the Regional Councils of the Regions for which they were elected;

WHEREAS the Regional Councils provide guidance to their representatives on the PMC with respect to matters affecting the MN-S and their respective Region, in accordance with Article 5.2 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan*;

WHEREAS the members of the PMC, in conducting the affairs of the MN-S, are bound by principles of solidarity, confidentiality and collective responsibility; and

WHEREAS the PMC is possessed with the responsibility to ensure that the laws, protocols and processes of the MN-S are respected.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, in the interests of solidarity, confidentiality and collective responsibility, that Regional Representatives shall be the first point of contact for the Regional Councils and governing members of the Regional Councils.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no member of the PMC or the Executive will meet or deal with any governing member of a Regional Council in any official capacity, without providing proper advance notice to the relevant Regional Representative for that Region.

CARRIED (210720-06)

7.3 Approve Funding for Provincial Métis Youth Council Election

Related information: Draft “Resolution to Approve Funding for Provincial Métis Youth Council Election”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution” and dated July 20, 2021

During review of the resolution, it was noted that “to a maximum of \$50,000.00” was added after the resolution in writing was distributed, and the addition was agreed to by the mover and seconder.

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Jaycee Bell)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) supports efforts of the Provincial Métis Youth Council to hold democratic, transparent and accessible elections for its youth members; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Youth Council intends to hold a province-wide, online election in Fall 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC approves funding for the Provincial Métis Youth Council election, including the hiring of a Chief Electoral Officer, creation of a youth voters list and costs associated with holding a professionally-run online, province-wide election to a maximum of \$50,000.00.

CARRIED (210720-07)

8. MN-S GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Related information: Directory of MN-S Government Officials

The directory of MN-S Government Officials was provided on-table for information.

9. MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS

President McCallum confirmed that Ministerial assignments were based on individual strengths and qualifications. He and the Vice President jointly presented a certificate to each of the Ministers, confirming their appointments as follows:

- Child and Family Services: Kathie Pruden Nansel
- Culture and Heritage: Sherry McLennan
- Early Learning and Childcare/Education: Tim Roussin
- Economic Development: President Glen McCallum
- Environment: Mervin “Tex” Bouvier
- Finance: Marg Friesen
- Health: Marg Friesen (assigned for a six-month term)

- Housing: Ryan Carriere
- Inter-Nation Relations: President Glen McCallum and Vice President Michelle LeClair
- Justice: Vice President Michelle LeClair
- Language: Laura Burnouf
- Post-Secondary Education and Skills Development: Leonard Montgrand
- Sports: Billy Kennedy
- Tourism: Brent Digness
- Veterans: Wendy Gervais
- Women and Gender Equality: Loretta King
- Youth: Jaycee Bell.

Ministers were provided with a Ministerial Transition Binder, and informed that mandate letters would be distributed at the August 2021 MN-S retreat.

6. LEGAL UPDATE (Continued)

6.1 Self-Government

Further to discussion in an earlier in-camera session, the following motion was presented for consideration.

It was MOVED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

WHEREAS the Metis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) is the exclusive representative government of all Metis of Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS MN-S and Canada executed a Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement (the “MGRSA”) on June 27, 2019, which among other things, affirmed MN-S as the exclusive representative and Section 35, Constitution Act, 1982, (S.35) government of all Metis of Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS on July 6, 2021, Canada and Manitoba Metis Federation Inc. executed the Manitoba Métis Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Agreement (the “MMF Agreement”);

WHEREAS the MMF Agreement is fundamentally at odds with the MN-S MGRSA and with Canadian law;

WHEREAS Canada did not consult with MN-S in negotiating and concluding the MMF Agreement despite its clear potential impact on MN-S and its citizens; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Metis Council (PMC) desires to declare its collective opposition to Canada’s conduct in negotiating and concluding the MMF Agreement which is inconsistent with the MGRSA and the constitutional principle of the honour of the Crown.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC, as the Executive Branch and Cabinet of the MN-S, hereby affirms its collective responsibility to advance the rights and interests of all Metis of Saskatchewan, including those rights recognized and affirmed by S.35 of the Constitution of Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PMC shall take all measures to prevent any government action that would purport to limit the MN-S’ jurisdiction and inherent rights of self-determination and self-government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PMC shall hold Canada accountable for all of the commitments set out in the MGRSA, its constitutional obligations and its common law obligations, including its obligation to uphold the honour of the Crown.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (210720-08)

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Batoche

Sherry McLennan, Minister of Culture and Heritage, informed that the Virtual Back to Batoche event was scheduled for July 22-25, 2021. A small, in-person Back to Batoche event may be held in September 2021, provided COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

10.2 Les Filles Des Madeline

Kathie Pruden Nansel, Minister of Child and Family Services, requested a timeframe for an election for Les Filles de Madeleine (LFDM). Additional comments were offered on:

- LFDM as a separate entity from the Ministry of Women and Gender Equality
- Following the same process as the Provincial Métis Youth Council election
- Concerns related to the exclusion of some Regions from LFDM
- Reviewing MN-S' financial obligations to LFDM through the constitutional reform process
- The *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* reference to the Métis Women of Saskatchewan; and the provision for a seat at the PMC, which would cease once Women achieve equitable representation at the table.

10.3 MN-S Retreat

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer, informed that a retreat was being planned for the week of August 23, 2021. The retreat would include a Ministerial meeting with presentation of mandate letters, and the participation of Directors, Senior Administrative staff, Elders, Veterans and a Dumont's Scout. It was suggested that the August 17, 2021, PMC meeting be postponed to take place as part of the retreat.

It was MOVED (Loretta King) and SECONDED (Mervin "Tex" Bouvier)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approve postponing the August 17, 2021 PMC meeting to the week of August 23, 2021, to coincide with the MN-S retreat.

CARRIED (210720-09)

11. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered a Closing Prayer.

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting held July 20, 2021, now conclude.

CARRIED (210720-10)

(Time: 5:10 p.m.)

LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were included in the July 20, 2021 meeting package:

1. Agenda for the MN-S Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting scheduled July 20, 2021
2. Draft Minutes of the MN-S PMC Regular Meeting held June 18, 2021
3. Draft “Resolution to Affirm Regional Council Protocols”, labelled “For Internal Purposes and Not for Distribution” and dated July 20, 2021
4. Draft “Resolution to Approve Funding for Provincial Métis Youth Council Election”, labelled “For Internal Purposes and Not for Distribution” and dated July 20, 2021
5. Directory of MN-S Government Officials

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

LFDM	Les Filles de Madeleine
MN-S	Métis Nation - Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
held August 17, 2021

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting scheduled August 17, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the Delta Hotels Saskatoon Downtown, 405 20th Street East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President

Michelle LeClair, Vice President, Chair

Robert LaFontaine, Treasurer

Lisa McCallum, Secretary

Jaycee Bell, Youth Council

Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1

Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3
(joined via videoconference)

Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1

Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2

Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3

Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3

Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A

Loretta King, Western Region 1

Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2

Tammy Mah, Les Filles de Madeleine

Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2

Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A

Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A

ALSO PRESENT:

Elder Norman Fleury

Felix Merasty, Veteran and Dumont’s Scout

Elder Max Morin

Matt Vermette (for Item 6.1 only)

MN-S OFFICE:

Janice Braden, Senior Policy Analyst

Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer

Josh Morrison, Legal Counsel, MLT Aikins

Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:10 a.m., after quorum was confirmed.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered an Opening Prayer.

3. WELCOMING REMARKS

President McCallum reviewed collaborations achieved with other Indigenous governments, communities and organizations; upcoming discussions on the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls; and new economic development opportunities, which supported the need for the PMC to act responsibly. He confirmed that the meeting was being live-streamed.

Meeting Recessed

The meeting recessed at 9:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

It was MOVED (Tammy Mah) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Raincoast Ventures Ltd. as Recording Secretary for its August 17, 2021, meeting.

CARRIED (210817-01)

A roll call confirmed PMC members in attendance.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Related information (provided in advance): Draft Agenda for the August 17, 2021, PMC Meeting

The Mover and Seconder agreed to the addition of agenda items under “Other Business”.

It was MOVED (Sherry McLennan) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)

That the Agenda for the August 17, 2021, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council meeting be adopted as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Welcoming Remarks
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Review of the Minutes:
 - 5.1 Approval of the July 20, 2021 Minutes
 - 5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
6. Resolutions:
 - 6.1 Approval of Purchase of Real Property
 - 6.2 Approval of Portfolio Assignments
 - 6.3 Approval of Métis Nation Legislative Assembly Dates: November 26-28, 2021
7. Back to Batoche – September 2-5, 2021
8. Other Business:
 - 8.1 Women
 - 8.2 Financial Updates
 - 8.3 Regional Protocols
 - 8.4 Hotel Venues
 - 8.5 Local Presidents’ Wages / Honoraria
 - 8.6 Northern Region 3
9. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

CARRIED (210817-02)

5. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

5.1 Approval of the July 20, 2021 PMC Minutes

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Minutes of the July 20, 2021 PMC Meeting

Provincial Secretary McCallum read aloud the resolutions included in the minutes.

5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

During discussion on the minutes, Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer, read aloud an August 13, 2021 letter received from the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, which:

- Affirmed the Government of Canada's (Canada's) commitment to work with the MN-S, to implement the June 27, 2019, Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement (MGRSA), based on the recognition, affirmation, and implementation of Métis rights protected by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982 (Constitution)*
- Announced that an Interim Fiscal Financing Agreement had been finalized, in the amount of \$21,931,317 to implement the MGRSA further, and the commitments made to advancing self-determination for the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan
- Confirmed Canada's commitment to work with the MN-S to establish predictable multi-year funding for continued negotiations and to explore claims against the federal Crown
- Addressed the MN-S' concerns about potential impacts of the July 6, 2021 agreement that Canada signed with the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF), which defined "Manitoba Métis" as only "one of the Métis collectivities that together make up the Métis Nation"
- Canada's willingness to prioritize collaboration with the MN-S, to seek the mandates needed to apply the federal rights-recognition policies and techniques employed in the MMF-Canada Agreement, to Canada's agreements with the MN-S.

President McCallum acknowledged supports outlined in the letter and emphasized the importance of remaining focused on the MN-S' continued progress.

During discussion, comments were offered on the September 20-23, 2021 PMC Retreat in Kananaskis, Alberta, regarding:

- Holding the MN-S Retreat virtually if necessary, due to pandemic restrictions
- Transitioning from a not-for-profit structure to a self-government
- Reminding PMC members to vote in advance polling for the federal election
- Potential agenda items for consideration, including:
 - o The Canada-Métis Nation Accord and the Permanent Bilateral Mechanism
 - o Negotiations to Support Île-à-la-Crosse Boarding School Survivors
 - o The August 13, 2021 Letter from the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations
 - o MN-S Funding, Infrastructure, Program Delivery, Workplans, Policies and Staff Salaries
 - o The MN-S Governance Structure (including the Métis Women of Saskatchewan and the Provincial Métis Youth Council)
 - o Constitutional Reform and Community Engagement Processes.

It was noted that an online election process was planned for the Provincial Métis Youth Council. The election date will be conveyed to the PMC (likely August 23, 2021).

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

That the Minutes of the July 20, 2021, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting be approved as amended, to indicate that Resolution #210720-04 and Resolution #210720-08 were both “CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY”.

CARRIED (210817-03)

Change in Chair

President McCallum and Vice President LeClair left the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Secretary McCallum assumed the Chair pending their return.

6. RESOLUTIONS

6.1 Approval of Purchase of Real Property

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft “Resolution to Approve Purchase of Real Property”, labeled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution” and dated August 17, 2021

Richard Quintal reviewed the intent of the draft resolution to approve the purchase of two properties intended for establishing a La Faamii programs and services hub, where Métis citizens and families could access culturally relevant supports and services. Matt Vermette’s involvement in the project, was acknowledged.

11:30 a.m.

President McCallum and Vice President LeClair rejoined the meeting.

The draft “Resolution to Approve Purchase of Real Property”, was read aloud.

11:40 a.m.

Matt Vermette joined the meeting.

During discussion, the following comments were offered:

- The project was initiated by the prior administration to address gaps in programs and services:
 - o The Finance Committee supported the fiscal decision to purchase the property
 - o Funding was negotiated for the project to support families after the pandemic
- A total of \$1,539,961.50 was offered to acquire Unit 113 and Unit 223 at 123 Avenue B S, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; the PMC’s approval is a condition of the purchase proceeding
- A full business plan and facility model will be prepared if the purchase proceeds:
 - o One of the units is situated on the ground floor, and the other is directly above
 - o The MN-S would own both units, which could potentially be resold in the future as combined or separate assets
 - o Photos of the properties could be provided.

Request for Action (RFA-210817-01)

The Finance Committee agreed to prepare a briefing note for the Provincial Métis Council, with information on all properties the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan currently owns.

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

WHEREAS it is the desire of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) to establish a programs and services hub for Métis citizens and their families as part of La Faamii pilot project initiative;

WHEREAS the establishment of La Faamii programs and services hub will ensure that Métis citizens and families can access culturally-relevant supports and services;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan (MN-S) Ministry of Child and Family Services has identified certain real properties located at #113 and #223 of “the Blok” at 123 Avenue B S in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (the Property), that will be a suitable site for the establishment of La Faamii hub, as described above;

WHEREAS on July 14, 2021, an offer for purchase of Unit #113 – 123 Avenue B S was presented to the owners of the Property in the net amount of \$771,750.00 (including GST);

WHEREAS on July 14, 2021, an offer for purchase of Unit #223 – 123 Avenue B S was presented to the owners of the Property in the net amount of \$768,211.50 (including construction credits and GST);

WHEREAS the total amount being offered to acquire both properties is \$1,539,961.50;

WHEREAS the aforesaid offers were conditional on inter alia obtaining the approval of the PMC within sixty days of acceptance of the conditional offer;

WHEREAS the conditional offer was accepted on July 16, 2021, and the deadline for obtaining the approval of the PMC shall expire on September 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Child and Family Services has recommended to the PMC that the Property be purchased as the site of La Faamii services hub at this duly convened meeting of August 17, 2021, subject to satisfactory completion of all necessary due diligence inquiries.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC hereby approves of the purchase of the properties located at 113 and 223 of “the Blok” at 123 Avenue B S in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, as presented at this meeting of August 17, 2021, as the future site of La Faamii hub of programs and services, subject to satisfactory completion of all necessary due diligence inquiries and removal of associated conditions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (210817-04)

Health Break

A meal blessing was offered by Elder Max Morin. The meeting recessed at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Change in Chair

Vice President LeClair assumed the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Matt Vermette reviewed photos of the properties located at 113 and 223 of “the Blok”, at 123 Avenue B S in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

1:45 p.m.

Matt Vermette left the meeting.

6.2 Approval of Portfolio Assignments

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft “Resolution to Approve Portfolio Assignments”, labeled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution” and dated August 17, 2021

It was MOVED (Laura Burnouf) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

WHEREAS Articles 2.4 and 4.4(b) of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (Constitution)* confer upon the President the discretion to assign Ministerial portfolios, subject to the approval of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) and ratification by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA);

WHEREAS Article 2.4 of the *Constitution* further mandates that the assignment of Ministerial portfolios are restricted to members of the MNLA;

WHEREAS Article 2.4 of the *Constitution* provides that the President shall assign and recommend portfolios, subject to the approval of the PMC and ratification by the MNLA, and the assignment of portfolios shall be restricted to members of the MNLA;

AND WHEREAS the President has made the following appointments of Ministerial Portfolios on July 20, 2021, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan:

- Child Family Services: Minister Kathie Pruden Nansel
- Culture and Heritage: Minister Sherry Ann McLennan
- Economic Development: President Glen McCallum
- Early Learning and Childcare and Education: Minister Tim J.W. Roussin
- Environment: Minister Mervin “Tex” Bouvier
- Justice: Vice President Michelle LeClair
- Health (Interim appointment for six months from July 2021): Minister Marg Friesen
- Housing and Infrastructure: Minister Ryan Carriere
- Inter-Nation Relations: President Glen McCallum and Vice President Michelle LeClair
- Language: Minister Laura Burnouf
- Post-Secondary Education and Skills Development: Minister Leonard Montgrand
- Sports: Minister Billy Kennedy
- Tourism: Minister Brent W.J. Digness
- Veterans: Minister Wendy Gervais
- Women and Gender Equity: Minister Loretta King
- Youth: Minister Jaycee Bell

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministerial Portfolio appointments made by the President as aforesaid, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (210817-05)

6.3 Setting the Date for the Next Métis Nation Legislative Assembly

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft “Resolution on Setting the Date for the Next Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”, labeled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution”, and dated August 17, 2021

In response to questions raised, it was noted that a General Assembly may be scheduled to coincide with the MNLA if constitutional amendments need to be ratified. A committee may be tasked to address applicable COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and precautions.

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

WHEREAS Article 3.10 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan* authorizes the Provincial Métis Council to set the date and place for each sitting of the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a MNLA be held on November 26, 27 and 28, 2021, at Prairieland Park, 503 Ruth Street West, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (210817-06)

7. BACK TO BATOCHÉ 2021

Sherry McLennan, Minister of Culture and Heritage, provided updates on the September 2-5, 2021 Back to Batoche event, and commented on:

- Free parking and campsites announced for Back to Batoche 2021; PMC members can contact the MN-S office to request a campsite
- Back to Batoche events scheduled to begin on September 2, 2021, including:
 - o A baseball tournament (Regions could each sponsor a baseball team for \$500/team)
 - o Chuckwagon chariots, karaoke, games, Indian relays, cultural camps, bingo, entertainment, jigging, and other activities
 - o Opening ceremonies on September 3, 2021, with President McCallum
- Plans to acknowledge the names of citizens who succumbed to COVID-19; their names and information can be provided in advance to Minister McLennan
- Arranging for rapid COVID-19 testing, hand sanitizing stations, and temperature checks at the Batoche site entry gate.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Women

Related information (provided on-table): Minutes of the April 10-11, 2021 Meeting of Les Filles de Madeleine Secretariat Inc.

Tammy Mah, President, Les Filles de Madeleine Secretariat Inc. (LFDM), reported that the LFDM elections may be held September 17-19, 2021, in Yorkton, Saskatchewan. It was noted that three regions had not yet assigned a Regional Representative to the LFDM.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- References in the *Constitution* to the “Métis Women of Saskatchewan”
- Requesting staff involved in previous MN-S elections to support upcoming elections for the Métis Women of Saskatchewan and the Provincial Métis Youth Council, to ensure consistency.

It was suggested that the LFDM elections be postponed until after the September 20-23, 2021 PMC Retreat to provide more time to consider a transparent, democratic and defensible process, that supports equal engagement with Métis women across Saskatchewan.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 2:45 p.m. and reconvened at 2:55 p.m.

8.2 Financial Updates

8.2.1 MN-S Travel Policy

Related information (displayed at the meeting): Proposed revisions to the “MN-S Travel Policy”

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, reviewed revisions proposed to the “MN-S Travel Policy”, and offered the following comments:

- Travel budgets were proposed for the President (up to \$12,000) and the Vice President (up to \$10,000); travel claims from the Secretary and Treasurer will be submitted
- An annual travel budget (for mileage related to MN-S business) was proposed for Ministerial Portfolio Holders (up to \$10,000)
- Vehicles were leased for some Regions to provide “COVID-19” supports and deliveries; alternatives to the vehicle leases may be considered when the leases are concluded
- Establishing a travel plan would assist in forecasting Ministers’ travel costs for the year ahead.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approve the revisions proposed to the “MN-S Travel Policy”, as presented to the PMC on August 17, 2021.

CARRIED (210817-07)

Three abstentions (including Wendy Gervais and Lisa McCallum)

Wendy Gervais specified that she abstained from the vote, as her request to table the MN-S Travel Policy was not considered.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 4:20 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m.

8.2.2 MN-S Policy Governing Financial Reporting, Audits and Compliance by Funding Recipients

Related information (displayed at the meeting): Proposed “MN-S Policy Governing Financial Reporting, Audits and Compliance by Funding Recipients”

Minister Friesen reviewed the proposed “MN-S Policy Governing Financial Reporting, Audits and Compliance by Funding Recipients”, and offered the following comments:

- Annual Regional Capacity Budgets need to be submitted by Regional Councils to enable funds to be released to the Region
- After the applicable audits are completed, the funds can be allocated accordingly.

It was MOVED (Robert LaFontaine) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) adopt, on an interim basis, pending ratification at the September 20-23, 2021 PMC Retreat, the “MN-S Policy Governing Financial Reporting, Audits and Compliance by Funding Recipients”, as presented to the PMC on August 17, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (210817-08)

During discussion, comments were offered on providing supports (e.g. an auditor and a bookkeeper) to assist Regions in complying with their fiscal and reporting responsibilities.

8.2.3 Remuneration for PMC Members and Ministerial Portfolio-Holders

Richard Quintal commented on “Remuneration for PMC Members and Ministerial Portfolio-Holders” and referenced:

- Prior discussions on achieving parity with Provincial Government’s Ministerial pay scales
- Additional wage top-ups received by Provincial Ministers for portfolios they hold
- Discussions needed on determining top-ups for portfolio-holders with multiple portfolios.

It was MOVED (Robert LaFontaine) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) table “Remuneration for PMC Members and Ministerial Portfolio-Holders” for discussion at the September 20-23, 2021 PMC Retreat.

CARRIED (210817-09)

8.3 Regional Protocols

During discussion on “Regional Protocols”, comments were offered on:

- Ensuring the “MN-S Handbook for Executives, Ministers and Members of the Provincial Métis Council” includes guidance on respectful communications with colleagues and citizens
- Potentially establishing a Dispute Resolution Committee to assist in resolving conflicts that may occur between Regions.

8.4 Hotel Venues

During discussion on “Hotel Venues”, it was suggested that the Finance Committee seek quotes from hotels that provide natural lighting and windows in their conference rooms.

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) requests that quotes be obtained from hotels in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, for the Finance Committee’s consideration, to assist in identifying a consistent location for holding future PMC meetings.

CARRIED (210817-10)

8.5 Local Presidents’ Wages / Honoraria

During discussion on “Local Presidents Wages / Honoraria”, comments were offered on:

- Retaining an Actuary to consider compensation for Local Presidents
- Encouraging Local Presidents to consider funding opportunities available in their Regions
- Convincing governments to consider how Métis citizens are impacted when Duty to Consult and Accommodate policies are disregarded.

Further discussion on this item was deferred to the next PMC meeting.

8.6 Northern Region 3

Discussion on this item was deferred to the next PMC meeting.

9. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

It was MOVED (Robert Lafontaine)

That the August 17, 2021, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting, now conclude.

CARRIED (210817-11)
(Time: 5:40 p.m.)

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided or considered at the August 17, 2021 meeting:

1. Agenda for the August 17, 2021, MN-S Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the July 20, 2021 MN-S PMC Regular Meeting
3. Correspondence received from the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, dated August 13, 2021
4. Draft “Resolution to Approve Purchase of Real Property”, labeled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution” and dated August 17, 2021
5. Draft “Resolution to Approve Portfolio Assignments”, labeled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution” and dated August 17, 2021
6. Draft “Resolution on Setting the Date for the Next Métis Nation Legislative Assembly”, labeled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution”, and dated August 17, 2021
7. Minutes of the April 10-11, 2021 Meeting of Les Filles de Madeleine Secretariat Inc.
8. Proposed revisions to the “MN-S Travel Policy”
9. Proposed “MN-S Policy Governing Financial Reporting, Audits and Compliance by Funding Recipients”

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

LFDM	Les Filles de Madeleine
MGRSA	Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement
MMF	Manitoba Metis Federation
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation - Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council



**MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**
held September 21, 2021

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting scheduled September 21, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. by videoconference.

PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President	Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3
Michelle LeClair, Vice President, Chair	Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3
Robert LaFontaine, Treasurer	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Lisa McCallum, Secretary	Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1	Tammy Mah, Les Filles de Madeleine
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3	Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1	Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2	Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A

ALSO PRESENT:

Elder Norman Fleury

MN-S OFFICE:

Janice Braden, Senior Policy Analyst	Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
Mark Calette, Senior Director of Duty to Consult and Land Claims	Riva Racette, Legal Counsel
Lisa Fleming, Director of ELCC / CFS	Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer
Christena Konrad, Director of Housing	Susan Shacter
Brandy Laronde, Legislative Coordinator	Lori Skjeie, Director of Culture and Language
Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research	Cassi Smith, Advisor to Chief Strategy Officer
	Duane Tinker, Director of Administration

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:10 a.m. after quorum was confirmed.

2. ROLL CALL

A roll call confirmed PMC members in attendance.

3. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered an Opening Prayer.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Related information: Draft Agenda for the September 21, 2021, PMC Meeting

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Tammy Mah)

That the Agenda for the September 21, 2021, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) meeting be adopted, as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Opening Prayer
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Appointing the Recording Secretary
6. Review of the Minutes:
 - 6.1 Approval of the August 17, 2021 Minutes
 - 6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
7. Resolutions:
 - 7.1 Métis Homelessness Strategy
 - 7.2 Confidentiality Issues and the PMC
 - 7.3 Conflicts with External Organizations
8. Finance Update
9. Provincial Métis Youth Council (PMYC) – Election
10. Residential School Commission – Terms of Reference
11. Other Business:
 - 11.1 Health and COVID-19 Updates
 - 11.2 Métis National Council (MNC) – Election and Assembly
 - 11.3 Batoche Fall Festival
 - 11.4 Métis Women of Saskatchewan – Election
12. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

CARRIED (210921-01)

5. APPOINTING THE RECORDING SECRETARY

It was MOVED (Kathie Pruden Nansel) and SECONDED (Loretta King)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock as Recording Secretary for its September 21, 2021 meeting.

CARRIED (210921-02)

6. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

6.1 Approval of the August 17, 2021, PMC Minutes

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Minutes of the August 17, 2021, PMC Meeting

Provincial Secretary McCallum read aloud the resolutions included in the draft minutes.

6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

During discussion on the August 17, 2021 PMC Meeting, comments were offered on:

- The agenda item "Northern Region 3", which was postponed due to time constraints:
 - o Clarification was requested on whether capacity and supports were provided to Locals to help them address priorities as they arise (e.g. related to harvesting, etc.):
 - Locals receive some funding each year to hold meetings; Local Presidents were equipped to stay virtually connected with their members
 - MN-S staff's role includes ensuring MN-S programs and services are implemented
 - Constitutional Reform discussions will provide opportunities to gather information from citizens across the province
- Potentially re-scheduling the PMC Retreat to October 27 or 28, 2021 in Elk Ridge, Saskatchewan.

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

That the Minutes of the August 17, 2021 Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED (210921-03)

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Métis Homelessness Strategy

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- Draft "Resolution to Approve the Métis Homelessness Strategy and Budget", labeled "For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution" and dated September 20, 2021
- Briefing Note on the "MN-S Homelessness Strategy", dated September 20, 2021
- "Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Homelessness Strategy: Reaching Home Program Version 1.0", dated August 2021
- Presentation titled, "Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Homelessness Strategy"

Christena Konrad, Director of Housing, reviewed the information provided on the Homelessness Strategy and commented on:

- Key objectives of the program, including connecting vulnerable Métis citizens in Saskatchewan to existing housing and support services available
- The intended delivery model for the program, including:
 - o Hiring staff as required to support citizens who need access to services
 - o Training staff to teach Rental Education, Basic Home Maintenance and Personal Budgeting
 - o Expanding available services, including:
 - Allocating funds to continue the Medical Transport Program
 - Creating a "Rent Bank" providing citizens with access to funds to cover rental arrears
 - Providing emergency access to food, housing set-up costs, etc.
 - Supporting those reintegrating from the provincial and federal justice systems
 - Coordinating with existing homelessness efforts and services across the province
 - o The four-year budget plan.

In response to questions raised, the following comments were offered:

- The Homelessness Strategy is a community initiative, that will ensure there are staff across the province, with access to a list of programs and services available
- The Housing Ministry will allocate the program funding as needed, across the province.

It was MOVED (Ryan Carriere) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes that homelessness afflicts many of our citizens, limiting their ability to participate fully in society and fulfill their personal potential;

WHEREAS the MN-S is committed to reducing and, where possible, eliminating homelessness among our citizens by building a comprehensive housing and homelessness strategy and programming;

WHEREAS the MN-S has entered into an agreement with Employment and Social Development Canada to address homelessness with a plan to administer a four (4) year Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy Métis Distinction-Based Funding Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) approves the "MN-S Homelessness Strategy: Reaching Home", as presented; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PMC approves a four (4) year budget for expenditures on the strategy totalling \$4,838,616, allocated as follows:

- \$891,000 for fiscal year end 2021;
- \$1,315,872 for fiscal year end 2022;
- \$1,315,872 for fiscal year end 2023; and
- \$1,315,872 for fiscal year end 2024.

CARRIED (210921-04)

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

Change in Chair

Secretary McCallum assumed the role of Chair at 11:10 a.m. for consideration of Item 7.2.

7.2 Confidentiality Issues and the PMC

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft "Resolution Prohibiting the Disclosure of Proprietary and Confidential Information", labeled "For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution" and dated September 21, 2021

Vice President LeClair expressed concerns related to the recent release of confidential PMC communications, constituting a breach of PMC members' oaths of office and fiduciary duties. Discussion ensued on initiating an internal investigation into the confidentiality breach and considering disciplinary action, which may include suspension from the PMC for a period of time.

Request for Action (RFA-210921-01)

It was requested that the next Provincial Métis Council (PMC) meeting receive the terms of reference, membership list and a progress update from the Technical Review Committee, which was established by the PMC on June 18, 2021 to review the "MN-S Handbook for Executives, Ministers and Members of the Provincial Métis Council".

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Marg Friesen)

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at its duly convened meeting on June 18, 2021, passed a resolution affirming the importance of having a model for governance that is grounded on the principles of solidarity and collective responsibility;

WHEREAS the elected members of the PMC form the Cabinet of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) government and make decisions affecting the rights and interests of the MN-S and its citizens;

WHEREAS members of the PMC have access to proprietary, classified, confidential and privileged information, which if disclosed to third parties could harm MN-S' rights and interests;

WHEREAS members of the PMC owe fiduciary duties of loyalty and good faith and are obligated to protect confidential information as part of those fiduciary duties; and

WHEREAS internal communications of the PMC were shared with an external third party on or about September 2, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The PMC, at this duly called meeting of September 21, 2021, desires to denounce and expressly prohibit the sharing and disclosure of MN-S' confidential information;
2. The disclosure of MN-S' confidential information constitutes a material breach of PMC members' oaths of office and fiduciary duties of loyalty, good faith and confidentiality;
3. Any member of the PMC who discloses confidential information is committing a seditious act and shall be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law. Disciplinary action may include but is not limited to, the loss of Ministerial responsibilities, removal from internal committees and the matter being brought before the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA);
4. For the purposes of this resolution, "confidential information" means any information of a confidential nature which relates to the business and activities of the MN-S and its affiliates, including, without being limited to, the following:
 - a) information that is proprietary or sensitive in nature;
 - b) information that is identified, marked or communicated as "privileged" and/or "confidential";
 - c) information that is communicated for internal purposes;
 - d) documents, plans, and communications that are in draft form;
 - e) business and legal strategies, technical plans, personnel information, and related information;
 - f) information relating to and regarding clients, legal files, negotiations with third parties and/or customers and/or program beneficiaries of the MN-S and its affiliates; and
5. The PMC further directs that there be an internal investigation to determine the source of the unauthorized disclosure, that the logistics of the internal investigation be determined by the MN-S' Human Resource Committee, and that recommendations based upon the investigation findings be presented to the PMC for its consideration and deliberation.

CARRIED (210921-05)

Change in Chair

Vice President LeClair resumed the role as Chair at 12:05 p.m.

7.3 Conflicts with External Organizations

Discussion ensued on the potential impacts of external agencies and organizations, that may seek to support or engage with Métis citizens and communities in Saskatchewan.

In response to questions raised, it was acknowledged that:

- It is the MN-S' role to represent the province's Métis citizens
- The MNLA's role as governing authority of the MN-S is to enact legislation, regulation, rules and resolutions governing the affairs and conduct of Métis in Saskatchewan
- Judicial Review Committee meetings may resume, when pandemic restrictions allow.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

8. FINANCE UPDATE

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, provided a "Finance Update" and commented on:

- Audit processes initiated by all MN-S Regions
- Releasing Regional capacity funding (for the first and second quarters of 2021) within the next two weeks, to enable Regions to manage their operational and other costs; some Regions were still in the process of completing their audits
- Preparation of a Ministry of Finance communication, outlining who can access temporary COVID-19 relief support funding
- The draft MN-S Budget, which will be presented to the PMC prior to its implementation
- Streamlining internal processes and financial controls to continue to support transparency
- Progress on a policy being developed for MN-S' contractors and consultants
- Including "Finance Update" as a regular item on PMC meeting agendas; a balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statements can be provided, at least quarterly.

In response to questions raised, the following comments were offered:

- MN-S staff monitor the internal controls of the MN-S; an external contractor has been retained to ensure the Region's audits occur simultaneously
- The MN-S is obliged to report back on how funding the MN-S receives has been administered; similarly, Regions report back to the MN-S and Locals report back to their respective Region
- Operational budgets could be prepared prior to fiscal year-end, for approval by the Regional Councils, to help guide how funding received will be administered
- Some emergency COVID-19 supports may still be available upon request, for families in need (e.g. personal protective equipment, food hampers, accommodations for isolation)
- A report is being prepared on how the MN-S' COVID-19 Relief Funding was utilized.

It was MOVED (Leonard Montgrand) and SECONDED (Kathie Pruden Nansel)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council (PMC) accept the "Finance Update" presented to the PMC on September 21, 2021.

CARRIED (210921-06)

9. PROVINCIAL MÉTIS YOUTH COUNCIL (PMYC) ELECTION

Related information (provided with the agenda): Briefing note on the "Provincial Métis Youth Council Election", dated September 20, 2021

During discussion on the November 5 and 6, 2021 PMYC Election, comments were offered on:

- References in the *Constitution of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan* to the inclusion of a PMYC representative on the PMC
- The PMC's July 20, 2021 approval of funding (Resolution #210720-07) for the PMYC election:
 - o Youth engagement and the allocation of resources could be considered post-election
 - o A Communications Strategy could help encourage youth involvement in the election.

It was MOVED (Robert LaFontaine) and SECONDED (Kathie Pruden Nansel)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that the Provincial Métis Youth Council (PMYC) election be postponed (possibly to early in 2022), and in the interim that:

- A Youth Advisory Committee (led by the Minister of Youth) be established to engage with youth in all regions; and
- A communications strategy be prepared to encourage youth engagement and participation in the 2022 PMYC Council election.

MOTION DEFEATED

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council directs that further to the budget designated for the Provincial Métis Youth Council (PMYC) Election (in Resolution #210720-07), an additional \$50,000 be allocated for a communications strategy to engage youth involvement in the upcoming PMYC Council election.

CARRIED (210921-07)

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened at 3:40 p.m.

10. RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL COMMISSION - TERMS OF REFERENCE

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- *Draft Terms of Reference for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Residential School Commission*
- *Draft "Resolution Approving Terms of Reference", labeled "For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution" and dated September 21, 2021*

Vice President LeClair requested that this item be postponed to a future PMC meeting.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Health and COVID-19 Updates

Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, provided a "Health Update" and commented on:

- The MN-S' COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive Draws (the "This Is Your Shot" campaign), which was initiated to encourage Métis citizens to get vaccinated:
 - o Prizes are available to citizens who are fully vaccinated prior to the draw deadlines
 - o To date, over 7,000 citizens have entered the draw
- Ensuring the Ministry of Health is informed of any scheduled gatherings or events.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- A MN-S staff vaccination policy being prepared for release on September 24, 2021, which will:
 - o Require staff to provide proof of vaccination by October 30, 2021, unless a letter from a medical professional confirms they are exempt (additional measures will be in effect)
 - o Provide staff with time-off during work hours to get vaccinated
- Potentially adapting the MN-S staff vaccination policy for MN-S elected officials to help to ensure a safe working environment
- The Saskatchewan Health Authority's (SHA) revised Public Health Order, which was based on the severity of the COVID-19 variants and the increased transmission rates.

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

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council direct that a COVID-19 Task Force be established, with representatives from the Northern, Central and Southern regions.

CARRIED (210921-08)

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The effectiveness of restrictions and protocols in place at the Batoche Fall Festival, including requiring proof of vaccination and temperature checks (rapid COVID-19 tests were given for anyone with an elevated temperature)
- COVID-19 pandemic travel restrictions, which have delayed progress on some priorities
- Consideration of the legal implications of requiring MN-S staff to be vaccinated
- The Ministry of Health's restrictions on MN-S business travel, which:
 - o Intend to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission in Métis communities
 - o Are based on the increased rates of active COVID-19 cases reported by the SHA.

Request for Action (RFA-210921-02)

It was requested that the COVID-19 Task Force (to be appointed by the Minister of Health in accordance with Resolution #210921-08) develop a COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for the Provincial Métis Council's consideration, that is:

- *Applicable to both MN-S staff and elected officials; and*
- *In effect prior to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly in November 2021.*

11.2 Métis National Council (MNC) – Election and Assembly

Vice President LeClair requested that PMC members meet on the evening of September 28, 2021, prior to the MNC Assembly and Election on September 29-30, 2021.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The SHA's new COVID-19 restrictions, which will require all attendees to wear masks
- Ensuring PMC members have the option to attend by videoconference
- Clarifying with MNC staff, that the MNC will arrange to:
 - o Require all attendees to provide proof of vaccination
 - o Provide temperature checks and rapid testing to keep all attendees safe.

11.3 Batoche Fall Festival

Sherry McLennan, Minister of Culture and Heritage, extended appreciation to those who helped support the success of the Batoche Fall Festival.

11.4 Métis Women of Saskatchewan - Elections

Consideration of this item was postponed.

12. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting concluded with a Closing Prayer offered by Elder Fleury.

It was MOVED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier)

That the September 21, 2021, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting, now conclude.

CARRIED (210921-09)

(Time: 5:10 p.m.)

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided or considered at the September 21, 2021 PMC meeting:

1. Agenda for the September 21, 2021, MN-S Provincial Métis Council Regular Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the August 17, 2021, MN-S PMC Regular Meeting
3. Draft "Resolution to Approve the Métis Homelessness Strategy and Budget", labeled "For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution" and dated September 20, 2021
4. Briefing Note on the "MN-S Homelessness Strategy", dated September 20, 2021
5. "Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, Homelessness Strategy: Reaching Home Program Version 1.0", dated August 2021
6. Presentation titled, "Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Homelessness Strategy"
7. Draft "Resolution Prohibiting the Disclosure of Proprietary and Confidential Information", labeled "For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution" and dated September 21, 2021
8. Briefing note on the "Provincial Métis Youth Council Election", dated September 20, 2021
9. Draft Terms of Reference for the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Residential School Commission
10. Draft "Resolution Approving Terms of Reference [for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Residential School Commission]", labeled "For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution" and dated September 21, 2021.

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

MNC	Métis National Council
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation - Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
PMYC	Provincial Métis Youth Council
SHA	Saskatchewan Health Authority



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
held October 19, 2021

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting scheduled October 19, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. by videoconference.

PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President	Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3
Michelle LeClair, Vice President, Chair	Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A
Robert LaFontaine, Treasurer	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Lisa McCallum, Secretary	Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3	Tammy Mah, Les Filles de Madeleine
Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1	Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2	Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3	

ALSO PRESENT:

Gwen LaFond, Chief Electoral Officer	Elder Max Morin
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MN-S OFFICE:

Mark Calette, Senior Director of Duty to Consult and Land Claims	Adel Panahi, Director of Health
Cole Chretien, Policy Analyst	Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer
Brandy Laronde, Legislative Coordinator	Erin Reid, Chief Strategy Officer
Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research	Susan Shacter, Policy Analyst, Policy and Research
	Hamid Shahzad, Chief Financial Officer

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary

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 are numbered in the order indicated on the approved agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:20 a.m. after quorum was confirmed.

2. ROLL CALL

A roll call confirmed PMC members in attendance.

3. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Max Morin offered an Opening Prayer.

5. OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

President McCallum acknowledged items presented for consideration at the meeting, including discussions on the November 26-28, 2021, Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA).

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Related information: Draft Agenda for the October 19, 2021, Provincial Métis Council Meeting

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

That the Agenda for the October 19, 2021, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting be adopted, as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Opening Prayer
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Opening Remarks from the President
6. Review of the Minutes
7. Approval of the Minutes:
 - 7.1 Approval of the September 21, 2021 Minutes
 - 7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 7.3 Residential School Commission - Terms of Reference
 - 7.4 Residential School Commission - Resolution
8. MNLA Resolutions:
 - 8.1 Adoption of the MNLA Agenda – November 26-28, 2021
 - 8.2 Appointing the Dumont Scouts
 - 8.3 Adoption of COVID-19 Protocols for MNLA Delegates
9. COVID-19:
 - 9.1 Task Force Update and Vaccine Mandate
 - 9.2 Audit and COVID-19 Dollars Update
10. Other Business:
 - 10.1 Louis Riel Day
 - 10.2 Update on the Provincial Métis Youth Council (PMYC) Election
 - 10.3 Email Communications
 - 10.4 Provincial Secretary - Update
11. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (211019-01)

6. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

This item was considered under Item 7.

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

7.1 Approval of the September 21, 2021 Minutes

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Minutes of the September 21, 2021, PMC Meeting

Provincial Secretary McCallum read aloud the resolutions included in the draft minutes.

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

During discussion on the September 21, 2021 minutes, it was noted that:

- President McCallum will soon be appointing the Human Resources (HR) Committee to investigate confidentiality issues, as per Resolution #210921-05
- On August 17, 2021, the PMC requested an update on the MN-S' properties and assets (Request for Action #210817-01):
 - o A full financial report is anticipated at the next PMC meeting, including a list of MN-S' assets and the annual audit for the prior fiscal year
- At future PMC meetings, the Provincial Secretary will read aloud the "Action Items" and "Resolutions", when reviewing the prior meeting minutes.

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

That the Minutes of the September 21, 2021, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (211019-02)

7.3 Residential School Commission – Terms of Reference

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft "Terms of Reference for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Residential School Commission"

Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research, read aloud the draft Terms of Reference for the MN-S Residential School Commission (the "Commission").

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The appointment of Vice President LeClair as the Chair of the Commission
- Objectives of the Commission, including:
 - o Bringing to the PMC and the MNLA the documented history and experience of Métis residential school survivors
 - o Making meaningful recommendations to advance reconciliation
 - o Addressing the inter-generational traumas sustained by their families; and
 - o Promoting education and recognition of the harms sustained by Métis survivors.

Change in Chair

President McCallum assumed the Chair for consideration of Item 7.4 at approximately 10:10 a.m.

7.4 Residential School Commission – Resolution

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft "Resolution Approving Terms of Reference", labeled "For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution" and dated October 19, 2021

During discussion on the information provided, comments were offered on:

- Encouraging collaboration between the Commission and the existing residential school committee in Île-à-la-Crosse
- Acknowledging that Métis children in Saskatchewan experienced residential schools (and orphanages, industrial schools, sanatoriums etc.)
- Seeking financial support for the Commission from the federal government to supplement some internal MN-S resources.

It was MOVED (Michelle LeClair) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC), at its duly convened meeting on August 17, 2021, passed a resolution approving the establishment of a commission (the “Commission”), to promote education and recognition of the harms sustained by Métis survivors of residential school, to make meaningful recommendations to advance reconciliation, and to address the inter-generational traumas sustained by their families;

WHEREAS the PMC further resolved that the Commission develop Terms of Reference which address areas left unexplored by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission mandate, with regards to Métis people;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC at this duly convened meeting of October 19, 2021, hereby approves the proposed Terms of Reference for the Commission as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (211019-03)

Change in Chair

Vice President LeClair resumed the Chair at 10:45 a.m.

8. MNLA RESOLUTIONS

8.1 Adoption of the MNLA Assembly – November 26-28, 2021

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Agenda for the November 26-28, 2021, MNLA

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer, reviewed the MNLA agenda and confirmed that Workshop Forums would be held on November 26, 2021, and the MNLA would be held on November 27 and 28, 2021. It was further noted that the Agenda would be adjusted to consider the “Motions to Accept Reports” on Day Two rather than Day One.

Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research, reviewed proposed topics for the Workshop Forums, including: Constitutional Reform; the Judiciary; the Residential School Commission; and Harvesting.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Arranging training for Regional Councils on the new bookkeeping system
- Potentially combining “Constitutional Reform” and “Judiciary” into one workshop
- The prior appointment of the Speaker (Mike Nolan) and Deputy Speaker (Joe Blyan) until the end of 2021 (as per Resolution #MNLA191123-01)
- Including “Engaging with Citizens on Health Legislation”, on the next PMC meeting agenda.

It was MOVED (Sherry McLennan) and SECONDED (Brent Digness)

WHEREAS the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) at their duly held meeting on August 17, 2021, resolved that the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) would be called on November 26, 27 and 28, 2021;

WHEREAS the PMC further resolved that the November 26, 27 and 28, 2021, 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 26, 27 and 28, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC at this meeting of October 19, 2021, hereby approves the following Agenda to be referred to the MNLA on November 26, 27 and 28, 2021:

I. DAY ONE – November 26, 2021 – Workshop Forums

II. DAY TWO – November 27, 2021

1. Grand Entry:
 - a. Opening Prayer – Elder Norman Fleury
 - b. Métis Anthem
 - c. O Canada
2. Greetings:
 - a. State of the Nation - President McCallum
 - b. Guest Speaker(s)
3. Roll Call - Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer and Clerk of the MNLA
 - a. Registered Delegates
4. Health Break
5. MNLA Motions
 - a. Adoption of Minute Taker
 - b. Adoption of Agenda – Order of the Day
 - c. Adoption of Dumont’s Scouts
 - d. Adoption of New/Dissolved Locals
6. February 20-21, 2021 MNLA Minutes:
 - a. Adoption of the February 20-21, 2021 MNLA Minutes
7. Lunch
8. Chief Executive Officer Report
9. Motions to Accept Reports:
 - a. Executive
 - b. Regional
 - c. Ministerial
 - d. Affiliates
10. Adjournment

III. DAY THREE – November 28, 2021

1. Call to Order
2. Opening of Day Two
 - a. Opening Prayer – Elder Max Morin
3. Roll Call – Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer / Clerk of the MNLA
4. Budget
 - a. Motion to Accept Audited Financial Statements
 - b. Appointment of Auditor for 2021-2022
5. Resolutions
 - a. Tabled Resolutions from February 2021
 - b. New Resolutions
 - i. Resolutions by PMC
 - Ratification of Ministerial Appointments
 - ii. Resolutions from MNLA Delegates
6. Adjournment

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Clerk of the MNLA prepare the Order of the Day, as defined in Article 2.11 of the *Act*, to reflect the Agenda as approved by this resolution of October 19, 2021.

CARRIED (211019-04)

8.2 Appointing Dumont's Scouts

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft "Resolution on Appointing Dumont's Scouts for the November 26-28, 2021 MNLA", dated October 19, 2021

It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Laura Burnouf)

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following individuals shall be the Dumont's Scouts for the Fall 2021 MNLA on November 26, 27 and 28, 2021:

- Wade Daigneault
- Felix Merasty
- Josie Searson.

CARRIED (211019-05)

8.3 Adoption of COVID-19 Protocols for MNLA Delegates

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- *Draft "COVID-19 Protocols for the Fall 2021 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly", dated October 15, 2021*
- *Draft "Resolution on COVID-19 Protocols for the Fall 2021 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly", dated October 19, 2021*

Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, reviewed the "COVID-19 Protocols for the Fall 2021 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly" and the proposed safety measures.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Measures to ensure the safety of MN-S staff, government, and citizens attending in-person
- Recognition from the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) and the Ministry of Health, regarding the MN-S' enhanced safety measures and protocols
- The feasibility of expanding the proposed "COVID-19 Protocols for the Fall 2021 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly" to apply to all MN-S meetings
- The recent decision to close the MN-S office for the protection and safety of staff
- Potentially creating a HR policy, requiring MN-S employees to be vaccinated.

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

WHEREAS the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) has been a leader in COVID-19 supports and safety procedures, protecting Métis Elders, children, immune-compromised people and other citizens;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) brings together delegates from all parts of Saskatchewan and could endanger the health of Métis delegates and communities without strong COVID-19 protocols; and

WHEREAS the MN-S now has the technological ability for delegates to participate fully without being present;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Métis Council support the following COVID-19 protocols for the Fall 2021 MNLA:

1. In-Person and Virtual Attendance:

- a) In-person attendance: In-person attendance at the MNLA will be available to delegates, designated staff and invited attendees who have received two COVID-19 vaccinations.
- b) Virtual Attendance: Delegates who are unvaccinated for COVID-19 (either by choice or for other reasons), delegates who have received one dose of vaccination, and delegates who are concerned about the safety of in-person gatherings, can participate in the MNLA online via the Zoom platform. Delegates who participate by Zoom will still be able to vote, participate in roll call, and speak to resolutions.

2. Screening:

- a) All delegates, designated staff and invited attendees who are eligible for in-person attendance will be required to show proof of vaccination (either QR code or paper vaccination record) at the entrance to the MNLA. After this, they will receive a bracelet as proof of vaccination.
- b) Screening will be done daily and will include:
 - Answering questions on COVID-19 symptoms; and
 - Temperature checks.

Anyone who has an elevated temperature or shows evidence of COVID-19 symptoms will not be allowed to enter the MNLA. Arrangements will be made for them to participate by Zoom. Additionally, MN-S health officials will follow up with them on their health status.

- c) Rapid testing will be provided on-site to accommodate the following circumstances:
 - Eligible participants who are not able to provide proof of vaccination
 - Eligible participants who have been in close contact with a positive case of COVID-19 within the past 14 days
 - Any delegates, designated staff or invited attendees who would like to be tested.Anyone who tests positive will not be allowed to enter the MNLA. Arrangements will be made for them to participate by Zoom. Additionally, MN-S health officials will follow up with them on their health status.
 - d) Individuals who refuse to meet any of these screening requirements will not be allowed to enter.
3. Safety Protocols at Venue:
- a) Masks will be required except when eating or drinking;
 - b) Social distancing should be observed as much as possible; and
 - c) Hand sanitizing.
4. Observers, Family and Others:
- a) In-person attendance at the MNLA will be restricted to eligible delegates, designated staff and invited attendees. This applies to all MNLA events, including meetings, banquets and other meals.
 - b) All others are invited to watch the livestream of the MNLA via the MN-S website.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the protocols outlined above be accepted as COVID-19 Safety Protocol Measures, and adapted accordingly for all future MN-S gatherings and meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (211019-06)

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

9. COVID-19

9.1 Task Force Update and Vaccine Mandate

Adel Panahi, Director of Health, provided comments on:

- Changes in September 2021 to the COVID-19 supports being provided (including for food, housing, personal protective equipment, transportation, etc.)
- Ongoing supports available for Métis patients through the MN-S Cancer and Dialysis Transportation Program
- Significant interest in the Mental Health Program; Mental Health Navigators are supporting clients and connecting them to other mental health providers as needed
- Rapid testing kits used as part of the safety protocols implemented at Batoche
- Over 10,000 entries received to-date for the MN-S COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive Draw, which prompted significant vaccination uptake in some areas
- The SHA's ability to set-up Métis-specific vaccine clinics.

Minister Friesen provided additional comments on:

- Ensuring that patients travelling for cancer and dialysis treatment appointments during the pandemic are served by the programs intended to support them
- Ongoing collaboration with the SHA in responding to the needs of citizens.

During discussion, appreciation was extended to the elected officials for their continued support of the Ministry of Health's efforts to keep communities and citizens safe.

9.2 Audit and COVID-19 Funding Update

Marg Friesen, Minister of Finance, reviewed the funding regions received through COVID-19 Emergency Funding or the Meadow Lake Tribal Council (MLTC).

During discussion, comments and clarifications were offered on:

- Releasing funding to regions, after Regional Councils have reviewed and approved their region's quarterly expense reports and annual audited financial statements
- A manual being prepared for regions by the MN-S Finance Department, which includes report templates and a schedule of when regional reports are due
- Training on the new bookkeeping system to support consistent regional reporting processes
- The distribution of regional funding, based on the population of Métis citizens, and emerging situations and events.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. As Vice President LeClair was absent when the meeting resumed, President McCallum assumed the Chair.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.4 Provincial Secretary - Update

Secretary McCallum requested that the upcoming MN-S Retreat consider the Provincial Secretary's Workplan, and expressed concerns related to some false allegations that she was supporting citizenship in another Governing Member's registry.

10.1 Louis Riel Day

Sherry McLennan, Minister of Heritage, welcomed discussion at the upcoming MN-S Retreat on how the MN-S will be acknowledging Louis Riel Day.

10.2 Update on the Provincial Métis Youth Council (PMYC) Election

Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research, provided an update on the online election for the PMYC President, scheduled November 5-6, 2021 and noted that:

- Nominations opened October 16, 2021 and will close October 21, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.
- Orientation sessions were held for youth on the responsibilities of the President's role
- An October 25, 2021 "All Candidates Virtual Forum", will be hosted by Eagle Feather News.

Gwen LaFond, Chief Electoral Officer, provided additional comments on:

- Candidates nominated for the position of PMYC President, posted at <https://mnselection.ca/>
- The importance of PMC members remaining non-partisan with respect to the election, and not supporting, promoting or funding any PMYC candidates' campaigns
- Election guidelines provided to the PMC outlining standards for a fair election process.

10.3 Email Communications

In response to a question, it was confirmed that PMC members could request that emails sent to their MN-S email addresses be re-directed to their personal email addresses.

11. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting concluded with a Closing Prayer offered by Elder Morin.

It was MOVED (Laura Burnouf)

That the October 19, 2021, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting, now conclude.

CARRIED (211019-07)
(Time: 1:30 p.m.)

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided or considered at the October 19, 2021 PMC meeting:

1. Agenda for the October 19, 2021, MN-S PMC Regular Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the September 21, 2021, MN-S PMC Regular Meeting
3. Draft "Terms of Reference for the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Residential School Commission"
4. Draft "Resolution Approving Terms of Reference", labeled "For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution" and dated October 19, 2021
5. Draft Agenda for the November 26-28, 2021 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA)
6. Draft "Resolution on Appointing Dumont's Scouts for the November 26-28, 2021 MNLA", dated October 19, 2021
7. Draft "COVID-19 Protocols for the Fall 2021 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly", dated October 15, 2021
8. Draft "Resolution on COVID-19 Protocols for the Fall 2021 Métis Nation Legislative Assembly", dated October 19, 2021

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

HR	Human Resources
MLTC	Meadow Lake Tribal Council
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation - Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
PMYC	Provincial Métis Youth Council
SHA	Saskatchewan Health Authority



MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN
PROVINCIAL MÉTIS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
held November 15, 2021

Minutes of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Regular Meeting scheduled November 15, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. by videoconference.

PRESENT:

Glen McCallum, President	Billy Kennedy, Western Region 1A
Michelle LeClair, Vice President, Chair	Loretta King, Western Region 1
Robert LaFontaine, Treasurer	Autumn LaRose-Smith, Provincial Métis Youth Council
Lisa McCallum, Secretary (departed at approximately 5:00 p.m.)	Sherry McLennan, Western Region 2
Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3	Tammy Mah, Les Filles de Madeleine (arrived at approximately 10:30 a.m.)
Laura Burnouf, Northern Region 1	Leonard Montgrand, Northern Region 2 (arrived at approximately 10:30 a.m.)
Ryan Carriere, Eastern Region 1	Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A
Brent Digness, Eastern Region 2	
Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3	
Wendy Gervais, Western Region 3	

ABSENT:

Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A

ALSO PRESENT:

Elder Norman Fleury	Jane Zaleschuk, Virtus Group LLP (for Item 9.1)
Brian Heinrichs, Virtus Group LLP (for Item 9.1)	

MN-S OFFICE:

Jordyn Burnouf, Advisor to the Vice President	Riva Racette, Legal Counsel
Cole Chretien, Policy Analyst	Susan Shacter, Policy Analyst, Policy and Research
Brandy Laronde, Legislative Coordinator	Hamid Shahzad, Chief Financial Officer
Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research	Shahab Yaqoob, Deputy Director, Budgeting and Planning
Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer	

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary

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 are numbered as indicated on the approved agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:05 a.m. after quorum was confirmed.

3. ROLL CALL

A roll call confirmed PMC members in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

It was MOVED (Loretta King) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

That the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council appoints Carrie Peacock as Recording Secretary for its November 15, 2021 meeting.

CARRIED (211115-01)

4. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Norman Fleury offered an Opening Prayer.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Related information: Draft Agenda for the November 15, 2021, MN-S PMC Meeting

It was MOVED (Kathie Pruden Nansel) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

That the Agenda for the November 15, 2021, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council 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
 - 6.1 Introduction of the Newly Elected Provincial Métis Youth Council President
7. Review of the Minutes
8. Approval of the Minutes:
 - 8.1 Approval of the October 19, 2021 Minutes
 - 8.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
9. MNLA Resolutions:
 - 9.1 Approval of the MN-S Secretariat Inc. Audited Financial Statements (2020-21)
 - 9.2 Appointment of the Auditor for 2021-22
 - 9.3 Fiscal Year Budget
 - 9.4 Resolutions Not Considered at the Prior MNLA
10. Resolutions:
 - 10.1 Revised Ministerial Appointments
 - 10.2 Ministerial Salaries
 - 10.3 Establishing Travel Guidelines
11. MN-S Owned Properties
12. Supplementary COVID-19 Supports for Utilities
13. Other Business:
 - 13.1 Regional Quarterly Funding
 - 13.2 Métis Women of Saskatchewan / Les Filles de Madeleine - Election Update
 - 13.3 Provincial Secretary's Workplan

- 13.4 Human Resources Committee
- 13.5 Judicial Review
- 13.6 COVID-19 Task Force
- 13.7 Reaching Home Funding – Support from the PMC
- 13.8 Regional Matters
- 14. Conclusion and Closing Prayer.

CARRIED (211115-02)

6. OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

President McCallum welcomed the recently elected Provincial Métis Youth Council (PMYC) President, and confirmed that she would be introduced at the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA).

6.1 Introduction of Newly Elected Provincial Métis Youth Council President

Autumn LaRose-Smith, President, PMYC, extended appreciation for the welcoming comments and the assignments outlined in the mandate letter from the President.

7. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

This item was considered under Item 8.

8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

8.1 Approval of the October 19, 2021 Minutes

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft Minutes of the October 19, 2021, PMC Meeting

Secretary McCallum read aloud the resolutions included in the draft minutes.

8.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

During discussion on the minutes, it was requested that a brief in-camera session be held immediately after consideration of Item 8.2 – Business Arising from the Minutes.

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

That the Agenda for the November 15, 2021, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting be varied to include an “In-Camera Discussion”, immediately after “Item 8.2 – Business Arising from the Minutes”.

CARRIED (211115-03)

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

That the Minutes of the October 19, 2021, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED (211115-04)

IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION

The meeting recessed for an in-camera discussion at 9:51 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. Regional Directors Tammy Mah and Leonard Montgrand were present when the meeting resumed.

9. MNLA RESOLUTIONS

9.1 Approval of the MN-S Secretariat Inc. Audited Financial Statements (2020-21)

Related information (provided with the agenda):

- *“Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., Non-Consolidated Financial Statements, March 31, 2021”*
- *“Resolution to Accept the Audited Financial Statement, 2020-2021”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution”*

Brian Heinrichs, Virtus Group LLP, referred to the documents provided and commended MN-S management for their assistance with supporting the completion of the financial statements.

Jane Zaleschuk, Virtus Group LLP, led the meeting in a review of the financial statements.

In response to questions raised, Virtus Group LLP representatives offered clarifications regarding:

- Deficits shown in some of the schedules reflecting amounts carried forward for multi-year programs, which will not be reflected in future schedules
- Additional information provided in the notes attached to the financial statements, which outlined the MN-S’ relationships with:
 - o SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation (SMEDCO);
 - o Gabriel Dumont Institute of Native Studies and Applied Research Inc.; and
 - o Muskwa Development Corporation (a subsidiary of SMEDCO).

During discussion, additional comments were offered on:

- Supporting Regional Directors with training and funding for auditing and bookkeeping
- The Finance Committee’s review of all schedules included in the Financial Statements which were deemed to accurately reflect the MN-S’ financial position
- MN-S’ increased investments to support post-secondary students.

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Provincial Métis Council accepts as presented, the draft audited “Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc., Non-Consolidated Financial Statements” for the year ended March 31, 2021, including:

- The financial position as of March 31, 2021;
- The Statement of Operations for the year ended March 31, 2021, along with the notes appended thereto; and
- The Cash Flow Statement for the year ended March 31, 2021.

CARRIED (211115-05)

Two abstentions

9.2 Appointment of the Auditor for 2021-22

Related information (provided with the agenda): “Resolution to Appoint the Auditor for 2021-22”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution”

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

WHEREAS section 5(a) of the *Bylaws of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Secretariat Inc.* indicates that the Audited Financial Statements of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) Secretariat Inc. be provided to the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) and then placed before the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly;

WHEREAS the PMC has accepted the Audited Financial Statements of the MN-S Secretariat Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2021, completed by Virtus Group LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Virtus Group LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, be retained as the auditors of the MN-S Secretariat Inc. for the fiscal year 2021-2022, ending March 31, 2022.

CARRIED (211115-06)

One abstention

11:35 a.m.

Brian Heinrichs and Jane Zaleschuk, Virtus Group LLP left the meeting.

9.3 Fiscal Year Budget

Related information (provided with the agenda): Spreadsheet titled, “Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Budget 2021-22”, and related schedules

Hamid Shahzad, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the information included in the summary page of the spreadsheet.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The surplus shown in the summary page of the spreadsheet, which can be attributed to impacts related to COVID-19 restrictions
- Information provided with the summary, outlining funding allocated to priority areas
- Funding the MN-S received during the previous year, which exceeded prior years’ funding.

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier)

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Métis Council approves the draft operating budget for 2021-22 as presented, and recommends it be presented to the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly for ratification.

CARRIED (211115-07)

One vote in opposition

One abstention (Robert LaFontaine)

9.4 Resolutions Not Considered at the Prior MNLA

An update was requested on the status of a resolution related to constitutional amendments, which was tabled at the February 20-21, 2021 MNLA.

Dorothy Myo, Senior Director of Policy and Research, reported on the resolutions tabled at the February 20-21, 2021 MNLA:

- Some of the tabled resolutions were now redundant (e.g. pertaining to past events)
- Ten of the tabled resolutions will be presented at the November 27-28, 2021 MNLA.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- A resolution being presented for consideration at the November 27-28, 2021 MNLA (which was tabled at the prior MNLA) that would eliminate the Secretary and Treasurer positions, to correspond with the MN-S' transition to a government structure
- Ratification required at a General Assembly of constitutional amendments approved at a MNLA.

10. RESOLUTIONS

10.1 Revised Ministerial Appointments

Related information (provided with the agenda): Draft "Resolution Approving Ministerial Portfolio Reassignments", labelled "For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution"

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

WHEREAS Articles 2.4 and 4.4(b) of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan* (MN-S) (the "*Constitution*") confers upon the President the sole discretion to assign Ministerial portfolios, subject to the approval of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) and ratification by the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA);

WHEREAS Article 2.4 of the *Constitution* further mandates that the assignment of Ministerial portfolios is restricted to members of the MNLA;

WHEREAS President Glen McCallum determined it is in the best interest of the MN-S that certain Ministerial portfolios be reorganized and reassigned to promote an efficient and responsive government;

WHEREAS on November 15, 2021, President McCallum directed that Ministerial portfolios be reassigned, effective that same date and until such time as the PMC confirms its approval of the same at its next duly held meeting, to be ratified at the next MNLA;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC hereby confirms its approval of the following Ministerial portfolio re-assignments and Ministerial appointments as directed by President McCallum on November 15, 2021:

- Environment - Minister Michelle LeClair (Vice President)
- Veterans - Minister Mervin "Tex" Bouvier
- Youth - Minister Autumn LaRose-Smith.

CARRIED (211115-08)

One vote in opposition (Wendy Gervais)

One abstention (Autumn LaRose-Smith)

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 1:40 p.m.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.4 Human Resources Committee

It was MOVED (Glen McCallum) and SECONDED (Billy Kennedy)

WHEREAS section 8.1 of the *Handbook for Executives, Ministers and Members of the Provincial Métis Council* (the “*Executive Handbook*”) states that the President will make recommendations to the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) for approval as to who sits on Standing Committees;

WHEREAS the *Executive Handbook* recognizes the Human Resources Committee as a standing committee of the PMC;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PMC approves the following appointments to the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan’s Human Resources Committee:

- Mervin “Tex” Bouvier, Northern Region 3
- Marg Friesen, Eastern Region 3
- Michelle LeClair, Vice President
- Kathie Pruden Nansel, Western Region 2A
- Tim Roussin, Eastern Region 2A.

CARRIED (211115-09)

10.2 Ministerial Salaries

Related information: “Resolution Fixing Provincial Métis Council Compensation Structure”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution”

During discussion on the resolution presented for consideration, comments were offered on:

- Utilizing governance funding to support the compensation structure
- Appropriately compensating the MN-S elected leaders who make decisions affecting the rights and interests of the MN-S and its citizens
- An expectation that PMC members who are portfolio-holders, and who assume associated ministerial responsibilities, do not hold outside employment
- The understanding that the new compensation structure would take effect upon the PMC’s approval.

Meeting Recessed

The meeting recessed at 2:45 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Mervin “Tex” Bouvier)

WHEREAS the elected members of the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) form the Cabinet of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) government and make decisions affecting the rights and interests of the MN-S and its citizens;

WHEREAS it is desirable for members of the PMC to devote their time, energy and focus entirely on the betterment of the MN-S;

WHEREAS it is desirable that members of the PMC be compensated fairly for their devotion, time and efforts in furthering the best interests of the MN-S;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that members of the PMC at this duly convened meeting of November 15, 2021, do hereby direct that all members of the PMC 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that subject to the aforementioned condition, members of the PMC do hereby approve of the following compensation structure for PMC members holding ministerial portfolios:

- A. Except for the Vice-President and the President of the MN-S, members of the PMC with ministerial responsibilities shall be compensated \$151,921.00 annually, representing a \$51,253.00 increase from their current annual rate of compensation;
- B. The Vice-President shall be compensated \$184,867.00, representing a \$25,626.00 increase from their current annual rate of compensation; and
- C. The President shall be compensated \$199,511.00 annually, representing a \$25,626.00 increase from their current annual rate of compensation.

CARRIED (211115-10)

Six votes in opposition (including Wendy Gervais, Robert LaFontaine, Autumn LaRose-Smith and Lisa McCallum)

10.3 Establishing Travel Guidelines

Related information (provided with the agenda): “Resolution Approving the Establishment of Travel Guidelines”, labelled “For Internal Purpose and Not for Distribution”

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen) and SECONDED (Sherry McLennan)

WHEREAS it is desirable that the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) establish parameters and guidelines for travel of elected officials and holding in-person meetings;

WHEREAS it is desirable that the MN-S establish a process for planning, budgeting and tracking travel of all elected officials;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MN-S Provincial Métis Council (PMC) does hereby authorize the Chief Executive Officer of the MN-S, or their designate, to establish a process and guidelines for travel of elected officials and holding in-person meetings ("Guidelines"); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned Guidelines shall provide for inter alia:

- A. A requirement that elected officials submit quarterly budgets for travel; and
- B. A process and parameters for holding in-person meetings.

CARRIED (211115-11)

11. MN-S OWNED PROPERTIES

Related information (provided with the agenda): Briefing Note titled, “Overview of Properties Owned by the MN-S”, dated November 10, 2021

Richard Quintal, Chief Executive Officer, reviewed the properties listed in the Briefing Note, which were purchased at the direction of the PMC and were held under the MN-S Secretariat Inc.

12. SUPPLEMENTARY COVID-19 SUPPORTS FOR UTILITIES

During discussion on the impacts of increased utility costs on citizens, comments were offered on:

- Emergency funding provided with the COVID-19 relief funding from the federal government
- A briefing note being prepared for the next PMC meeting, with information on how funding could be further allocated to support impacted citizens.

13.1 Regional Quarterly Funding

Regional Director Bouvier reported that he would seek further guidance from MN-S staff on activities (e.g. bookkeeping) that could be funded from the regional quarterly funding allocations.

13.2 Métis Women of Saskatchewan / Les Filles de Madeleine - Election Update

Tammy Mah, Les Filles de Madeleine, reported on the elections scheduled in September 2021, which did not proceed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- A recommendation submitted to the MNLA, that elections for the Métis Women of Saskatchewan / LFDM be included on the ballot for MN-S elections (for three-year terms)
- The recommendation passed by Les Filles de Madeleine (LFDM) Board of Directors’ to hold elections in May 2022
- Budgeting for the financial impacts of the MWS election processes; the final cost of the PMYC elections will be reviewed before the cost for the MWS election can be estimated
- Funding allocated to the LFDM to maintain an office and two staff members.

Request for Action (RFA-211115-01)

It was requested that the President, Les Filles de Madeleine (LFDM), provide for review at the next Provincial Métis Council (PMC) Meeting, an update report that includes the following:

- *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).*

13.3 Provincial Secretary’s Workplan

Related information (displayed):

- “MN-S Provincial Secretary Workplan Budget, January 2021”
- “MN-S Secretary Portfolio Workplan 2019-2020”

Secretary McCallum reviewed activities listed in the MN-S Secretary Portfolio Workplan (the “Workplan”), and offered additional comments on:

- Considering the roles of Regional Directors and Locals in the Constitutional Reform process
- Discussions with Vice President LeClair regarding opportunities to enhance Local governments
- Encouraging citizens to register with the MN-S and to access MN-S programs and services
- Activities and roles of the Secretary indicated in the *Handbook for Executives, Ministers and Members of the Provincial Métis Council*.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- A suggestion to consider developing a Local Act or Local Constitution, potentially as part of the Constitutional Reform process
- Education and outreach activities proposed to support citizen’s involvement in Locals
- Clarification needed on some of the activities referenced in the Workplan, which may overlap with the roles and activities of Legislative Services and other processes
- The proposed budget to support the Workplan, which has not been approved
- The importance of PMC Executives (and other PMC members) consulting with Regional Directors prior to attending meetings in their respective regions; an invitation needs to be extended to Regional Directors to participate in those meetings.

Secretary McCallum confirmed that she would seek further consideration of the Workplan with MN-S staff and the Vice President, and would work towards drafting a three-month plan that could potentially coincide with the MN-S’ Constitutional Reform process.

13.7 Reaching Home Funding - Support from the PMC

Regional Director McLennan reported that an application was submitted for Reaching Home Funding to support two safe houses, which prompted a request for a letter of support from the PMC.

During discussion, Regional Director McLennan agreed to communicate directly with the Chief Executive Officer and the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, regarding this matter.

13.5 Judicial Committee

Due to time constraints, this item was tabled for consideration at a future PMC meeting.

5:00 p.m. (approximately)

Lisa McCallum left the meeting.

13.6 COVID-19 Task Force

An update was requested on the PMC’s September 21, 2021 Resolution #210921-08, which directed that a new COVID-19 Task Force be established.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The prior establishment of a COVID-19 Task Team, which included expert advisors who assisted in decisions on the allocation of COVID-19 supports and funding
- A report being prepared outlining how the MN-S' COVID-19 funding was allocated
- Requesting the Mover (Leonard Montgrand) and Seconder (Lisa McCallum) of Resolution #210921-08 to rescind the resolution, at a PMC meeting when they are both present.

13.8 Regional Matters

Regional Director Friesen acknowledged that a complaint would be filed with the Human Resources Committee related to regional interferences, in response to concerns raised.

14. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting concluded with a Closing Prayer offered by Laura Burnouf.

It was MOVED (Marg Friesen)

That the November 15, 2021, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Provincial Métis Council meeting, now conclude.

CARRIED (211115-12)

(Time: 5:15 p.m.)

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LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided or considered at the November 15, 2021 PMC meeting:

1. Draft Agenda for the November 15, 2021, MN-S PMC Regular Meeting
2. Draft Minutes of the October 19, 2021, MN-S PMC Regular Meeting
3. MN-S Secretariat Inc., Non-Consolidated Financial Statements, March 31, 2021
4. Resolution to Accept the Audited Financial Statement, 2020-2021
5. Resolution to Appoint the Auditor for 2021-22
6. Spreadsheet titled, "Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Budget 2021-22"
7. Resolution Approving Ministerial Portfolio Reassignments
8. Resolution Fixing Provincial Métis Council Compensation Structure
9. Resolution Approving the Establishment of Travel Guidelines
10. Briefing Note titled, "Overview of Properties Owned by the MN-S", dated November 10, 2021
11. "MN-S Provincial Secretary Workplan Budget, January 2021"
12. "MN-S Secretary Portfolio Workplan 2019-2020"

LIST OF ACRONYMS

The following acronyms are referenced in these minutes:

LFDM	Les Filles de Madeleine
MNLA	Métis Nation Legislative Assembly
MN-S	Métis Nation – Saskatchewan
MWS	Métis Women of Saskatchewan
PMC	Provincial Métis Council
PMYC	Provincial Métis Youth Council
SMEDCO	SaskMétis Economic Development Corporation